



# POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD

## PARTICIPANTS GUIDE FOR ON-LINE ACTIVITIES

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## INTRODUCTION

Due to Covid-19 restrictions it hasn't be possible for those who are participating in the Pope John Paul II Award to engage in parish and social awareness activities as they usually would.

Therefore, given the exceptional nature of the circumstances that we find ourselves in, I have created an On-line Activities Resource which will allow participants to continue to engage with the Award in a meaningful, safe and productive manner.

This guide will show you how to access, complete and submit the On-line activities.

If you have any difficulty, for whatever reason, in accessing, completing or submitting these activities, please make contact with your Award Leader in our school or with me directly.

My email address is [frank.mcguinness@elphindiocese.ie](mailto:frank.mcguinness@elphindiocese.ie) and my mobile is 087 9880690.

Wishing you and your family health and safety during this time.

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Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry,  
Diocese of Elphin.*

## EXTENSION OF COMPLETION DATE FOR THE AWARD

The completion date for this year's participants (2019/2020 group) has been extended to the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021. This is to allow participants to complete the On-line activities and, depending on how restrictions are relaxed, complete some of their remaining activities in their parish and local community, should they need to. The Award Ceremony will be scheduled for a suitable time during March or April 2021.

## ACHIEVING THE AWARD

This year's Award will be granted to each participant based on the following:

- a. Evidence of Activities that were completed by the participant at the time of school closure on the 11<sup>th</sup> March. Their Record Card will need to be submitted with evidence of these activities, by the end of January 2021.
- b. Completion of the On-line Activities Resource and submission of completed reflective questions on each episode, at the required level for the Award they are undertaking (see details of what is required for each level of the Award below). Again these need to be submitted by the end of January 2021.
- c. Any Activities that are carried out and documented on the Record Card from August 2020 to January 2021 inclusive. (recognising that restrictions may still put a limit on the opportunity for this.) These activities should be recorded on their Record Card also.
- d. Completion of the Standard Reflection Paper for the Award i.e. the Usual Template

**Note: a. & b. will need to be submitted in order to attain the Award (i.e. not optional) Point c. may not be feasible for some or all depending on the restrictions that remain in place.**

## THE ON-LINE RESOURCE

The On-line Resource is a Series of Eight Video Episodes, with Three short five minute presentations in each episode. The Series presents different aspects of our search for meaning and purpose and examines what the Christian context proposes to us in terms of understanding our existence.

Each Participant is asked to view each Episode in its entirety (3 presentations in each) and then, depending on the level of the Award they are undertaking, answer some or all of the reflective questions on each episode.

The On-line Resource can be accessed by typing in the following link into your internet browser.

<https://www.elphindiocese.ie/pope-john-paul-ii-award-online-activities/>

Details on how to navigate the Resource, download the Reflection Questions Template, etc. can be found in this guide in a separate paragraph.

## HOW MANY ACTIVITIES WILL I EARN BY COMPLETING THE ON-LINE ACTIVITY RESOURCE

The On-line Activities Resource can be applied to either or both the Parish and Social Awareness Activities areas of the Award. The On-line Activities Resource counts for a variable number of Activities, depending on the Award Level being undertaken, as follows:

ON-LINE RESOURCE ACTIVITIES CALCULATION TABLE	
AWARD LEVEL	NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES
BRONZE	8
SILVER	12
GOLD	16
PAPAL CROSS	16

### REQUIREMENT FOR EACH AWARD LEVEL WHEN COMPLETING THE ON-LINE ACTIVITY

There are different requirements for the number of reflection questions that each participant completes, depending on the Award Level he/she is undertaking.

For **BRONZE** Award Level you are required to answer any ONE of the three reflection questions outlined for each Episode

For **SILVER** Award Level you are required to answer any TWO of the three reflection questions outlined for each Episode

For **GOLD** Award Level you are required to answer ALL THREE of the reflection questions outlined for each Episode

For **PAPAL CROSS** Award Level you are required to answer ALL THREE of the reflection questions outlined for each Episode

Please note that for each Award Level, ALL Episodes should be viewed in their entirety. This will allow the participant answer the reflection questions in an honest and informed manner.

