



KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

Building on the Foundations for our Future

KNIGHTS OF St COLUMBA NATIONAL ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION 2022

The 2022 National Essay Writing Competition will be launched in September of 2021.
Winning Provincial entries are to arrive at Head Office no later than:
27th May 2022.

The event will be open to all young people 11 to 18 years of age in secondary education, members of parish and church, youth and other groups, and individuals. However, 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).

Please note that the school year grouping will be prime age factor.

THEME : Our Faith, Climate Change and its effect on Our Environment locally and in our Country.

The essay should be of a minimum of 1,400 to a maximum of approximately 1,600 words, and may be typed or handwritten in ink.

The criteria observed in judging entries will be

- a.) Comprehensive linking of the basic elements expressed in the essay.*
- b.) Composition skills.*
- c.) Correct use of the English language.*

*The following detail should be **legibly printed on the reverse of each entry; THIS ASPECT IS MOST IMPORTANT!***

Name of entrant.

Age of entrant.

School Year Group.

Name and address of School/Parish/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 27^h May 2022, for final adjudication.

The National Awards after final judging 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: Certificate signed by the Supreme Knight.
Cash Prize of £75:00.*

Winners Trophy to keep

*Second Placed Groups 1: Each will receive:
Certificate signed by the Supreme Knight.
Cash Prize of £50:00.*

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

**A donation of £200 will be made to the school/group to which the winners are affiliated
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 15 to 18 years of age).

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

*Winner Group 2: Certificate signed by the Supreme Knight.
Cash Prize of £75:00.*

Winners Trophy to keep

*Second Placed Groups 2: Each will receive:
Certificate signed by the Supreme Knight.
Cash Prize of £50:00.*

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

**A donation of £200 will be made to the school/group to which the winners are affiliated.
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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.