

# Year of Strong Catholic Parents

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for all the ways you guide your child in the Catholic faith. Parents are the first heralds of the faith for their child and our hope is that you see the Church as a partner and a support.

You may already know that this year has been named as the Year of Strong Catholic Parents by Cardinal Francis George. We want to offer the teens of the Archdiocese of Chicago an opportunity to witness to their faith by creating an original, short 2-minute video about the importance of parents passing on the faith to children. This Video Contest is open to all teens of the Archdiocese of Chicago from freshmen to seniors and it gives them an opportunity to reach out to other teens through a creative medium that is most familiar to them.

An original video may be created by one individual or by a team of teens who agree to share the award money if they are given a first, second or third place award. For each of the winning videos, a matching amount will be sent to the Catholic parish, Catholic school or Catholic Church charitable organization (ex. Food pantry, shelter, etc.) that is designated by the filmmaker(s). A panel of judges will award prize money to the teens who create the top three videos:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize of \$5,000** for the filmmaker(s) of the top video plus a matching award (\$5,000) to the Catholic school, Archdiocese of Chicago parish or Catholic charity designated by the filmmaker(s)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of \$2,500** for the filmmaker(s) of the second place video plus a matching award (\$2,500) to the Catholic school, Archdiocese of Chicago parish or Catholic charity designated by the filmmaker(s)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of \$1,000** for the filmmaker(s) of the third place video plus a matching award (\$1,000) to the Catholic school, Archdiocese of Chicago parish or Catholic charity designated by the filmmaker(s)

There are **4 steps** to the Teen Video Contest: participate in a small-group reflection process called *Handing on the Faith*, create a video, show the video to other teens and gather feedback, submit a completed entry form packet with a DVD of the video to the Archdiocese of Chicago. All of the forms and details for the Video Contest are available on the Archdiocese website

[www.archchicago.org/StrategicPastoralPlan/StrongCatholicParents](http://www.archchicago.org/StrategicPastoralPlan/StrongCatholicParents) Questions regarding the contest can be sent through e-mail at [StrategicPastoralPlan@archchicago.org](mailto:StrategicPastoralPlan@archchicago.org) or to Nancy at 312-534-5316.

All DVDs and forms must be submitted to the Archdiocese of Chicago Quigley Pastoral Center, 835 N. Rush Street, Chicago, IL 60611 **delivered or postmarked** by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 2014. Teens should mark the packet with the words, "**Teen Video Contest.**"

If your teen is interested in creating and submitting an original video you can help by sharing with him/her how you received the faith and how you tried to pass on the Catholic faith to your children. Your witness may provide the inspiration that your teen needs to create an original film about the importance of faith in the home.

Sincerely,

Most Reverend Francis Kane  
Vicar General

**PARENT CONSENT FORM**  
TEEN VIDEO CONTEST – Year of Strong Catholic Parents

Filmmaker's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Video: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ [name of parent/guardian], on behalf of my minor child (under 21 years of age) \_\_\_\_\_ [name of child] (the "Filmmaker"), grant THE CATHOLIC BISHOP OF CHICAGO permission to use, reproduce, edit, exhibit, display, copyright, and/or publish in any medium without limitation, the Filmmaker's name, and any image/likeness, video, profile and/or story submitted by the Filmmaker to the **Teen Video Contest** (collectively, the "content"). I understand that no compensation will be provided for any use of the content, and that the Filmmaker and I have no right to inspect or approve the resulting work. I hereby release THE CATHOLIC BISHOP OF CHICAGO and its licensees, successors, legal representatives, and assigns from any liability arising in connection with its use of the content.

I acknowledge that I am fully aware of the requirement that the video be original content created by the filmmaker(s).

I understand the circulation of the materials could be worldwide and that there will be no compensation to me for this use. I release the Archdiocese of Chicago, their agents, staff, and the photographer from liability for any violation of any personal or proprietary right I may have in connection with such use.

