

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL SCHOLARSHIP**  
**JUNIOR ESSAY CONTEST REQUIREMENTS 2019-2020**

Each year, the Annual Catholic Appeal (“ACA”) brings Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis together to answer the Gospel call of Christ to serve others. In an effort to share the good news about the Appeal’s impact in our community and to promote the involvement of our young people in the life of the local Church, Archbishop Robert J. Carlson and the ACA Council invite Juniors who attend a Catholic High School in the Archdiocese of St. Louis to participate in the 2019-2020 ACA Essay Scholarship Contest. *This contest is open to our Juniors at Vianney even if a student is not in Theology class this semester.*

### **OBJECTIVES**

The essays selected will be judged according to the manner in which the participant addresses the following questions:

1. Why is it important for me and all Catholics in the Archdiocese of St. Louis to come together to participate in the Annual Catholic Appeal?
2. What does “Stewardship” mean to me, and how do I practice it in my life?
3. How are people in my own community and/or throughout the Archdiocese impacted by the ACA?

### **SUBMISSION CRITERIA**

The essay should be limited to 3-5 typed pages double-spaced, 1" margins on all sides. You are to use Times New Roman, 12 font. The heading on each essay should be as follows: student name and title (including Mr. or Miss), name of school, home address, city, state, zip, phone number, and his/her parish.

Students must GOOGLE SHARE your document as well as turn in a hard copy to Mrs. Mitchell. This will count as a RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT grade! Essays are due NO LATER than **Thursday October 3, 2019, to Mrs. Mitchell in Room 104. [CMitchell@vianney.com](mailto:CMitchell@vianney.com)**

Mrs. Mitchell, with the blessing of the Vianney Administration, will submit what we believe to be the top three essays. The Annual Catholic Appeal Council will review the essays submitted and confirm the scholarship recipients for St. John Vianney High School in the order of first (\$1000), second (\$750) and third (\$500) places. Scholarships will only be granted for essays meeting all requirements set forth by the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Archbishop Carlson will award the scholarships and a framed award certificate at a ceremony on Wednesday, December 3, at 3:30pm at the Fleur de Lis Room of the Cardinal Rigali Center.

### **RESEARCH SUGGESTIONS**

Below are a few research suggestions for students who are looking for help in getting started.

1. Annual Catholic Appeal information DVD
2. Annual Catholic Appeal website: <https://www.archstl.org/annual-catholic-appeal-office>
3. The Archdiocesan website: [www.archstl.org](http://www.archstl.org).
4. Many of the ministries supported by the Appeal have their own websites, such as the Office of Youth Ministry at [www.stlyouth.org](http://www.stlyouth.org).
5. Many ministries supported by the Appeal would be happy to talk to the students writing the essays.
6. The St. Louis Review often has articles about the Appeal. Students can see the Review’s website at [www.stlouisreview.com](http://www.stlouisreview.com).
7. Include information learned in class / your textbook (hint, hint- - Principles of Catholic Social Teaching)
8. Include information on service hours & projects you’ve already completed.