



Pope John Paul II Award

Diocese of Elphin

Youth Ministry



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What is the Award About?

Taking an active part in the life of your parish, community and society.

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Who is the award for?

- Students in full time 2nd/3rd level education who have completed Junior Cert



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What are the benefits of participating in this award?

You will receive a Bronze, Silver or Gold medal and a certificate

- Recognised by prospective employers
- Recognised by University Admissions Departments
- Strengthens CV credentials
- Involvement helps a young person develop gifts and talents which will help build Parish, Community and Society into the future



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What does the Award Involve?

It has 3 different elements:

Parish Involvement



Social Awareness

Written Presentation



Sample of Actual Parish & Social Awareness Activities

See Handout

The Presentation

This presentation may be written or given by interview. The Presentation is to include:

- ✓ A personal reflection and evaluation on some or all of the activities carried out for the Award.
- ✓ The teaching of the Church/Word of God that is relevant to your activities (e.g. if visiting a residential home – (teaching of the Church in relation to the care of the elderly and vulnerable)
- ✓ An answer to the question - What does it mean to be a baptised member of the Church?

Guidelines and templates are provided for the presentation and are available to download from our website

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How many Awards are there?

There are three Awards:

Gold Award

Parish Involvement 1 Activity (minimum 1 hr) per week for 20 weeks

Social Awareness 1 Activity (minimum 1 hr) per week for 20 weeks

Silver Award

Parish Involvement 1 Activity per week for 14 weeks

Social Awareness 1 Activity per week for 14 weeks

Bronze Award

Parish Involvement 1 Activity per week for 8 weeks

Social Awareness 1 Activity per week for 8 weeks

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What exactly do you have to do to earn an Award?

To earn your Award you enroll, choose and complete activities for Parish Involvement and Social Awareness, and prepare a Presentation/Reflection.

When is the Award Ceremony for Academic Year 2020/21?

Due to COVID-19 the ceremony for this academic year will take place in Jan/Feb 2022. Those who have completed their Award Level Activities and submitted an acceptable Presentation/Reflection by the December Deadline. (Date 17th December 2021)

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The Papal Cross Award is an option for next year if you successfully complete the gold award this year.

Papal Cross

Parish Involvement 1 Activity per week for 26 weeks

Social Awareness 1 Activity per week for 26 weeks

Project

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Award Top-ups

Top-ups can be achieved in a number of ways

- School Retreats
- Diocesan Pilgrimage (Lourdes, World Youth Day, etc.)
- Diocesan Youth Activities (Knock Festival, Pre-leaving Cert Day, etc.)
- Humanitarian Trips
- Others (Check with Director through your Award Leader)

Top-ups as follows:

Papal Cross -	7.5 Activities
Gold -	6 Activities
Silver -	4.5 Activities
Bronze -	3 Activities

Only 1 top up is allowed per award under each strand of Parish Involvement and Social Award

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How do I find out more or enroll for the Award?

www.thepopejohnpauliiaward.com/elphin

Pope John Paul II Award Website and download an application form.

Think about what you can commit to in terms of Award Level

You should then return the completed form with the enrolment fee €20 to your Award leader in your school/parish.

(Parish/School should consider helping students with fee)

Application form must be signed off by Parent/Guardian and Award Leader and returned to my office for registration

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How do I find out more or enroll for the Award ... continued

Once registered you can print out your Record Card (Each activity must be signed off when completed by facilitator (Parish Rep/Leader/Priest/Volunteer e.g. Choir Leader or Charity Shop Owner)

Contact your Parish and offer to get involved in your desired activity and think about Social Awareness projects you can get involved in either through your School or broader community

RECORD CARD - GOLD AWARD

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Parish Attended

Parish Involvement - 20 Weeks

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Award Top-Ups

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Award Leader

ID No:

Social Awareness - 20 Weeks

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To be completed by Award Leader

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