



Anthony J Kelly Emerging Scholars Essay Competition

The Australian Catholic Theological Association is a body of Catholic professional theologians serving the Church and society in Australia within the area of systematic theology. ACTA's Executive invites current HDR students and early career scholars (within 3 years of completion of doctoral studies) to submit a theological essay (5000 words) for the Anthony J. Kelly CSsR Essay Competition. Essays will be reviewed by the ACTA Executive. The Executive reserves the right to withhold the award, depending on the number and quality of submissions.

The author of the winning essay will receive \$1,000 and a sponsored place at the 2025 ACTA Conference: Melbourne, July 3-5, 2025.

Rev. Prof. Anthony J Kelly, CSsR, was awarded Fellow of the Australian Catholic Theological Association in 2010—the highest honour bestowed to members of the Association. It is awarded in recognition of outstanding contribution over a sustained period to theological scholarship and exemplary service to the discipline of theology and to the Church.

Kelly's prolific publications explore the Thomistic theological tradition, Trinity, theology and culture, Lonergan studies, ecology and social justice. His long career in theology began with doctoral and post-doctoral studies in Rome, Toronto, and Paris, before he took up positions at Yarra Theological Union in Melbourne, and then Australian Catholic University. He was appointed to the International Theological Commission in 2004 and is a former President of ACTA.

It is our pleasure to name this essay competition and scholarship in his honour.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ESSAYS: Friday May 28, 2025.

Essays should be approximately 5000 words.

Consideration will be given to essays in themes of systematic theology related to the doctoral or post-doctoral studies of the applicants.

Submissions must include a cover page with the following information:

- Name (& title, if applicable)
- Institutional affiliation
- Mailing address and contact number
- Email address
- Brief biography (100-150 words)
- Title of paper
- Brief abstract (200-300 words)

**Please send submission by email to the ACTA secretary:
Rev Dr Robin Koning, SJ, rkoning@sjasl.org.au**