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ESSAY REPORT

Our participants in public, parochial, private and home schools wrote this year on the topic: "The Importance of Religious Liberty". Winners of local council contests were forwarded to the respective Diocesan Chapter Presidents for evaluation. Winning essays from the Chapters, were then sent to the State Essay Chairman for consideration by selected judges. All entries showed great thought and imaginative consideration on the subject. Upon being chosen winners of the State Level in their respective grade levels, the following participants essays were forwarded to The Supreme Council for further judging in the National Competition. We wish the best of luck to these great essay writers.

Winners of the 2013 Contest Were:

First Place (\$50.00 Visa Gift Card and Winner Plaque)

Lily Rodriguez, 8th Grade, Bartlett - Mary's Millenium #12801, Streamwood.

First Place (\$50.00 Visa Gift Card and Winner Plaque)

Taylor Brown, 9th Grade, Elizabeth - St. Mary of Elizabeth Council #10212, Elizabeth.

First Place (\$50.00 Visa Card and Winner Plaque)

Michael Rissum, 11th Grade, South Beloit - St. Patrick Council #14373, Rockford

First Place (\$50.00 Visa Gift Card and Winner Plaque):

Nicholas Jones, 12th Grade, Rockford - St. Patrick Council #14373, Rockford

We offer sincere thanks to all who participated in this years contest. Their essays were very well written, being both enlightening and fun to read. Great job by all! We hope to see more great writings next year.

Terry

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Centered on the Eucharist*