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EPARCHY OF ST. MARON OF BROOKLYN
EPARCHY OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON

NAM Vocations Awareness Contest Winners – 2016

Essays

Grades K-1 I love God because

- 1st Place: John Pierre Richa, St. Rafka, Livonia, MI
2nd Place: Joya Ishak, St. John Paul, Sleepy Hollow, NY
3rd Place: Ross Craig, St. Anthony, Glen Allen, VA

Grades 2-3 My Church is special because

- 1st Place: Serena Aslou, Heart of Jesus, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
2nd Place: Diana Haddad, Heart of Jesus, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
3rd Place: Suzan Marinelli, St. Elias, Birmingham, AL

Grades 4-6 Imagine your conversation with God

- 1st Place: John Thetford, St. Michael the Archangel, Fayetteville, NC
2nd Place: Ann Margaret Gibrall, St. Anthony, Glen Allen VA
3rd Place: Julian Chaoul, St. Anthony, Glen Allen VA

Grades 7-9 Describe the ideal priest or nun

- 1st Place: Rita Richa, St. Rafka, Livonia, MI
2nd Place: Melanie Safi, Our Lady of Lebanon, Brooklyn, NY
3rd Place: Sophie Hallal, Our Lady of Lebanon, Washington, D.C.

Grades 10-12 If your best friend decided to become a priest or a nun, what would you tell him/her?

- 1st Place: Mark Elhallal, Our Lady of Lebanon, Washington, D.C.
2nd Place: Melissa Safi, Our Lady of Lebanon, Brooklyn, NY
3rd Place: NO ENTRY



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Posters

Grades K-1 Guardian Angels help keep me safe.

- 1st Place: Gaelle Haddad, St. Maron, Minneapolis, MN
2nd Place: Cid Guerrero, St. Michael the Archangel, Fayetteville, NC
3rd Place: Marie-Belle Kassouf, Our Lady of Victory, Carnegie, PA

Grades 2-3 God gave you the gift of life. What gift would you give to God?

- 1st Place: Maya Atallah, St. John Maron, Williamsville, NY
2nd Place: Kloe Daccache, St. John Paul, Sleepy Hollow, NY
3rd Place: Michelle Haddad, St. Maron, Minneapolis, MN

Grades 4-6 Follow the Lord and He will lead you on the right path.

- 1st Place: Dominique Khoury, St. John Maron, Williamsville, NY
2nd Place: Yara Kassar, St. Ephrem, El-Cajon, CA
3rd Place: Jade Ishac, St. Maron, Youngstown, OH

Grades 7-9 The choices I make today make a difference in my life tomorrow

- 1st Place: Victoria Perez, Heart of Jesus, Fort Lauderdale, FL
2nd Place: Georges Kassouf, Our Lady of Victory, Carnegie, PA
3rd Place: Aubrey Shirah, St. Elias, Birmingham, AL

Grades 10-12 Revelations 3:20- “Listen! I am standing at the door knocking...”

- 1st Place: NO ENTRY
2nd Place: NO ENTRY
3rd Place: NO ENTRY

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Power Point or Video Presentation

Grades 7-12 Compose a 3-5 minute production of either: What is a Maronite? Or Choose and present the life of a Saint (i.e. Rafka, Hardini, Sharbel, Maron, Stephen)

- 1st Place: Jake Guerrero, St. Michael the Archangel, Fayetteville, NC
2nd Place: Tiana Eladem, Our Lady of Lebanon, Brooklyn, NY
3rd Place: Benjamin Ferris, St. Elias, Birmingham, AL



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Vocation Awareness Contest Statistics- 2016

Eparchy of St. Maron – 9 parishes

Heart of Jesus, Fort Lauderdale, FL	13 posters, 2 essays= 15 entries 3 Winner
Our Lady of Lebanon, Brooklyn, NY	1 poster, 3 essays, 1 multimedia = 5 entry 4 winners
Our Lady of Lebanon, Washington, D.C.	2 essays= 2 entries 2 winners
Our Lady of Victory, Carnegie, PA	8 posters = 8 entries 2 winner
St. Anthony, Danbury, CT	12 posters, 1 essay= 13 entries
St. Anthony, Glen Allen, VA	2 posters, 2 essays = 4 entries
St. John Maron, Buffalo, NY	4 posters = 4 entries 2 winners
St. John Paul II, Sleepy Hollow, NY	2 posters, 1 essay = 3 entries 1 winners
St. Michael Archangel, Fayetteville, NC	6 posters, 1 essay, 1 multimedia = 8 entries 3 winners

Total: 12 essays, 44 posters, 2 multimedia = 57 entries, 17 winners

Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon – 5 parishes

St. Elias, Birmingham, AL	2 posters, 6 essay, 1 multimedia = 9 entries 3 winners
St. Ephrem, El Cajon, CA	8 posters, 2 essays= 10 entries 1 winner
St. Maron, Minneapolis, MN	8 posters, 1 essay = 9 entries 2 winner
St. Maron, Youngstown, OH	15 posters = 15 entries 1 winner
St. Rafka, Livonia, MI	2 essays = 2 entries 2 winner

Total: 11 essays, 33 posters, 1 multimedia = 45 entries, 9 winners

Grand Totals:

14 Parishes
23 Essays
77 Posters
3 Multimedias

102 entries, 27 winners