

## Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

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Year after year we see ourselves being bombarded by the rampant growth of secularism within the society in which we live. We and our children live in a society where Christmas has become for many - especially children – an ever growing materialistic erosion of Christian values. But even more disturbing, is the genuine denial of and aggressive anti-Christian attack upon the spiritual basis of the true meaning of Christmas - Christ's birthday.

To counter this disturbing trend, the Knights of Columbus has again announced its Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. This program - similar to the Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest - allows young people to engage their creative talents and imaginations while fostering and promoting an understanding of the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas.

### **Eligibility:**

The Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest is open to all young people between the ages of 5 and 14.

### **Age Groups:**

Contest entrants compete in one of three age groups—ages 5 through 7, ages 8 through 10, and 11 through 14. Some schools may have different age brackets for their elementary and middle schools. In these cases it may be appropriate to group students by grade rather than age. Sponsoring councils should use their own judgment in deciding how to group participants. **(Each Council, Diocesan, and State competition may have up to 6 winning entries – first and second place winners in each age group.)**

### **Competition Levels:**

#### **Council Level:**

The first level of the competition will be at the Council level. To conduct an effective Council program, Council officials should

- Order the program kit (#CPC-Kit) by calling 203-752-4016 or visiting [kofc.org/forms](http://kofc.org/forms),
- Promote the contest and contact schools to participate.
- Forward the winning posters to your Diocesan Chairman for judging at the Diocesan level.

#### **Local Council Timetable:**

- Councils should be appointing Council Keep Christ in Christmas Chairman in July or August.
- Local councils should be ordering their kits in September and October.
- Council Chairman should contact area schools and CCD classes in early September and October and disseminate the program entry forms with an appropriate deadline for submission.
- Judging teams should be organized and Council poster contest should be held and completed by **December 15**.

- Council judging should take place by **December 31**.
- Winning Council posters should be forwarded to the respective Diocesan Chairman no later than **January 15<sup>th</sup>**.
- It is the responsibility of the District Deputy to contact each Grand Knight within his jurisdiction to ensure that all participating Councils have the opportunity to submit its posters and to ensure that Council winning posters are forwarded to the appropriate Diocesan Chairman for judging.

### **Diocesan Level:**

- Diocesan Chairmen\* should organize a panel by **January 15<sup>th</sup>**, outlining the criteria for the judging of the Council submissions.
- Diocesan level judging must be completed so that winning posters are received no later than **February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018** by the State Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Program Chairman at the address indicated below.
- It is extremely important that Diocesan Chairmen email State Chairman Hall at [SKRONHALL@Comcast.net](mailto:SKRONHALL@Comcast.net) confirming mailing/receipt of the winning Diocesan level posters.

### **State Level:**

Winning Diocesan posters will be judged at the State level by a State panel and the winning posters will be determined by **February 21<sup>st</sup>**.

Winners at the State level will be notified with their posters being sent to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Services no later than February 28<sup>th</sup> for international judging.

### **Rules:**

- Entries in the Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster contest must include a slogan reflecting the topic and an original visual image.
- Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images)
- Poster must be 11x17 inches in size. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic.
- **Each poster must be submitted with the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster contest entry form - make sure your council number is included. The name and age of the entrant should be printed on the reverse side of the poster in case the poster and entry form get separated.**
- All entries become property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. Posters will not be returned.

### **Judging:**

Judging teams should be composed of students, Knights, teachers, administrators, council Chaplain, pastor, etc.

A 100-point scoring system will be used to determine the winners:

- **Slogan** - 30 points: - How clearly is the theme presented?
- **Visuals** - 30 points: - How well do the visuals convey the message?
- **Overall Impact** - 40 points: - How effective was the poster in capturing your attention and causing you to reflect on the topic at hand?

## **Regional Chairmen**

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**[LINK](#): Reference Poster Contest**

The Poster Contest Kit  
 is available on-line  
[www.kofc.org/forms](http://www.kofc.org/forms)