

The Award enables participants to take an active part in the life of their Church – in the life of their community and society. It enables young people become more aware of the teaching and role of the Catholic Church in the world and to engage at a deep level with Christ.

The Award was created to commemorate the late Pope Saint John Paul II who was so committed to young people and who had such belief and confidence in them.

Making young people visible in their church, community & society

The Award is committed to helping young people enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional and social development through participation in school, parish and community activities. As well as the feeling of personal achievement that a participant will gain from taking part in the Award, participation will help demonstrate the young person's commitment to a task and goal.

Who is the Award for?

The Pope John Paul II Award is for anyone between the age of 16 and 18. The Award is run by the Archdiocese through the parish and is suitable for:

- Students in 4th Year
- Students in full-time education who have completed Junior Certificate
- Students in Transition Year
- Anyone between the age of 16 and 18, not in post-primary education

The Award is non-competitive, flexible and voluntary and requires an ongoing commitment. Awards are earned by taking part in parish and social activities – 1 hour per week. There are 3 Awards – Gold, Silver & Bronze. Those that have completed the Gold Award have a further option of completing the Papal Cross Award.

Awards – Gold, Silver & Bronze

Awards are earned by taking part in parish and social activities – 1 hour per week over; **8 weeks - Bronze Award, 14 weeks - Silver Award or 20 weeks - Gold Award.**

To take part or if you would like to learn more contact the [Conor - the Parish Pastoral Worker](#)