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### REDEMPTORISTS OF THE BALTIMORE PROVINCE St. John Neumann Essay Contest

**Theme:** Why is it important to learn about and live my faith?

The Redemptorists of the Baltimore Province are proud to announce their second annual essay contest honoring Redemptorist Saint John Neumann.

St. John Neumann is the first naturalized American male saint, the first Redemptorist to make his profession in the United States, the Fourth Bishop of Philadelphia, and the founder of the Catholic parochial school system in this country. He was a man on fire with his faith and eager to teach others about living their faith to the fullest. In fact, one of the catechisms he helped write was a standard for many years.

The contest is open to students enrolled in a Catholic elementary or high school during the 2011-2012 academic year. The students must be enrolled in grades 6-12 and the school must be located in the United States or its territories. There will be two categories of judging: grades 6-8 and 9-12. The first place winner in each category will receive a \$300 scholarship and a certificate; additionally, two honorable mentions of \$100 and a certificate will be awarded in each category.

#### Essay Guidelines:

1. Essays must be in English, 250-500 words, typed, double-spaced, 12 point, Times New Roman font, and have one-inch margins.
2. Essays should be the student's own reflection on why it is important to learn about one's faith and how that learning helps them in living their faith. Essay must be well-organized, focused, and use proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation. References, if used, must be cited using MLA style and a bibliography should be included.
3. Include a cover sheet with your submission, listing:
  - a. Student's name
  - b. Current school and grade
  - c. Parish (if applicable)
  - d. Home address
  - e. Home telephone number
  - f. E-mail address
4. Do not include your name, school, or other identifying information on the essay itself.

5. Essays must be received no later than 5 p.m., Monday, February 13, 2012. Essays may be submitted by e-mail to [events@redemptorists.net](mailto:events@redemptorists.net) or mailed in time to be received by Monday, February 13, 2012, to:  
Redemptorist Essay Contest  
c/o ROMA  
107 Duke of Gloucester Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401-2526

Essays received after the deadline will not be considered.

6. Essays will be judged by Neumann Bicentennial Committee members. Winners will be announced March 28, 2012 and will be listed on our website: [redemptorists.net](http://redemptorists.net).