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CATHOLIC TEACHERS TAKE NOTE: CATHOLIC TEXTBOOK PROJECT ANNOUNCES ITS THIRD ANNUAL HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST

Cash Awards for winning students, their Catholic school or homeschool

The Catholic Textbook Project's Third Annual History Essay Contest for Catholic students in Grades 5 through 12 has officially launched. This year's contest runs from September 13 through submission deadline on Friday, December 16, 2016. Winners will be announced during Catholic Schools Week in early 2017. The essay contest is sponsored by Catholic Textbook Project (CTP), publishers of fresh, highly-praised history textbooks for Catholic students.

"Catholic students benefit tremendously from learning and studying how faith influences the daily lives and choices of human individuals throughout history," says Michael Van Hecke, founder and president of Catholic Textbook Project.

"These students are more likely to grow into leaders who understand the importance of living their Faith principles in all that they are called to do in their own lives and in the choices they make as they grow into adulthood," Mr. Van Hecke continues. "That's why it is wonderful to see the enthusiastic response of teachers and students each year when they respond to our Essay Contest. It's a useful tool for teachers, and a fun and rewarding way to engage students to learn history."

"It also underscores the unique difference that Catholic Textbook Project textbooks provide," Mr. Van Hecke notes. "Our textbooks present *all* of history, in-

cluding the major historical contributions by Catholics throughout 2,000 years. Our textbooks are well-researched for accuracy. They are written in an engaging, journalistic style, and they are beautifully laid out using all the benefits of the latest in graphic design, superior artwork, and more. As a result, our textbooks are highly praised even by university professors who tell us that studying from our textbooks put students ahead of their peers in understanding history.”

This year’s essay contest has eight divisions, as follows: For Catholic school students: Grade 5, Grade 6, Grades 7/8, High School, and for Catholic home-school students: Grade 5, Grade 6, Grades 7/8, and High School. Topics vary by grade level.

For more information, to download a Classroom Flyer, or to download the official entrance form that must accompany each essay submission, please go to the special website page: www.CatholicTextbookProject.com/essay-contest.

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