



2025

**High School Parishioner Scholarship Essay Knight
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**Must be received by at 9:00 pm on contest end date
Email to: kc9967scholarship@gmail.com**

ESSAY: Following the essay rules ... please include a typed 450 minimum -500-word maximum response to the essay questions:

FOR THE XXXIX WORLD YOUTH DAY

24 November 2024

Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary (cf. Is 40:31)

Dear young people!

Last year we set out on the path of hope towards the Great Jubilee by reflecting on Saint Paul's words, "Rejoice in hope" (*Rom 12:12*). In order to prepare ourselves for the Jubilee *pilgrimage* of 2025, this year we can take inspiration from the prophet Isaiah, who says: "Those who hope in the Lord... will run and not be weary" (*Is 40:31*). These words are taken from the so-called Book of Consolation (*Is 40-55*), which heralds the end of Israel's exile in Babylon and the beginning of a new age of hope and rebirth for God's people, who can return to their homeland thanks to a new "highway" that the Lord is presently opening up for his children (cf. *Is 40:3*).

In a 450-500 word essay please address the following questions:

What are some roles and programs that the catholic church provided or could provide in bringing hope and rebirth to help God's people "run and not get weary" to "finish the race"? How would these programs and your experience, deepen your faith in God?