



KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

Building on the Foundations for our Future

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA NATIONAL PRAYER COMPOSITION COMPETITION SECONDARY AND SENIOR GRADES 2022

The 2022 National Prayer Composition Competition for Secondary and Senior Grade Students will be launched in September 2021. Winning Provincial entries are to arrive at Head Office no later than:
27th May 2022

*The competition is open to all young people 11 to 18 years of age in secondary education, members of parish and church groups or individuals.
In order to create fair competition, the event will be divided into two separate age groups, i.e.:*

England/Wales School Year Groups: 7, 8 & 9, (say 11 to 14 years of age).
Scotland School Year Groups: S1, S2 & S3, (say *11 to 14 years of age).

England/Wales School Year Groups: 10, 11, 12 & 13, (say 14 to 18 years of age).
Scotland School Year Groups: S4, S5 & S6, (say 14 to 18 years of age).

Note: The School Year Groupings will be the prime categorisation factor.

THEME GUIDE

The theme of the prayer will be: Prayer for our Earth, your People and our Faith

The prayer should be of no more than 250 words.

The following criteria will be considered in the final adjudication:

- I. Spiritual content.*
- II. Composition.*
- III. Correct use of the English language.*

The following detail should be legibly shown on the reverse of each entry :

Name of entrant.

Age of entrant.

Date of birth of entrant.

Name and full address of school, parish or group attended, or personal address in the case of an individual entry.

Sponsoring Province and/or Council.

Entries will, in the first instance, be judged at local Council level, winning entries forwarded to Province for judging at Provincial level. ONLY the 1st, 2nd & 3rd placed age group winners from each Province is to be forwarded to Head Office for entry into the final National round of judging.

Councils and Provinces are advised to set their programmes to ensure that all entries from competing Councils are entered for Provincial adjudication, and that winning Provincial entries are forwarded to Head Office to arrive no later than 27th May 2022, for final adjudication.

Final results will be announced and awards :

Awards after final adjudication will be:

England/Wales School Year Groups: 7, 8 & 9, (say 11 to 14 years of age).

Scotland School Year Groups: S1, S2 & S3, (say 11 to 14 years of age).

Winner Group 1: Cash Prize of £100:00
Certificate signed by the Supreme Knight.
Winners Trophy to keep.

Runner Up Groups 1 : Cash Prize of £50:00
Certificate signed by the Supreme Knight.

Third Placed Groups 1 : Cash Prize of £25:00.
Certificate signed by the Supreme Knight.

A donation of £200 will be presented to the school or group of which the winners are members. Certificate signed by the Supreme Knight will also be presented to the winners school or group

England/Wales School Year Groups: 10, 11, 12 & 13, (say 14 to 18 years of age).

Scotland School Year Groups: S4, S5 & S6, (say 14 to 18 years of age).

Winner Group 2: Cash Prize of £100:00
Certificate signed by the Supreme Knight.
Winners Trophy to keep.

Runner Up Groups 2: Cash Prize of £50:00
Certificate signed by the Supreme Knight.

Third Placed Groups 2: Cash Prize of £25:00.
Certificate signed by the Supreme Knight.

A donation of £200 will be presented to the school or group of which the winners are members. Certificate signed by the Supreme Knight will also be presented to the winners school or group

Note: The overall winner will be the better winning entry of Group 1 and 2 combined.

Overall Winner Trophy which will be retained for approximately one Year by the Overall Winners Province or Group

Overall Winner Engraved Trophy to be held by the Winners Province for approximately one year.