



*Wisconsin State Council
Knights of Columbus*

2011 Respect Life Essay Contest

**Can Social Media Be Used
To Influence Public Opinion on Respect for Life?**

For the 2011 Respect Life essay contest, the student will determine if social media, like Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube, can be used to influence public opinion on life questions that divide our nation. In a proclamation called, "Truth, Proclamation, and Authenticity of Life in the Digital Age," Pope Benedict XVI approved the use of social networking sites for Catholics to connect with people all over the world, which creates an opportunity to communicate the teachings of the Church, especially on the dignity of human life.

RESOURCES

Catholic Sites: www.usccb.org, www.kofc.org, www.priestsforlife.org, <http://catholic.org>

Secular Sites: www.nrlc.org, www.wrtl.org, www.all.org, www.aul.org, www.aclj.org,
www.abortionfacts.com, www.anglicansforlife.org, www.culture-of-life.org,
www.lifedynamics.com, www.lifeissues.org, www.lifenews.com,
www.prolife.com, www.prolifeaction.org, www.prolifewisconsin.org,
www.ruthinstitute.org

Teen Sites: www.familylifecenter.net, www.lifeathletes.org, www.lifeteen.com,
<http://pamstenzel.com>, www.pureloveclub.net, www.reallove.net,
www.studentsforlife.org, www.theologyofthebody.net, www.ccli.org,
www.hopeafterabortion.com

Feel free to perform your own Internet search for additional information, using keys words like Catholic Church and Social Media or Catholic Church and Social Networking Sites

Please Note: Parents should review websites for appropriateness of content before student use