The Yale Center for Faith & Culture is hosting three competitions: a sermon series competition, an essay competition and a curriculum competition. These competitions seek submissions that address questions concerning joy and flourishing (the "good life") for adolescents. The Adolescent Faith and Flourishing Program seeks to advance authentic human flourishing among youth by drawing on the theological insights developed by the Center’s God and Human Flourishing Program to enhance and support transformative Christian youth ministries.

We ask that participants submit curricular resources that address one or more of the following questions:

1. What is joy? What are enhancers of joy? What are inhibitors of joy?
2. What is the relationship between joy and the flourishing life? How does attention to joy shape one’s vision of the flourishing life?
3. How can recovery of joy as a central theological category and human experience help lay the foundations for flourishing in adolescence?
4. What practices, attitudes, habits, and virtues help to inspire and sustain joy and flourishing for adolescents?
5. What are the biggest obstacles to and counterfeits of joy that adolescents face? How can we offer adolescents the spiritual communities, experiences, and resources that sustain resilience in confronting these obstacles or enable them to live with a measure of joy despite them?

The competition is open to all current (master’s and doctoral) degree-seeking students at accredited institutions, including seminarians. The competition is also open to youth ministry leaders and volunteers.

Detailed submission instructions and information on the selection process can be found on the Yale Center for Faith & Culture website: faith.yale.edu

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First Prize: $2,000
Runners Up (3): $500