# ACCESSING THE ON-LINE RESOURCE

## STEP 1: GO TO WEBPAGE

Type the following link into your internet browser:

<https://www.elphindiocese.ie/pope-john-paul-ii-award-online-activities/>

The following webpage will appear



## STEP 2: DOWNLOADING THE PARTICIPANTS GUIDE

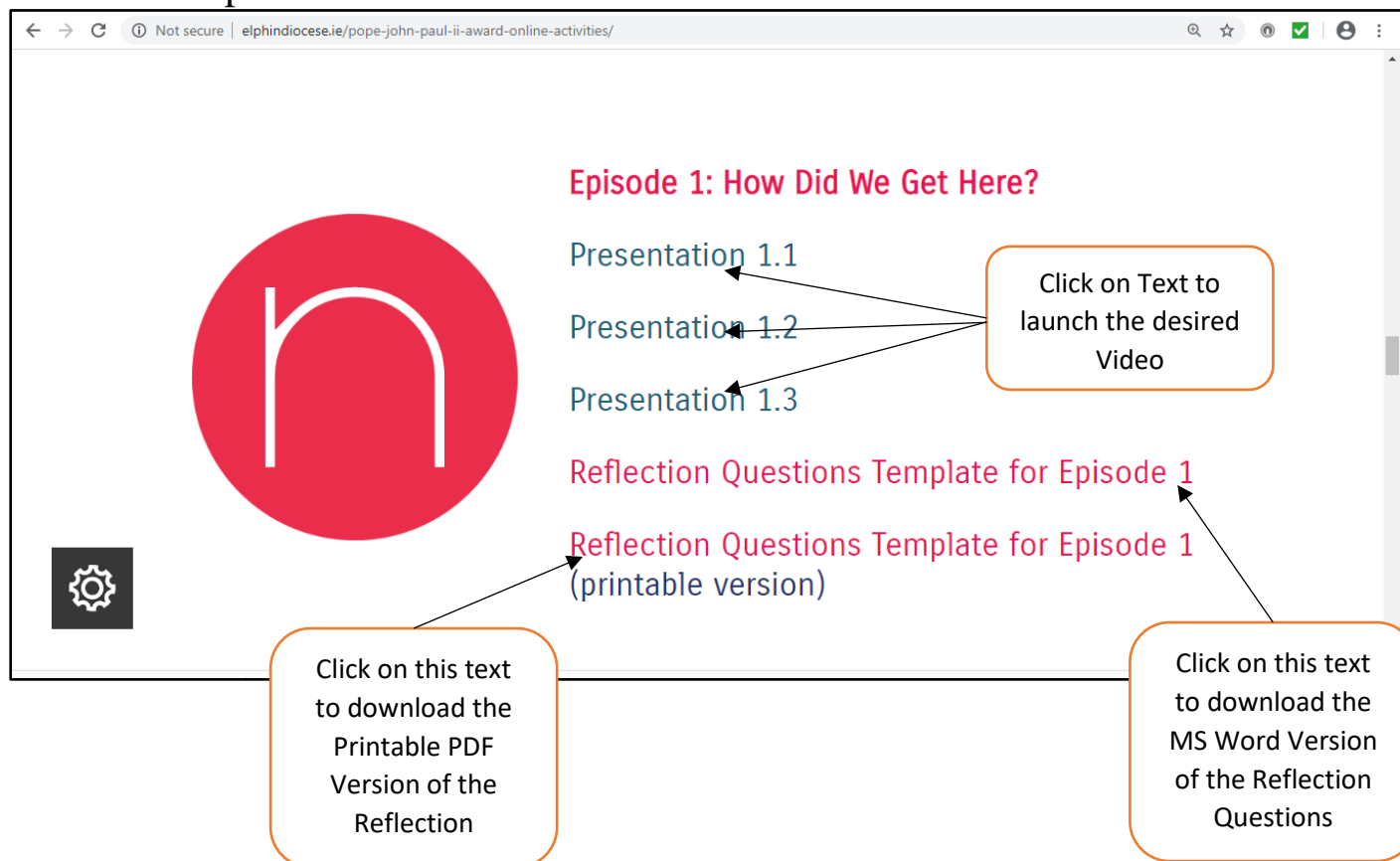
Read through the webpage in its entirety and then download and print the Participants Guide as follows:

