

Pope John Paul II Award



Guidelines for the Presentation

When the young person completes the Parish Involvement and Social Awareness strands of the Award he/she prepares a presentation. This presentation may be written (approx 1500 words) or through an interview (conducted by the Award leader, recorded, then transcribed)

The Presentation is to include:

- (1) An answer to the question - What does it mean to be a baptised member of the Church? The following points can be used to guide your answer. (250 words)**

A person's spiritual journey begins at Baptism. Baptism is a beginning not an end, it is an invitation to live our lives as active members of the body of Christ and as such it demands a response from us.

At Baptism we are initiated into God's family, each of us are baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit but Jesus also encourages us to 'Go and make disciples of all nations; baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit' (Mt 28: 19)

By participating in this award young people can respond to Christ's challenge when he said 'You will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem, Judaea and Samaria, but to the ends of the earth' (Acts 1: 8)

- (2) A personal reflection and evaluation on your parish involvement and social awareness work. (800 words)**

This is simply an opportunity for you to record your activities in the parish involvement and social awareness strands of the award. It is where you describe what you did, how often and your personal reflection on the activity, perhaps including fears, challenges, confidence, skills, feedback you received etc...

- (3) Your reflection on how the teachings of Christ are relevant to your chosen activities. (250 words)**

This is an opportunity for participants to relate the Word of God to their activities. Visiting a residential home, the care of the elderly and vulnerable, reading at Mass., cleaning the church, Eucharistic minister, raising funds for charity, can all be related to scripture. For example visiting a residential home can be related to Christ's teaching in the 'Last Judgement' Mt 25: 31-46 where he says "when I was sick you visited me".

- (4) Conclusion (200 words)**

How has completing the award helped you to understand and appreciate the contribution that young people can make within the Church today?