

## Why have a Catholic award?

- Good for school / parish community
  - Completely inclusive – accessible by all participants
  - Simple and powerful way of reflecting on active faith
  - Enables outreach and inspires action
  - Encourages stronger community links
  - Provides measurable data for faith life of the school (Sect 48 / OFSTED)
  - Transferable skills
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- To celebrate the faith journey of young people
  - To celebrate what already happens
  - To encourage tangible living faith in the 'real world'
  - To strengthen links between individuals, communities and organisations
  - To explore the universal call to holiness and to work for the Good News and the common good

## Why should a young person take part in the award?

- To make a difference
- To learn and/or develop new skills
- You care about your community
- To make new friendships
- To explore what faith is and what it means to me
- I want what I believe to influence how I live
- It will look good on my record of achievement



This award scheme promises to inspire and reward all those young people in our parishes and schools who offer so much of themselves and play a vital role in our faith community. It also encourages young people to explore their faith and seek to put that faith into action for the good of others in the Church, the wider community and the young people themselves.

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**CYMFed National  
Catholic Award Scheme**

**For young people in year 6 to year 13**



In the Archdiocese of Liverpool



# The Award

## What is the Award?

The Award is designed to reward the good work young people in our diocese are already doing.

The programme rewards active service in schools, parishes and local communities, encouraging participants to take their service into the wider community and accept greater responsibility for putting their faith into action.

The award encourages young people to shine the light of their faith upon their everyday experiences and then reflect on how this shapes and moulds them as young people.

At the end of the year young people receive an award from the Archbishop to thank them for the work they have done.



## Award levels

The award scheme can be broken down into four different levels:

### Pin

This level is the entry level award. At this level a young person would have to participate in 20 hours of service through the year. This level is appropriate for year 6 pupils or as an entry level for older High School pupils as the hours for this award can be at simple participation level.

### Bronze

At this level a young person would have to take part in 20 hours of service in the school and also have 10 hours of service outside school. The level of service at this level needs to be more than simple participation.

### Silver

Those taking part in the Silver award will be encouraged to take a more leading role in events and their acts of service. They will need to complete 20 hours of service in school and 15 hours outside school.

### Gold

At the Gold level young people will be asked to stretch themselves and move out of any comfort zone

they have by initiating, leading and participating in events and acts of service. They will have to complete 20 hours in school and another 20 hours outside school.

## Faith Reflection

At the heart of this award, though, and what makes this award different to other awards that emphasise acts of service is the necessary reflection on any act of service through the lens of the Catholic faith.



Young people will be asked to take part in four reflection points through the year that will allow them to contemplate how scripture, church teaching and the lives of Saints can affect the work they have been doing.

The hope is that these four times of reflection through the year will allow any young person to better understand how our faith can affect the way we live our lives and so any further act of service may be affected by ongoing theological and spiritual insight.

