



Committee for Religious Liberty

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MEMORANDUM

To: Superintendents

From: Daniel Balserak, Esq.

Date: January 24, 2024

Re: **Religious Liberty Essay Contest**

The USCCB Committee for Religious Liberty, in collaboration with the Secretariat of Catholic Education and Our Sunday Visitor Institute, is hosting a religious liberty essay contest.

The competition is open to high school juniors and seniors. The essay prompt and submission information are available at www.usccb.org/religious-liberty-essay.

Essays are due March 29. Winners will be announced in May.

Once again, we are putting together a wonderful panel of judges, with representatives from Notre Dame Law School, the University of Dallas, the Becket Fund, and more!

The first-place essay will be published in *Our Sunday Visitor*, and the author will receive a \$2,000 scholarship.

Second place will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, and third place will receive a \$500 scholarship.

All three winning essays will be published on the USCCB website.

A printable flyer that can be posted or incorporated into a newsletter to advertise the contest are attached.

Resources on religious freedom—including blogs, podcasts, and backgrounders to different issues—can be found at www.usccb.org/freedom.

We highly encourage teachers who would like to incorporate this competition into their classroom activities to choose the top five submissions from their class to send to the USCCB as entries.

If you have any questions, please contact Aaron Weldon at aweldon@usccb.org.