



September 27, 2026

Dear RC Challenge Coaches and Supporters,

I am pleased to announce the opening of registration for the 38th annual RC Challenge competition! The competition will again be held at Aquinas Hall of Holy Rosary Parish, located at 340 NE Clackamas Street, Portland Oregon, 97232.

There are a handful of changes this year we wish share with you. First, it is with humble hearts that we announce the retirements of Rocky Harris, Lynn Harris, and Christine Cieslak from our board. Each has provided decades of dedicated service to ensure the success of this ministry, and we invite you to keep them in prayer as we move forward with this year's competition.

Second, we would like you to know that we've given much consideration to the perennial concern regarding veteran teams who have questions memorized. The best solution is of course new questions, and our questions committee is always ready to receive new question suggestions. However, we will also be enacting two new changes to help level the playing field as well.

1. Writing of questions during the competition will no longer be allowed. Anyone seen writing, note taking, or recording during the competition will be asked to leave. As new questions are written, this should significantly reduce the ability to memorize a specific phrasing as opposed to the catechetical content. However, we also understand that studying for questions is the entire means by which we aim to teach the faith. So to that end:

2. We will be releasing all answers (in the form of a question) to our questions online. Note: we will **not** be proving the questions themselves (as given by the MC), just the answers that are expected from the teams. In doing so, we hope to provide a definitive study guide for each division to assist in their studying.

Finally, we are keeping the new expanded prize structure we announced last year. For a full breakdown of prize amounts per division, please see the attached 2027 Prize Money handout.

As always, I offer my thanks to you coaches, parents, and supporters who make this event possible. It is your hard work and support that makes this ministry a success.

Here is the information you need to start getting your team registered:

Contest: January 29th - January 30, 2027
Aquinas Hall, Holy Rosary Parish
Portland, Oregon

Registration: Envelopes must be postmarked no later than:
Early bird - \$80/team: Friday, November 27, 2026
Final date - \$100/team: Friday, December 11, 2026

We look forward to seeing you all on January 29th and January 30st. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to email us at: info@RomanCatholicChallenge.com.

Sincerely,
Josh Jones
Secretary
RC Challenge