

Dear Students and Parents,

I hope that this email finds you well.

You are receiving this email because child/children participated in last year's Marian Essay Contest.

I wanted to let you know that submissions are now being accepted for the 2023 Marian Essay Contest. Students in 5th-8th grade who are enrolled in a diocesan Catholic School, Parish Faith Formation or Youth Ministry Program are eligible to enter. The winning entry will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. This scholarship award can be used for Catholic school tuition, faith formation fees, domestic mission trips, San Pedro retreats and/or to donate to the diocesan parish, school or ministry of their choice!

An award will also be given to the top 5th/6th grade essay and top 7th/8th grade essay as chosen from the remaining entries.

This year's theme is:

It was through Mary that Jesus came into the world; how can we imitate Mary and bring Christ to others?

Contest Rules:

- ❖ **Entries must be submitted as a 2-page essay:**
Times New Roman, 12-point font, double-spaced, 1 inch margins.
- ❖ **The following forms must be completed by the student's parents/guardian AND submitted with the essay in order for the essay to be entered into the contest.**
 - **Marian Contest Entry Form (See attached)**
 - **Image Release Form (See attached)**
- ❖ **Email your completed Forms and essay to Mrs. Rosie Camous at rcamous@cfocf.org.**
- ❖ **Entries Must be received via email before **Thursday, April 20, 2023**. No entries will be accepted after 5:00 PM on that date. The winners will be announced in May 2023.**

In addition to the entry forms, I have also attached a copy of the contest flyer. You can find additional details and student resources at - www.cfocf.org/mariancontest.

For questions, please feel free to contact me at rcamous@cfocf.org or (407) 246-7192.