

## Delchester Serra Club

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### Vocation Awareness Essay Contest 2020 Topic and Guidelines

#### Eligibility

- **6<sup>TH</sup>, 7<sup>TH</sup>, 8<sup>TH</sup> grade students** enrolled in Catholic schools and PREP
- The teacher of each class will select the **best essay from that classroom** and submit for judging.
- **One essay per class** (NOT per grade)
- **Length** not more than 250 words; please type word count at the end of the essay.

#### Theme

- *How could my family's life foster and encourage a positive response to God's call to a religious vocation?*

#### Checkpoints

- **Reflect** (be silent and take time) on the life of your family. What is happening in your family life that might prepare you to answer "Yes" to Jesus' call, "Come follow me."
- **Interview** a priest, or a religious sister or brother you might know or might have met about their family life and its effect upon their life choice.
- **Check** your textbook or online for a brief biography of one of the following individuals. Pay particular attention to their families' faith actions.
  - Fr. Stanley Rother
  - Sr. Mary Scullion, Philadelphia Sister of Mercy
  - St. Therese of Lisieux
  - St. Pope John Paul II

#### Submission

- The student's name **must not** appear on the essay
- Please **attach a cover sheet** with the student's name, teacher's name, and school email address.
- Before sending the essay to the judging committee, each entry and cover sheet will be assigned an identification number.

**Deadline for entries:** 28 February 2020

**Post Entries:** Judy Doolittle, 103 Cornell Ave., Folsom, PA 19033 or  
[judydoolittle@yahoo.com](mailto:judydoolittle@yahoo.com). Questions - 610.543.4274

#### Prizes:

- First Place winner \$200.00 bank card
- Second Place winner \$100.00 bank card
- Teachers of winners \$ 50.00 bank card
- Winner notification in March 2020
- Awards presented at Delchester Serra Club Annual Charter Night Dinner, May 3, 2020