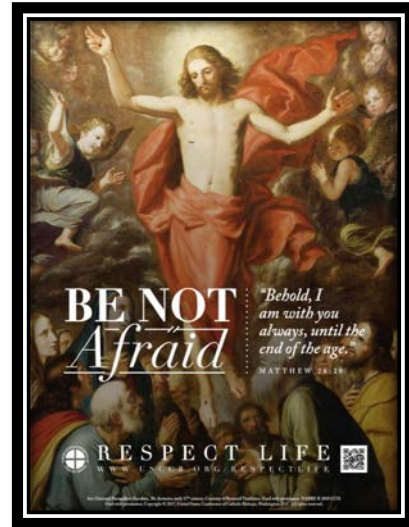




Diocese of Trenton - Respect Life Annual Poster, Essay, and Photo-Meme Contest

The 2017-2018 Theme is "*Be Not Afraid*"



Eligibility: *This contest is open to students in the Diocese of Trenton only*

- This contest is for K–8 students enrolled in Catholic Grammar Schools, Parish Religious Education and Youth Programs, and Home-Schooled Students.
- There are six entry categories:

Grades K – 2 Posters	Grades 6 – 8 Posters
Grades 3 – 5 Posters	Grades 6 – 8 Essays
Grades 3 – 5 Essays	Grades 6 – 8 Photo-Meme (*new*)

Contest Rules:

- **No group entries-** Each entry must be created by one individual student.
- **No adult help-** All entries must be created in their entirety by the student, him/herself.
- **Stay on theme-** All entries must reflect the *Be Not Afraid* theme and must pertain to "Respect Life" issues.
- **Include Form-** All entries should have a completed and signed Entry Form attached to the back of the poster, essay, or photo-meme.
- **Specifications:**
 - Posters may be no larger than 20" x 30" and no smaller than 8 ½" x 11". Drawing must be freehand. Collages of magazine pictures or computer-generated drawings are not admissible.
 - Essays must be between 400 and 500 words and are to be typed and submitted in PDF format.
 - Photo-Memes must use an original photo including a caption containing the theme "Be Not Afraid". Photo-Memes must be printed out and mailed in. Do not submit electronically.

Deadlines, Judging, and Prizes:

- Entries from schools, religious education or youth programs must be received by the Principal, DRE/CRE, youth minister, or their designee by January 5, 2018 for preliminary review in order for the school, religious education or youth program to select one entry from each of the six categories to be submitted to the Diocese for judging. **Only ONE entry from each of the six categories listed above may be submitted by a particular school, religious education, or youth program.** Home-Schooling parents may submit their child's/children's entries without this preliminary review.
- **Deadline For Submission to Diocese-** Selected entries from schools, religious ed. or youth programs, or home-schooling parents must be received at the Diocese by January 12, 2018. Send entries to:
Diocese of Trenton
Department of Pastoral Care
c/o Respect Life Contest-Rachel Hendricks
701 Lawrenceville Rd.
Trenton, NJ 08648
- Entries for each category will be judged on creativity, clarity of message, and visual appeal.
- **\$100 prizes** will be awarded to one winning entry in each of the six categories, Diocesan-wide; **\$40 prizes** will be awarded to the first runner-up in each county.

Prizes will be awarded at the Respect Life Mass on March 4, 2018 in your home county. Mass sites will be announced soon. For more information contact 609-403-7192 or rhendr@dioceseoftrenton.org

For additional information about the theme, visit:

<http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/>

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Student's Name _____ Age _____

Student's Home Address _____

_____ zip _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Telephone _____

Home Parish _____ Parish Town/City _____

This entry becomes the property of the Diocese of Trenton to publish and distribute in any way it may see fit, including publication in the Monitor, display at Diocesan functions, Diocesan website/social media posting, or various other Diocesan public outlets.

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