



Voice for Life Contests

2023-24 Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau

**Submit only 1 copy of this EntryForm per school/group with
only first place winners per grade or per room of colorings,
posters, poems and essays from your School, PSR, Youthor
Home School Group. Please submit ALL T-Shirt Designs
ENTRIES DUE: February 9, 2024 (post-marked)**

PARISH/SCHOOL/GROUP NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

CONTACT PERSON _____ PHONE _____

Complete name of participant, grade, school/parish,
teacher and city must be PRINTED ON THE BACK of each
entry. Names should not be on the entry front side.

Total Number of entries submitted from your school or group:

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| 1. Colorings _____ | 3. Poetry _____ |
| 2. Essays _____ | 4. Posters _____ |
| 5. T-shirt designs _____ | |

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Voice for Life Contests/ Pro Life T-Shirt Design

Students of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau

2023-24 Theme: ST. GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA

Entries Categories and Awardings

Kindergarten	Coloring Page of St. Gianna
Grade 1-2	Coloring Page of St. Gianna
Grade 3-4	Coloring Page or Poster of St. Gianna
Grade 5-12	Essay, Poster, or Poetry about St. Gianna

And/Or Pro Life T-Shirt Design

Grades	1 st Place Prize	2 nd Place Prize	Honorable Mention
Kindergarten	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00
1-2	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00
3-4	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00
5-8	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00
9-12	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$20.00
5-12 (T-Shirt Design)	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$50.00

Entry Deadline: February 9, 2024 Winners announced: March 8, 2024

Bishop Rice will present awards (Ribbons and Cash Prizes) at Youth Awards Night:

- East Side-St John Henry Newman Center Cape Girardeau—May 2024
- West Side-St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield—May 2024

Winners will be published in the Mirror and in the Youth Awards Night Program.

Entries with a certificate will be returned at the Awards Program. Refreshments will be served.

RULES FOR 2022-23 VOICE FOR LIFE CONTESTS

St. Gianna Beretta Molla

1. Each school/PSR/Youth Group/Home School Group is to conduct its own Voice for Life Contest, using the saint and drawing provided by VFL. All work is to highlight and expand on the pro-life message illustrated in the life of St. Gianna.
2. Colorings may be colored with any kind of medium, including artistic decorations. (Open to grades K-4)
3. Posters must be on 12" x 18" paper or smaller, using any kind of medium, illustrating the "pro-life" lives of St. Gianna. (Open to grades 3-12)
4. Essays and poetry - see attached guidelines. (Open to grades 5-12)
5. Name of participant, grade, and parish-school/city must be PRINTED on the BACK of each entry. No name should appear on the front of the entry.
6. Submit FIRST PLACE winners only for each GRADE/ROOM for each CATEGORY. If there is more than 1 room per grade, submit 1 winner for each room. Please label, for example, "4A" and "4B" along with the teacher's name.
7. Voice for Life reserves the right to reprint essays, poetry, posters, & colorings.

PRO-LIFE T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST RULES:

1. Open to Grades 5-12. Students may submit a T-shirt design plus an entry in another category. Design entries are to reflect an original positive Pro-Life message/drawing. Submit all t-shirt designs along with the other VFL contest entries by February 9, 2024.
2. T-shirt designs must be made on 11X17 or larger white paper with an image area of 10" x 10". Black and two other colors may be used. The winning images will be scanned as submitted for reproduction. Submit quality work for the t-shirt designs. Please Do Not fold the entry. Name, parish/school, city and grade of participant must be printed on back side of entry.
3. There will be a total of three winners for the T-Shirt design. Cash prizes will be awarded. First place: \$100.00. Second place: \$75.00. Third Place: \$50.00. Designs of the three winners will be printed onto t-shirts and offered for sale by VFL.
4. We encourage Pro-Lifers to wear t-shirts, especially during "American Life League" National Student Pro-Life T-Shirt Day, any day during the last full week in April. (Any T-shirt with appropriate pro-life designs may also be worn any day during that week.)

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Essay: Grades 5-12

Rules:

1. All work must be original.
2. The essay must feature the **Voice for Life** saint(s).
3. Name of entrant, grade, parish-school/city and teacher's name and grade level or class meeting hour or schedule (6th hour or Hour B for example) must be printed on the back of each entry. No name should appear on the front of the entry.
4. Only **ONE** essay per grade or grade SECTION (in high school), the '**winner**' from each grade classroom/section, should be submitted. If there is more than one classroom per grade level, label the classroom as 6A or 6B (for example) or 6th hour Sophomore Religion class (high school level)
5. Two sources should be used and cited or noted at the end of the essay.
6. Essay may be no longer than two letter-sized sheets; double-spaced. Essays may be handwritten or typed. If handwritten, essays do not need to be double-spaced. If typed, use 1" margins, and Times New Roman size 12 font.
7. **Voice for Life** reserves the right to reprint essays.

For a successful essay: an essay for the Voice for Life contest should include

1. A title (not a label; make the title a hint of what your essay is about)
2. A stated opinion about the topic
3. Support for your opinion (for example, finding examples or reasons for why this is a pro-life saint)
4. An essay should have a beginning (usually one paragraph), a middle (at least one paragraph), and an end (one paragraph); therefore, your essay should have 3 OR MORE paragraphs.
5. Use TWO sources (a lesson in class, an interview, a book about saints, a homily at Mass, etc.) and LIST them at the end of the essay. FYI: 3 of Gianna's children are still living and they have given interview! You MAY also refer to your sources in the essay (for example, you could word it as: According to the *Laudate* website, St. Gianna Beretta Molla's Feast Day is celebrated on April 28.) Not required. Just an option.

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Poetry: Grades 5-12

Rules:

1. All work must be original
2. The **Voice for Life** saint(s) must be the feature of your poem
3. Name of entrant, grade, parish-school/city and teacher's name and grade level or class meeting hour or schedule (6th hour or Hour B for example must be printed on the back of each entry. No name should appear on the front of the entry.
4. Only **ONE** poem per grade or grade section (high school), the '**winner**' from each grade classroom/section, should be submitted. If there is more than one classroom per grade level, label the classroom as 6A or 6B OR 6th hour Junior English (for example)
5. **Voice for Life** reserves the right to reprint poems

Hints for a successful poem:

1. Title your poem – do not simply label it with the saint's name. Give your reader a hint about what your topic is... without giving away what your poem is about.
2. The poem should be no more than two pages. If the poem is typed, then make it double spaced. It may be handwritten
3. Poetry does not have to rhyme, but **it should contain poetic elements:**
(Depending on the grade of the student, some of these terms may not be familiar. These are just examples of things they might work into their poems). Consider some of these few poetic devices: Imagery, Descriptive Language, Symbolism, Alliteration, Onomatopoeia, Rhyme Scheme, Metaphors and Consistent Tone

Work with your poem, choosing your words very specifically, to create the emotion that you want your readers to feel when they read about the saint(s). Consider using stanzas to separate your ideas about the saint.