



Serra Club

2026 John Kelly Essay Contest Topic

As our nation marks the 250th anniversary of its founding this year, we also remember the priests and religious who built our parishes, schools, missions, and communities of faith which have strengthened the soul of our nation. As America enters its next chapter, the Church depends on a new generation willing to listen for God's call. What can the story of our past teach the youth in our Church today about their own vocation and their role in the future of the Church? How might God be calling you to make your own contributions?