



# Young Men's Institute Forty-Seventh Annual Essay Contest

## Cash Prizes to be Awarded:

	<b>Grades 7-8</b>	<b>Grades 9-12</b>
<b>Grand Prize</b>	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$500.00	\$ 750.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$500.00	\$ 750.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$400.00	\$ 600.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$300.00	\$ 450.00
6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$200.00	\$ 300.00
9 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$100.00	\$ 150.00

## Contest Rules:

### 1. Topics

**7 & 8 Grades** – Many people have a favorite saint who inspires them. Describe how your actions or behavior have been influenced by things that were said or done by the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, or some other saint. Provide examples to explain your response.

**9 – 12 Grades** – In 2020, a virus called Covid-19 affected the entire world. Based on what you observed in your own community or country, do you believe that the local or national government responded effectively to the pandemic? List several reasons why you believe it was (or was not) handled effectively. Support your answer with specific examples.

- Contest is open to any Catholic student (Private or Public School).
- A Young Men's Institute member or Council must sponsor each student entry.
- The essay must be original and not more than 500 words.
- The essay can be word processed, typed, or neatly hand printed.
- The essay must be accompanied by the information requested by the Entry Form. (See "Entry Form" section)
- All entries must be received by January 15, 2021.
- All entries will be judged on content, neatness, grammar, spelling, and adherence to contest rules. A panel of impartial persons will conduct judging for the Grand Award. The decision of the judges is final. All entries become the property of the Young Men's Institute.

## Entry Form

(Please type or print clearly)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street

\_\_\_\_\_  
City or Town State Zip Code

TELEPHONE NUMBER (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

SPONSOR \_\_\_\_\_  
YMI Member Name or Council's Name

COUNCIL # \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN ESSAY TO:** Young Men's Institute  
Pro Patria Committee  
**E-MAIL:** [YMIUS@AOL.COM](mailto:YMIUS@AOL.COM)  
**US MAIL:** P.O. BOX 281047, San Francisco, CA 94128