

**THE SERRA CLUB OF TOPEKA VOCATION ESSAY CONTEST
FOR 6TH GRADE BOYS AND GIRLS
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Eligibility:

All 6th grade boys and girls in Catholic schools, religious education, and home school programs are eligible if located in the Topeka Region, the Southern Region including Paola, Emporia, Ottawa, Olpe, Garnett, the Northern and Western Region including Atchison, Marysville, Axtell, Seneca, and the Lawrence Region.

Title of the Essay:

“What would I do if I were called to serve God as a priest or sister?”

Contest Rules:

1. Essays must be at least 300 words and not more than 400 words in length. (Title Page is not included...see number 2.)
2. Each entry must have a Title Page with the contestant's name, sex, home address and telephone number, teacher's name, the name and address of the school or parish, school phone number, and the number of words in the essay. **THIS INFORMATION MUST NOT BE ON THE ESSAY ITSELF.**
3. The essay may not contain any information which would identify the author or his or her parish.
4. Entries must be typed or written legibly in ink and double spaced on one side of the paper.
5. Each school or religious education program must do its own preliminary judging. Each school or religious education program should send only the best (only one) boy's essay and the best (only one) girl's essay for final judging. DO NOT send all of the school's essays. Home Schools, however, are considered as an individual school and may send their 6th graders essay.
6. Send the two winning essays from each school, religious education program, or home school postmarked no later than **January 15, 2010** to:

Dr. Robert W. Conroy, Essay Chairperson
Serra Club of Topeka
3516 SW Westport Court
Topeka, KS 66614-4567
785-271-9176

Final Judging: Members of the Serra Club of Topeka, KS. These judges will be appointed by the President of the Topeka Serra Club.

Awards:

Boys		Girls	
1 st Place	\$75	1 st Place	\$75
2 nd Place	\$50	2 nd Place	\$50
3 rd Place	\$25	3 rd Place	\$25
4 th Place	\$15	4 th Place	\$15
5 th Place	\$10	5 th Place	\$10

In addition, the winners' schools will receive a like amount

There will also be five boys and five girls receiving Honorable Mention with no cash award. Winners will be announced March 15, 2010. Winners and schools will also be mentioned in The Archdiocese Paper, "The Leaven."