

# 2024 STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

## Pilgrims of Hope



**THREE CASH PRIZES  
WILL BE AWARDED  
PER DIVISION**

### **High School**

1ST PLACE: \$1,000

2ND PLACE: \$700

3RD PLACE: \$250

### **Middle School**

1ST PLACE: \$500

2ND PLACE: \$300

3RD PLACE: \$150

**ASSIGNMENT:** For the Jubilee next year Pope Francis has invited us to become “pilgrims of hope.” Share a personal story about a time when hope played an important role in your life. Describe the situation, how you felt, and what gave you hope during that time. Explain how this experience impacted you and what you learned about the importance of hope.

**ENTRY:** Entries should be 500–750 words. Essays should include your name and division typed on each page. Note: Spelling and grammar count. Students may 1) submit essays and the entry form page online at [MaryknollSociety.org/Essay](https://MaryknollSociety.org/Essay) (if 13 or older) OR 2) mail essays to the address below. Mailed essays should be typed and stapled, each attached to an ENTRY FORM PAGE (available at [MaryknollSociety.org/Essay](https://MaryknollSociety.org/Essay)). Essays will not be accepted without an entry form.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Students in grades 6–8 (Division I) and grades 9–12 (Division II) who are currently enrolled in a Catholic school, religious education program, or youth ministry program are eligible. See [MaryknollSociety.org/Essay](https://MaryknollSociety.org/Essay) for official rules.

**DEADLINE:** Entries must be submitted online or postmarked by MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024. First-place essays will appear in the Summer 2025 *Maryknoll* magazine. All winning entries will be published online at [MaryknollSociety.org/Winners](https://MaryknollSociety.org/Winners) by May 1, 2025.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Call 1-914-570-4118 or email Walter Hidalgo at [whidalgo@maryknoll.org](mailto:whidalgo@maryknoll.org) for more information. For more educational and catechetical resources, please visit: <https://discoveryourneighbor.org/>.

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# ENTRY FORM DUPLICATE FOR EACH STUDENT

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### MAIL TO:

2022 Student Essay Contest, Division \_\_\_\_\_,  
P.O. Box 302, Maryknoll, NY 10545-0302

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School Telephone (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's/Catechist's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's/Catechist's name and e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant / Entrant (or parent or guardian if under the age of 18) must go online to read the Official Rules at <https://maryknollsociety.org/official-rules/> and then either sign the Consent Agreement online or if entering by mail, must sign and return the Consent Agreement below. Unsigned Forms will not be considered

### CONSENT AGREEMENT

The contestant or entrant ("Entrant") who is signing this agreement or whose parent or guardian is signing this agreement affirms that they have read the Official Rules, which are located at <https://maryknollsociety.org/official-rules/agrees> and that they agree to the terms, conditions and agreements set forth above in the Official Rules and attests to the age of the Entrant. The Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, Inc. (a.k.a., Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers) and its affiliated entities (collectively, "Maryknoll") may use the Entrant's Essay and record the appearance, image, likeness and voice of the Entrant on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph or in any other medium and may publish the same in any form of publication, including but not limited to print, electronic, video, social media or the internet. I authorize the reproduction, distribution or public display of such material by any means on a royalty-free, worldwide basis and waive any right that the Entrant may have to monetary compensation or to inspect or approve the finished product or the uses made of the end product. I have read and fully understand the above. If for a child (an Entrant who is younger than 18), I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the Entrant. By signing below, I agree to the above terms and conditions.

**Signed:**

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**Entrant (only if 18 or older)**

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**Parent/Legal Guardian (if Entrant is under the age of 18)**

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_