I understand and agree with my child's choice for the Matching Award.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature for Release: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBMISSION FORM**

TEEN VIDEO CONTEST – Year of Strong Catholic Parents

Please submit a completed Entry Form Packet for every individual who is part of a group submission.

*To be completed by all individuals submitting an entry*

Title of Video: \_\_\_\_\_

Filmmakers' Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Filmmakers' Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Filmmakers' E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Filmmakers' Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Filmmakers' School \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

Filmmakers' Parish Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Address: \_\_\_\_\_

In the event that the Film is a First, Second or Third Prize Winner, the Filmmaker(s) agree to designate the matching award (**one per video**) be awarded to: **[PLEASE SELECT ONE]**

**Catholic High School** of Filmmaker(s)' choice (name and address below)

Matching Award to: \_\_\_\_\_

**Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Parish** of Filmmaker(s)' choice. (name and address below)

Matching Award to: \_\_\_\_\_

**Catholic Charitable Organization** of Filmmaker(s)' choice (name and address below)

Matching Award to: \_\_\_\_\_

Filmmaker's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL AND PARISH VERIFICATION**  
TEEN VIDEO CONTEST – Year of Strong Catholic Parents

Filmmakers' Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cash Awards for the top 3 videos, videos created by a team would be shared**

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**SCHOLASTIC VERIFICATION**

I am the Principal or other duly authorized administrator of the following High School:

\_\_\_\_\_

I hereby attest that I am authorized to verify student enrollment in the school that I represent. I further attest and verify that the above Filmmaker is currently enrolled as a student in the school I represent.

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARISH VERIFICATION**

I am the Pastor or other duly authorized administrator of the following parish in the Archdiocese of Chicago:

\_\_\_\_\_

I hereby attest that I am authorized to verify the teen that I represent. I further attest and verify that the above Filmmaker is currently a participant in the parish I represent.

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**PEER REVIEW**  
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The filmmaker will hold a viewing of their video for teens in his/her parish or school. The goal of this event is to provide feedback to the Filmmaker and to allow the Filmmaker to share his/her beliefs about the importance of parents passing on the faith at home.

**Step 1** The Filmmaker begins the viewing Sessions with an explanation about the contest and his/her motivation to participate. Describe the aspect of passing faith through generations that was the most important for you to portray in the video.

**Step 2** Show the video

**Step 3** Ask the viewers to discuss the following 3 questions with a partner and together they submit one answer for each question to the Filmmaker. Allow time for a large group discussion.

1. The video made me think about my faith because...
2. In what ways does the filmmaker’s view of living faith at home seem similar and different to my own views?
3. How will I look at my parents’ faith differently because of viewing this video?

**Step 4** The Filmmaker asks for comments from the group and summarizes their comments below:

The most helpful comment from my peers was \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The most surprising comment was \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The experience of sharing my film and my beliefs with my peers was....  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In what ways did creating the film and sharing it with others help me to understand my faith?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**GROUP SUBMISSION AGREEMENT**  
TEEN VIDEO CONTEST – Year of Strong Catholic Parents

This form is **necessary only if the video that is submitted has had more than one Filmmaker**. Only one copy of this form is required and should include all the names and signatures of the filmmakers who created the video.

Title of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Filmmaker's Name (print):

Filmmaker's Signature:

_____	signature_____

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## CONTEST RUBRICS

### TEEN VIDEO CONTEST – Year of Strong Catholic Parents

Every video submitted to the Teen Video Contest will be judged using the following criteria. The top three winners will be determined by a panel of judges made up of representatives from Catholic High Schools and Youth Ministry in the Archdiocese of Chicago, as well as accomplished people in the Radio/TV and leaders in the Catholic Church. There will be both adults and teens on the panel.

