



ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS
Office of Catholic Education and Formation

WRITING PROMPTS FOR THE 2026 RESPECT LIFE CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

1. If you had to write a letter to a woman considering abortion, what would you tell her? How would you respond? Would you direct her toward any resources; if so, which ones and why?
2. Why is being pro-life essential as a Christian? Choose one of the provided Biblical passages and explain how it supports pro-life beliefs (Genesis 1:26-28; Exodus 20:13; Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 22:37-40; Job 12:9-10; Psalm 8:1-9; Psalm 139:13-16; Jeremiah 1:4-5; Mark 10:43-45; John 15:1-13).
3. What is the call to chastity and why is it important? How can you respond to the current culture when it challenges chastity?
4. Parent/Guardian Interview: Interview one or both of your parents/guardians on what it means to be pro-life. Use two to four of the provided questions and/or create your own.
 - Have you always been pro-life?
 - If so, what do you believe the pro-life movement is about?
 - If not, what did you used to believe and what changed your mind?
 - Have you ever had conversations about abortion? How did they go? If not, is there anything stopping you from talking to people who disagree?
 - What are some ways you have lived out your pro-life beliefs (prayer, outreach, volunteering, education, public witness, donations, voting, etc.)?
 - What do you think is the most important thing for a woman considering getting an abortion to hear? Why?

Include the questions used, take notes on the answers, and give your own thoughts on their responses. The final submission must be between 250-500 words (interview questions aren't included in the word count).

Please note: *All entries must be on one of the four contest prompts provided above. Schools and parishes have full discretion on whether to assign specific writing prompt(s) to their students or allow students to choose their own.*