



# Catholic Diocese of Richmond Center for **MARRIAGE, FAMILY & LIFE**

## Respect Life Essay/Video Contest

### Who can participate?

Grades 7-8 can participate in the Middle School Video Contest

Grades 9-12 can participate in the High School Essay or Video Contest

1st-4th year college students can participate in the College Video Contest

### Submission Dates:

All entries must be submitted by January 14th to the Center for Marriage, Family, and Life.

Video Submissions: Should be posted to <http://bit.ly/RLvideocontest2018>

Or submit through Twitter or Instagram using **#50yearslater**

Essay Submissions: Should be posted to <http://bit.ly/REssaycontest2018>

### Prize Awards:

	1st Place	2nd Place	People's Choice
Middle School	\$75	\$25	\$10
High School	\$250	\$100	\$50
College	\$500	\$250	\$100

### Theme: "Humanae Vitae...50 Years Later"

"There is too much clamorous outcry against the voice of the Church, and this is intensified by modern means of communication. But it comes as no surprise to the Church that she, no less than her divine Founder, is destined to be a 'sign of contradiction'." (HV, 18)

Reflect on a recent cultural experience, event, or movement from the last year. Then, put that event or idea in conversation with the passage above from the 1968 encyclical *Humanae Vitae* and ask: "How does the Church stand as a sign of contradiction today?"

### Judging:

Evaluation will be completed by the Diocesan Respect Life Commission based on the following:

- 1) Interpretation of the theme | 20 points
- 2) Creativity in presentation | 10 points
- 3) Technique and skill in delivery | 10 points

### Questions:

Questions can be submitted to the Center for Marriage, Family, and Life at 804-622-5109 or [cmfl@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:cmfl@richmonddiocese.org).

# Video Contest Details

## Format

The video should be the original work of the student or group and should be no larger than

300MB. We accept AVI, MOV, WMV, MP4, MPEG, FLV, 3GP, and 3G2 to the video contest page or through Twitter and Instagram by including #IfLifeWereMoreRespected by January 15, 2018. Voting will be open between January 15, 2018 - January 21, 2018.

## Length

7th-8th grade student submissions should be 1 minute or less

9th-12th grade student submissions should be 1.5 minutes or less

Undergraduate college student submissions should be 1.5 minutes or less

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**Address the Theme:** *"Humanae Vitae...50 Years Later"* (see front page for description)

# Essay Contest Details

## Format

Essays should be 500 words or less, double spaced, with 1" margins, using a standard 12-point font. The essay should be prepared entirely by the student.

The essay should include a cover sheet with the following information:

- 1) Full Name
- 2) Grade Level
- 3) Full Mailing Address
- 4) Parent's or Guardian's Name
- 5) Phone Number
- 6) Email Address
- 7) Sponsoring Organization (eg: school or parish)
- 8) Word Count

Please cite any sources used.

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