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Marian  Essay Contest
 **2026**

Participant Contact Information

Student Name: (Please PRINT) _____

Grade: (Check one) 5th 6th 7th 8th

Name of the School/Parish: _____

School/Parish Contact Name: _____

Email: _____

Parent's Name(s): _____

Primary Email: _____ Primary Phone# _____

Student's Home Address:

Essay Criteria:

- 400 - 500 word essay reflecting on the theme: Mary, Our Heavenly Mother
- Times New Roman (**12pt. font**)
- Double spaced (**Standard Margins**)
- Word or PDF file format

Contest Entry Requirement Checklist

1. Essay entry must meet the criteria listed above.
2. Participant Contact Information and Image Release form **must be included with the essay**.
3. **Upload Completed Essay and Signed Release Form to the Dropbox.**
Send Questions to: Lisa Oliveras at loliveras@cfocf.org
4. **Essay and forms must be received via email by: 5:00pm on Wednesday, April 15**

The Marian Contest is administered through an Endowment Fund at The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida in conjunction with the Secretariat of Education and Secretariat of Laity, Family and Life.



Image Release Form

(Photography and Image Assignment Waiver, and Release)

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Parent's Signature

Date

Relationship to Student(s)

Parent's Contact information (REQUIRED)

Phone# _____

Please Print Parent's Name

Email: _____

Please Print Student's Name