

2025 Serra Club Essay Contest - Church Bulletin Information

John D. Kelley Vocations Essay Contest

The Serra Club of Indianapolis is sponsoring its 2025 annual vocations essay contest. It is open to any Catholic student in grades 7 through 12 in parochial, public or homeschool systems in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

The theme and question for this year's contest is:

Theme

The Holy Father has announced that 2025 is a Jubilee Year, a special occasion which happens every 25 years. The celebration begins on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2024, and concludes on January 6, 2026, on the Feast of the Epiphany. The theme for this Jubilee Year is "Pilgrims of Hope".

Question

How has a priest or consecrated person encouraged you to seek God? How does pursuing a vocation bring hope into your life? And how are you preparing to know where God is calling you to build up his kingdom with your God-given talents?

For more details and an essay submission form, contact your school religion teacher, REP instructor, or parish catechist/youth minister. Information is also available from the Office of Vocations at vocations@archindy.org

Submitted essays must be postmarked no later than Friday, March 7, 2025.