

## RESPECT LIFE ESSAY CONTEST GUIDELINES

☆ Students in **Grades 1-8** are to write an original essay, no longer than one page, discussing the reflections and questions provided. Essays may be hand-written or typed. For grades 1-2, drawings may be included. **High School** students are to write an original essay, no longer than two pages, discussing reflections and questions provided. Essays should be typed if possible.

☆ Essays will be judged on the student's ability to articulate his or her understanding of the issues, the message of the Catholic Church in relation to those issues, and his or her own personal commitment to implementing the Church's message.

☆ Each individual school, religious education class, or youth group is to choose the **three** best essays in each grade. Please do not submit more than **THREE** essays **per grade per school to:**

Archdiocese of San Francisco, Respect Life Program  
Office of Public Policy & Social Concerns  
One Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco, CA 94109

☆ The essays should be postmarked by **Tuesday, April 13, 2010.**

☆ Do **not** put the name of the student on the front of the essay. **Attach to the back of the essay---on the form provided---the name of the student, student's address, telephone number, social security number, grade, school, teacher, school address & school telephone number.** Please print as legibly as possible. If the teacher or the student would like a copy of the essay, please make a copy before mailing the essay. Due to the number of essays received, we are not able to photocopy or return copies of essays after the contest.

☆ Categories of judging are:

<b><u>Grades 1-2</u></b>	Grand Prize \$100 US Savings Bond First Prize \$ 50 US Savings Bond <i>one awarded in each County</i> Honorable Mention awarded as deserved
<b><u>Grades 3-4</u></b>	Grand Prize \$100 US Savings Bond First Prize \$ 50 US Savings Bond <i>one awarded in each County</i> Honorable Mention awarded as deserved
<b><u>Grades 5-6</u></b>	Grand Prize \$100 US Savings Bond First Prize \$ 50 US Savings Bond <i>one awarded in each County</i> Honorable Mention awarded as deserved
<b><u>Grades 7-8</u></b>	Grand Prize \$100 US Savings Bond First Prize \$ 50 US Savings Bond <i>one awarded in each County</i> Honorable Mention awarded as deserved
<b><u>Grades 9-12</u></b>	Grand Prize \$300 US Savings Bond First Prize \$150 US Savings Bond <i>one awarded in each County</i> Honorable Mention awarded as deserved

☆ Winners will be notified by **Tuesday, May 11, 2010.**