GUIDELINES FOR MENTORS IN THE ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

- 1. Contact your participants early in the week. (handout #1)
- 2. Introduce yourself as their mentor and give them your phone number/email address.
- 3. Ask them if they plan to only write their speech, but not deliver it. Encourage them to deliver it, since their participation in this Festival counts for academic or service credit towards their school's honors program. Inform me of their decision.
- 4. Call them as many times as you feel necessary between the dates of January 27 and March 9 to offer your encouragement and assistance.
- 5. Remind them of the various due dates for the Oratorical Festival (handout #2)
- 6. Make sure that they read the TIPS (handouts # 3 and #4) and research material thoroughly for their topic before they begin to takes notes or outline their speech.
- 7. Critique their outlines, 1st drafts, revisions and their final speech, by offering them your suggestions and opinions. DO NOT write the speech for them. (handouts #5 and #6)
- 8. Encourage them to either call you, email you, or meet with you in church if they have any questions.
- 9. Keep reminding them that they are writing a SPEECH, not a REARCH PAPER.
- 10. Listen to their completed speech before March 9. (either over the telephone or in church) Time them. (junior division: 2 minutes 45 second –4 minutes 15 seconds) (senior division: 3 minutes 45 seconds—5 minutes 15 seconds). Praise them for their speechmaking effort, but make sure to offer constructive criticism as well. (handout #7)

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