- a) Scroll to where it says **Download Participants Guide**, hover the mouse over the text and click on it. A new webpage will open up displaying the Participants Guide in PDF format. You should be able find the 'Print' icon on the top right-hand corner of the screen. Click on it and the print dialogue box should appear. Select your printer and press print.
- b) Once printed, read through the Participants Guide before you begin any part of the On-line Activities Resource

### STEP 3: VIEWING EACH EPISODE AND COMPLETING THE REFLECTION QUESTIONS

The same process is used to access the video resource for each Episode. All Episodes with their three video presentations are in sequential order and should be viewed in that manner. To view each presentation within each episode please do the following:

- a) Scroll down the webpage to your desired Episode beginning with Episode 1. See screenshot below outlining what's contained in each Episode Section:



- b) Click on the presentation you wish to view and it will launch the video in a separate webpage. You can watch each presentation within each Episode in the same way, working through them in sequential order.
- c) Once you have viewed the entire Episode, i.e. its three presentations, you should, before moving on to the next Episode, download and complete the Reflection Questions Template for that particular Episode. You can either download the MS Word version (see screenshot above), which will allow you to type in your answers and then save it to your computer. (please ensure to press save to a location on your

computer that you'll remember). Alternatively you can open and print the PDF version of the Reflection Questions Template and fill in your answers to the relevant questions in pen. (please ensure to store your completed papers in a secure place so that you can find them when it's time to submit them.)

## **SUBMITTING YOUR COMPLETED ON-LINE ACTIVITIES**

You have until the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021 to complete the On-line Activities portion of the Award. However it's advisable to complete it before the beginning of the new school year if possible, as many participants will be undertaking more arduous school work from that point onwards.

Once you have Viewed all the Eight Episodes and Completed the Reflection Questions, to the level required for your Award, you should print (if not already done so) and store them in a safe place. These should then be submitted along with your completed Record Card and your Pope John Paul II Award Reflection,

(available from you Award Leader or downloadable at this link <https://thepopejohnpauliiaward.com/wp-content/themes/altitude-pro/resources/pope-john-paul-ii-award-reflection-template.pdf>)

before the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

There will be opportunity to speak with your Award Leader well in advance of January 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 to bring any clarity you need on how to submit the above. What's important is that you complete the On-line Activities Resource and any other remaining activities you have before the deadline.



## PAPAL CROSS PARTICIPANTS

Those undertaking the Papal Cross Award are aware that in addition to the requirements outlined above they also have to submit a project on some aspect of faith and life. Given the impact of Covid-19 on society, this year's project is as follows:

Please complete a **1500 word reflection paper/project** based on the following Question and its subparts:

- How has Covid-19 Impacted (positively and negatively) the following?
  - My life, friends & Family
  - My School Community
  - My Parish Community
  - My faith in God
  - My future

This should be submitted along with your completed Record Card and your completed On-line Activities Reflection Questions before the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

## HELP & SUPPORT

If you need any further help in accessing the On-line Activities Resource or have any other issues relating to the completion of your Pope John Paul II Award please make contact with your Award Leader in your school or contact me directly at [frank.mcguinness@elphindiocese.ie](mailto:frank.mcguinness@elphindiocese.ie) or on my mobile 087 9880690