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JANUARY 4, 2013 CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTER ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

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2013 RESPECT LIFE CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST—

Eighth grade students from the archdiocesan, parish and private elementary schools, parish schools of religion and home school programs are eligible to submit an entry in the annual **Creative Writing Contest**.

The **Respect Life Apostolate** will select finalist(s) from each school/PSR class/home school program, and four **\$1,000 scholarships** will be announced at the Awards Assembly at the Cardinal Rigali Center on April 24, 2013.

This year's topic sentence, to which students will respond, focuses on the 40th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision—*January 22, 2013 marks the 40th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion in our country. How has 40 years of abortion impacted our culture? How do you plan to help end abortion?*

Principals and PSR Directors have received an email from the Catholic Education Center with detailed attachments. Please refer to this communication, or contact **Maureen Kane** at mkane@archstl.org or 314-792-7559 for more information.

Save the date! Plan to attend!
Memorial Mass & Prayer Vigil
Honoring the Lives Lost Since Roe v. Wade
Saturday, January 19, 2013
8:00 a.m. — Cathedral Basilica St. Louis
Bishop Robert J. Hermann — Celebrant

ST. LOUIS THE KING CATHOLIC SCHOOL welcomed attorney **Mr. Craig Schlappizzi** as the first speaker in a series for the students in grades 5-8. Mr. Schlappizzi told the students how he first became interested in the law and answered their questions about specific cases, his education, and his family.



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ST. AGNES CATHOLIC SCHOOL eighth graders donated some of their “free time” in service to the **Ronald McDonald House** in St. Louis preparing and serving meals to guests. Christian service programs are some of the many ways students prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

St. Agnes eighth graders will be confirmed this spring. (*Come, Holy Spirit!*)



The **CENTRAL COUNTY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS** (**Holy Spirit, Our Lady of the Pillar, St. Genevieve du Bois, St. Monica, and St. Richard**) have joined together to sponsor a “**Teddy Bear and Stuffed Event**” in honor of the families of Newtown, Connecticut.

Because the families there have received more than enough donations of stuffed animals, the schools will collect new or gently-used teddy bears and stuffed animals and send them on to **SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center** and **St. Louis Children's Hospital** as a way of remembering those affected by the Connecticut tragedy. The collection will take place between January 7 and 11, 2013.