

## RCChallenge Format

The contest is held in double-elimination format with two brackets. All teams start in the upper bracket and stay in that bracket until they lose. Two teams face off in each game, each fielding four members at a time. The losing team moves to the lower bracket, where it competes until it loses a second time; a second loss eliminates the team from further competition.

The questions are asked and must be answered "Jeopardy" style. For example:

Q: They are the three Persons of the Blessed Trinity.

A: Who are God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?

Each game consists of two 10-minute halves with a 2-minute break in between; substitutions may be made during the break. The first question asked is referred to as a "toss-up," meaning that any member of either team may answer—after being the first to "buzz in." When a team member answers a toss-up question correctly, the team is awarded 10 points and the opportunity to answer a bonus question, which is worth 5–15 points. Then the play returns to another toss-up.

Questions in all contests cover a wide variety of topics and can include questions on The Trinity, Church History, Sacraments, Old and New Testaments, Art, Commandments, Mary, Saints, Prayers, The Mass, The Rosary, Sacramentals. The difficulty of the questions increases for the older students in Division III and Division IV and may include questions on encyclicals, the hierarchy, church architecture, et cetera.

Judges—generally priests, sisters, seminarians—are provided for each game. During a game, all decisions of judges are final. Dubious answers or problematic questions may be brought to their attention by a coach after the game is finished, but this will in no way affect the final score of the game. A more detailed Rules Booklet is available and will be sent upon receipt of team entries or upon request.

In addition to studying The Bible, lives of the saints, encyclicals, and church history, some helpful resources that might be helpful would be

*Catechism of the Catholic Church*

*The Catholic Encyclopedia* (Imprimatur by Cardinal Cushing)

*The Catholic Source Book* by Rev. Peter Klein

*Welcome to the Catholic Church* by Harmony Media

### Prizes

- Rec Team 1 (Grades 5 - 6): 1<sup>st</sup> place team award of \$ 200; 2<sup>nd</sup> place team award of \$100.
- Rec Team 2 (Grades 7 - 8): 1<sup>st</sup> place team award of \$ 200; 2<sup>nd</sup> place team award of \$100.
- Classic Team 1 (Grades 5– 6): 1<sup>st</sup>-place team award of \$ 300; 2<sup>nd</sup>-place team award of \$200.
- Classic Team 2 (Grades 7– 8): 1<sup>st</sup>-place team award of \$ 400; 2<sup>nd</sup>-place team award of \$300.
- Classic Team 3 (Grades 9–10): 1<sup>st</sup>-place team award of \$ 800; 2<sup>nd</sup>-place team award of \$500.
- Classic Team 4 (Grades 11–12): Scholarships of \$2000 for 1st-place team and \$1000 for 2<sup>nd</sup>-place team

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