



# Jesuit Refugee Service/USA

## LESSONS FROM ANNE ESSAY COMPETITION

*COURAGE, COMPASSION, AND HOPE IN REFUGE*



In collaboration with the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Jesuit Schools Network, and America Media, Jesuit Refugee Service/USA (JRS/USA) is pleased to announce the “*Lessons from Anne Essay Competition: Courage, Compassion, and Hope in Refuge.*” This essay competition is an opportunity for students of Jesuit Schools, grades 9-12, to reflect on the life and legacy of Anne Frank and apply the lessons from Anne’s life to today’s refugee crisis.

As a refugee herself, and memorably in her remarkable diary, Anne Frank gave an example of courage, compassion, and hope that can serve as a beacon for refugees and displaced persons in our world today. Through the essay competition, we’re asking students to reflect on Anne’s experience and how it can inform conversation around the lives of refugees today.

The top essay chosen will be published in *America: The Jesuit Review of Faith & Culture*. The flagship magazine of America Media, America is the leading Catholic journal of opinion in the United States. Learn more at [www.americamagazine.org](http://www.americamagazine.org).

This essay competition is inspired by Anne Frank Award JRS/USA received from the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in September 2017. JRS received the honor for our work improving access to education for refugees and others affected by war and conflict.

## ESSAY QUESTION

What can Anne Frank’s life and legacy teach us about how to address the current refugee crisis - more than 65 million people displaced today globally, the highest levels since World War II?

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

**WORD LIMIT:** 1,500 words

**ELIGIBILITY:** Students enrolled in any member of the Jesuit Schools Network (Grades 9-12).

**SUBMISSION DETAILS AND DEADLINES:** Essays must be submitted via [JRS/USA Google Form](#) found at [WWW.jrsusa.org/AnneFrank](http://WWW.jrsusa.org/AnneFrank). Submissions will be reviewed by a committee including staff from Jesuit Refugee Service/USA, the Jesuit Schools Network, and America Media. Essays will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. ET on **January 15, 2018** and Winners will be announced in **April 2018**.

### AWARDS:

*Awards underwritten by the JRS/USA Board of Directors Communications Committee*

- 1st Place - \$1,000 monetary prize & essay will be published in America
- 2nd Place - \$500 monetary prize
- 3rd Place - \$250 monetary prize

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visit [www.JRSUSA.org/AnneFrank](http://www.JRSUSA.org/AnneFrank) to get more information

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