



Faith News Online

— *Students Sharing Faith* —

Description of the Ace Reporter/Faith News Online Program

Faith News Online is a special section of the Diocese of Orlando website that features articles written by and about local Catholic youth and young adults. These articles and photos describe the people, places and events that are having an impact on the faith and education of our young people.

This program launched in February 2009 with 12 students representing nine schools. Last year, 60 students from 15 schools participated.

Here are the benefits of the Ace Reporter/Faith News Online Program

- 1) As an ace reporter, students will be able to write about their experiences in church and school and share the beauty of our Catholic faith with others.
- 2) Students will be challenged to learn more about their faith and reflect on how they live out their call to be Disciples of Christ.
- 3) Students will meet other youth with similar interest and talents.
- 4) Students who are talented writers will have the chance to showcase their talents and receive mentoring to become even better writers.
- 5) Students will gain valuable writing experience, obtain writing samples for their portfolio, and even receive community service credit if permitted by their schools.
- 6) Schools and parishes will be portrayed in a positive way as the students share with the community good news stories.

Ace Reporter Requirements

- Ace reporters should be students in good academic standing in grades 4-12 residing in one of the nine counties of the Diocese of Orlando.
- Ace reporters should submit an application prior to being selected to participate as a correspondent.
- Each ace reporter should have a designated mentor who is a teacher, youth minister, director of religious education or serve in a similar educational role.
- The mentor should agree to read articles prior to submission to Faith News Online and scan for appropriateness of content.
- For all communications, parents and teacher mentors will be the points of contact.
- Each ace reporter and mentor should attend a training workshop. Date and time to be announced. Each ace reporter should agree to submit 6 articles during the school year.

Content Requirements

- Content provided should involve youth activities or events and include an emphasis on how the topic relates to their Catholic faith.
- Articles should answer basic questions of who, what, when, where, why and how.
- Articles should be a maximum of 200 words.
- Ace Reporters are encouraged but not required to submit digital photos with their articles.
- Photos should be candid and groups are preferred to individuals.
- All photographs should include caption information listing first name of students or full name of adults in photograph and the order they appear in the photo (i.e. left to right). Please also include one sentence about what is happening in the photo and where the photo was taken. Also include the name of the person who took the photo.

Submission Requirements

- Articles and photos are submitted via e-mail to klaguna@orlandodiocese.org.
- Articles should be written using Microsoft Word and mailed as an attachment via e-mail.
- Photos should be JPEG format and mailed as an attachment via e-mail.
- Articles submitted by Tuesday morning will be posted online by Friday morning of the same week.