

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

# Share a Story, HONOR A TEACHER!

Our Catholic schools are blessed with hundreds of caring teachers who make a real difference in students' lives every day. They open minds. They teach our wonderful faith. They instill confidence. They foster friendships. They lift spirits. They inspire excellence. And so much more!

The Catholic Schools Center of Excellence (CSCOE) invites all of our 5th – 8th grade students to honor our devoted teachers by sharing a story about the impact that one particular teacher has had in their lives.



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### YOU COULD WIN \$100. HERE ARE THE DETAILS:

#### WHO:

All 5th – 8th grade students in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis are invited to participate.

#### WHAT:

Please submit a 600 to 1,000-word essay that describes one Catholic school teacher who:

[please address one or more of the following]

- changed your life in an important way and how she or he did that.
- was very influential in your life.
- taught you an important lesson and what you learned.
- had a positive impact on your journey at your school.

Please provide as much detail as possible. Recalling a specific incident or circumstance often makes for a more powerful story. Think about what this teacher did that might have changed the way you think, act, or feel. Also, think about how this teacher or situation might impact your life going forward.

Note: When deciding on the teacher and situation or experience you want to share, please think back to your earlier years in school too. Consider the kindergarten, first, second, third, and fourth grade teachers who also impacted your life. Also, consider specialist teachers such as music, art, physical education, foreign language, etc.

#### PLEASE INCLUDE:

- Your name
- Your school
- The teacher's name (and school if different from your current school)
- The grade taught by this teacher when you were in his or her class.

#### WHERE:

Mail your essays to: CSCOE, 3033 Excelsior Blvd, Suite 550, Minneapolis, MN 55416, or email: bethhoeppner@cscoe-mn.org

Note: Each essay will also be shared with the principal of your school and might be featured in your school community.

#### **SUBMISSION DEADLINE:**

Midnight on May 1st, 2017.

#### IN APPRECIATION:

CSCOE would like to recognize the inspiration that these writers and stories provide to our community. In appreciation, 10 student essays will be chosen based on quality and content of the story, and each of the 10 student writers will receive \$100.

Note About Essay Use: By submitting your essay, you are authorizing the Catholic Schools Center of Excellence and its partners to use and publish your essay in print or electronically for such purposes such as publicity, advertising, and web content.

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