

MAKING YOUNG PEOPLE VISIBLE IN THEIR CHURCH, COMMUNITY & SOCIETY

Diocese of Achonry

THE POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD

The Pope John Paul II 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. It enables young people to 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.

Who is the Award for?

The Award is run by the Diocese and is suitable for:

- Anyone between the age of 16 and 18.
- 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 - Gold, Silver & Bronze

Awards are earned by taking part in parish and social activities – 1 hour per week over 8, 14 or 20 weeks. There are 3 Award levels – Gold, Silver & Bronze.



The Papal Cross Award

Those that have completed the Gold Award have a further option of completing the Papal Cross Award.



The Pope John Paul II Award encourages you to go beyond your comfort zone on a journey of self-discovery. It challenges you to give of your time, your talents, your intellect, and your social skills for the well-being of others and for the Glory of God."

How do Schools and Parishes enrol in the Award?

If your school or parish has not enrolled, you should ask a representative to contact Stephen Giblin at: email: youthministry@achonrydiocese.org