

# St. John XXIII Assembly No. 730

## Catholic Patriotism Scholarship Essay Contest Entry Form

Essay Topic: **"How My Faith has made me appreciate the USA"**

I wish to enter the **St. John XXIII Assembly No. 730 Catholic Patriotism Scholarship Essay Contest**. I realize that my entry becomes property of the St. John XXIII Assembly and will not be returned.

**The 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner will receive \$1,000 The 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winner will receive \$500**

**ASSEMBLY NUMBER** 730

Name of Entrant

Date of Birth

Street Address

City

State/Province

Postal Code

Parent/Guardian Telephone (Circle one: Home Cell)

Email

Signature of Entrant

### This Section To Be Completed By Parent/Guardian:

**Council No.** \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned hereby request and approve the Entrant's registration and participation in the ST. JOHN XXIII ASSEMBLY CATHOLIC PATRIOTISM SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST. In consideration of such registration and participation, the undersigned hereby agree to hold the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and any of its subordinate units and their officers, members, agents and employees, blameless and without liability, and hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless all of the above mentioned from any and all claims and expenses resulting from or relating to Entrant's said participation. Parent or guardian must sign this form before the entrant competes.

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Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date signed

### This Section To Be Completed St. John XXIII Assembly Officials:

### Score Sheet

SCORING INSTRUCTIONS: A 100-point scoring system is used to determine winners. Information on Rules and Judging are on other side of this form.

| Score                | Content – 40 points | Grammar – 25 points | Style – 35 points |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Judge 1: _____       |                     |                     |                   |
| Judge 2: _____       |                     |                     |                   |
| Judge 3: _____       |                     |                     |                   |
| Average Score: _____ |                     |                     |                   |



Knights of Columbus  
**FOURTH  
DEGREE**  
*Patriotic degree of the Order.*

(See other side for instructions.)



## Essay Topic: "How My Faith has made me appreciate the USA"

Use resources from the USCCB site on Faithful Citizenship. <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship-title>

### RULES

- An entrant must be a child or grandchild of a Sir Knight in good standing with St John XXIII Assembly. (this includes children and grandchildren of the widow of a deceased SK that was in good standing)
- Essays must reflect the assigned theme and be the student's original work.
- Essays must be submitted to the Assembly by **April 8, 2024**.
- Essays must be typed and be between 500 and 750 words in length.
- The student's name should appear **only** on the official the **ST. JOHN XXIII ASSEMBLY CATHOLIC PATRIOTISM SCHOLARSHIP Essay Contest entry form**, which must be **stapled to the essay**.
- All entries become the property of the St. John XXIII Assembly No. 730 and may not be returned.

### JUDGING

Judges (three or more) will be selected by the sponsoring Knights of Columbus assembly. Assembly members, teachers, clergy, civil officials and/or members of the community may serve as judges.

A **100-point scoring system** will be used to determine the winner.

**40 Points:** Content — How thoroughly is the topic examined?

**25 Points:** Grammar — How well is the essay written with respect to sentence and paragraph construction?

**35 Points:** Style — Does the essay show creativity, imagination and development of the topic in a logical and compelling style?

### Assembly Contact Information

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Submit entries to: **SK James Kelly, 100 Locust Dr, Amityville NY 11701-1761**

or hand deliver entries to the Faithful Navigator or Faithful Captain at meetings.

**Assembly will retain a copy of this completed form for their files.**