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PRESS RELEASE

Knights of COLUMBUS Assembly 3272 Announces Youth Essay Winner

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Jamie Barnett, a 9th grade student at Waccamaw High School, is the winner of the Knights of Columbus Youth Essay contest on “The Responsibility of the Catholic Citizen in a Free Society.” The essay contest is a creative way to encourage young people to become citizens who are firmly grounded in the Catholic faith. The contest was open to all Catholic students in public, private and parochial schools, grades 8 through 12, in Georgetown County. Barnett was recognized for her winning essay by Clem Thoennes, chairman of the Youth Essay Committee, and by Fr. Patrick J. Stenson, Parish Administrator of Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church, during Mass on February 19. She was awarded a \$500 Savings Bond by Assembly 3272 of the Knights of Columbus. Her essay focuses on the power of prayer in guiding Catholic citizens in a free society. In discussing God’s unconditional love, she stresses “we have the duty to spread that love He gives us back to Him and out to others.” Her winning essay has been submitted for statewide competition.

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