

# Essay Prompt Options

## Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>:

1. “Dear Jesus, I’ve been thinking about raising my own personal life standards, will you please help me have the courage and strength to do the following...”
2. Tell about someone you know who lives by very high standards and is an example to others.
3. Tell about the standards expected of you in your Catholic school to form the mind, heart and spirit. Judge whether or not the standards are set high and tell why.
4. How can you be a model for other students to raise their own standards?
5. Tell about the standards expected of you in your Catholic school to form the mind, heart and spirit. Judge whether or not the standards are set high and tell why.
6. Explain how you raise your own personal standards to meet the expectations of a Catholic school student.
7. Compare/contrast your personal standards of today to those you had three years ago.
8. How can you be a model for other students to raise their own standards?
9. Tell about someone you know who lives by very high standards and is an example to others.

## Grades 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>:

1. Describe someone who is viewed as a role model for teens. Judge whether or not he or she lives by high standards. Give specific examples to support your answer.
2. The Federal government measures and evaluates schools based on how they are able to meet certain “standards”. In essence, this means that many schools are looked at with a “pass” or “fail” (does meet or does not meet) perspective. What does it mean, then, for Catholic schools to attempt to “raise” the standards? What do you think is being raised, and how can they be measured? How is this different than simply meeting the government’s standards?
3. Compare and contrast your personal standards of today to those you had three years ago.
4. How can you be a model for other students to raise their own standards?
5. Your Catholic school has set high standards for student requirements for graduation. Some students argue that the standards are too high. Defend your school’s position.
6. “The ‘door of faith’ (Acts 14:27) is always open for us, ushering us into the life of communion with God and offering entry into his Church.” –Pope Benedict XVI, Apostolic Letter Porta Fidei for the Indiction of the Year of Faith.

How does your education at a Catholic School guide you to this “door of faith”? Or how can you utilize social networking to make this “door of faith” visible to other