Category	4 Points	3 Points	2 Points	1 Point
<b>Motivational Content</b>	Entry illustrates a <b>great</b> passion for faith lived at home that <b>provides strong witness to others and encourages them to become more actively involved</b>	Entry illustrates a passion for faith lived at home that <b>provides witness to others and encourages them</b> to become involved	Entry illustrates faith lived at home yet <b>lacks inspiration and witness</b> to encourage others to become involved	Entry <b>poorly illustrates</b> faith at home and <b>does not inspire</b> others to become involved
<b>Creativity</b>	Entry shows a <b>memorable and unique</b> approach in both method and message of living faith at home	Entry shows <b>significant creativity</b> in the method and message of living faith at home	Entry shows <b>some creative techniques</b> in either method or message of living faith at home	Entry shows <b>little creativity</b> in method and message and is limited in its portrayal of living faith at home
<b>Clarity</b>	The message of the work is <b>clear</b> and shows the importance of a lived faith in the home	The message of the work <b>hints</b> at the importance of a lived faith in the home	The message of the work shows, <b>with some ambiguity</b> the importance of a lived faith in the home	The message of the work is <b>not easily understood</b>
<b>Knowledge of faith passed on from parent to child</b>	The entry portrays a <b>strong</b> knowledge of Catholic faith and tradition indicating an <b>excellent understanding</b> of parents passing on faith to children	The entry portrays a <b>good</b> knowledge of Catholic faith and tradition indicating a <b>good understanding</b> of parents passing on faith to children	The entry portrays a <b>fundamental</b> knowledge of Catholic faith and tradition indicating <b>some understanding</b> of parents passing on faith to children	The entry portrays a <b>basic</b> knowledge of Catholic faith and tradition but <b>little understanding</b> of parents passing on faith to children

# Teen Video Contest - Be a Digital Disciple

SMALL GROUP REFLECTION

**Did you ever wonder** where you came from?

**Did you ever wonder** how you became the person that you are today?

**Science** tells us about our inherited genetic make-up, and that can help us understand some of our physical traits.

**History** describes the story of our ancestors with their struggles and triumphs and how that has helped to shape who we are. But there is something more about us, something beyond the reach of science and history.

**We are people of faith**, people who believe in Jesus and have a relationship with him and with each other in him. How did *that* happen? Across two thousand years, beginning with the earliest followers of Jesus, the word of faith has been handed on from generation to generation. You are the latest generation to receive the word of faith from people who have gone before you. And you will be the next generation to hand it on to people who are not yet born.

**Here is an opportunity** to pass on your faith and get together with other teens, this can be in a religion class, a Youth Ministry session, at a prayer group or Bible Study session. Together you will go through the reflection process that begins with listening to Scripture, reflecting, sharing and praying. Allow 30-40 minutes, longer if there are a large number of participants.

This might be the first step that inspires you and other teens to create a video for the **Teen Video Contest – Be a Digital Disciple**.

Remember 2,000 years ago our Church began with a small group of disciples who knew about Jesus and went out to tell others the story of his love.

## **Reflect...**

Jesus modeled for us how to live, love and forgive. Jesus gave his life for us. He gives us the strength and hope to keep going on our life journey. We receive God's gift with gratitude. And we want to share it with others. We can only do that by telling our story, by giving witness.

HANDING ON THE FAITH

## Start here...

Gather with other teens. Read the Letter from St. Paul to Timothy and follow the steps below.

*I recall your sincere faith that first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and that I am confident lives also in you. For this reason, I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake; but bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.*

2 Tim 1:5-8

## Think about it...

From our earliest years as small children until now, we see how faith is lived out through actions and words of generosity, compassion and forgiveness. Ask yourselves these questions:

- ◆ Who in your family demonstrates compassion and forgiveness?
- ◆ How do your parents, grandparents or caregivers live out the teachings of Jesus?
- ◆ Have you seen a family member demonstrate hope even though they were suffering?
- ◆ Was there a time in your family that showed the cost of loving others?

## Share with others...

In a small group, talk about two or three important moments when you witnessed faith in action with your family or loved ones?

How does the model of faith at home help you to live your ordinary day-to-day life?

Now you know and can see how important it is to live a life grounded in faith. What do you think would help other teens to understand and appreciate a faith lived at home? Make sure that everyone has time to share.

## Closing Prayer...

Bring your prayers and needs and the needs of our Church to the God.