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To: Principals/English and Theology Faculty, DOL Catholic Schools

From: Elizabeth Solsburg, FAITH Magazine

Re: Irvin Scholarship 2017

Attached is information regarding FAITH Magazine’s annual writing scholarship for Catholic high-school seniors. The winner will receive a $1,000 check and have his or her essay published in the TEEN issue of FAITH in 2017.

Please encourage your students to apply. This is an excellent opportunity for publication, as well as an opportunity to win $1,000. All the pertinent information is on the attached sheet, including deadline and tips for a winning essay. This year’s theme is: **How would I explain Jesus Christ and what he means to me to someone who doesn’t know him?**

**Important:** Students may not submit essays directly. They must come from a teacher at the school. By submitting the essay, you are verifying that the student is a Catholic who actively practices his or her faith. Also, you are agreeing that if one of your students wins, Father Charlie Irvin or a representative of FAITH will be invited to your school’s graduation or senior awards ceremony to present the award.

I am also enclosing two posters for you to display. If you have any questions, please call me at 517.853.7610 or email esolsburg@faithcatholic.com.

Additionally, I am available to come to your school to discuss the scholarship, as well as lay ministry careers such as those in Catholic journalism.

Thank you for your work. God Bless.

cc: Brian Flynn
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