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CATHOLIC TEXTBOOK PROJECT SPONSORS HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST FOR STUDENTS IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Catholic Textbook Project, the publisher of robust, beautiful history textbooks for Catholic schools, announced a new History Essay Contest for Catholic students in Grades 5 through 8. Contest submission deadline is May 22, 2015, and four separate contest divisions allow for four student winners. Each student winner will receive a cash prize of \$100 each.

Students are not the only ones who can win. Catholic schools and homeschools benefit as well.

A \$400 Gift Certificate for the company's textbooks will be awarded to the Catholic school(s) attended by each of the two Catholic school student winners. The homeschool(s) of the two Catholic homeschool student winners will each receive a free textbook of their choice from among Catholic Textbook Project history textbooks. In addition, winning essays will be published on the Catholic Textbook Project blog and Facebook pages.

Catholic school teachers are encouraged to use the contest as a class assignment if they choose to do so, and to submit all essays at once.

The Essay challenge requires students to choose a faithful Catholic of historical significance and describe how this person influenced the times in which he or she lived. Although saints are a possible choice, the contest challenge is much wider and includes any practicing, faithful Catholic man or woman.

Contest rules and guidelines are listed on the Essay Contest page (www.catholictextbookproject.com/essay-contest/). Any form of plagerism will not be tolerated.

“We are excited to be able to offer this essay contest,” says Catholic Textbook Project founder and president Michael Van Hecke, who is also headmaster at a Ventura, California-based Catholic school.

“Catholic students benefit tremendously from learning and studying how the Catholic faith influences the daily lives and choices of human individuals throughout history,” Van Hecke continues. “These students become adults and leaders who understand the importance of Faith principles in *all* they do.”

This History Essay contest also underscores the unique difference that Catholic Textbook Project textbooks provide, notes Van Hecke. “Our textbooks include—rather than ignore, minimize or worse—major contributions by Catholics throughout 2,000 years of history. Students using our textbooks learn *all* of history, including Catholic-driven contributions.”

For more information on the Essay Contest for Catholic students, grades 5-8, go to: www.CatholicTextbookProject.com/essay-contest/.

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