

FAITH IN ACTION AWARD 2022-23

POPE FRANCIS

‘Dear young people, do not bury your talents, the Gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things!’



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WHAT IS THE AWARD

The Faith in Action Award rewards young people's active service in helping to build the Kingdom of God on Earth. Many young people are doing so much to follow Jesus' example in serving others in their schools and parishes. The award allows young people to be **recognised** within their church and school.

The programme facilitates an exploration of scripture and Church teaching, with an emphasis on translating this into action. It encourages young people to shine the light of faith upon their experience of service through guided and personal reflection.

The CYMFed Faith in Action Award was launched in **2016**.

The logo for Faith in Action is contained within a white square with a thin orange border. The word "FAITH" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font on the top line. The word "IN ACTION" is written in a smaller, bold, black, sans-serif font on the bottom line. The letter "I" in "IN" is highlighted in orange, matching the border color.

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SINCE 2016... (THE LAUNCH)

THIS YEAR
CURRENTLY:

14 Schools
262

(Very early days!)

2016-2017: 446

2017-2018: 762

2018-2019: 942

2019-2020: 1273

2020-2021: 542

2021-2022: 697

PAST PARTICIPANTS (OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS)

Primary Schools

Liverpool Local Authority

- Holy Cross Catholic Primary School, Fontenoy Street
- Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Upper Essex Street
- *Knowsley Local Authority*
- St Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School, Pilch Lane

Lancashire Local Authority

- St Anne's Catholic Primary School, Aughton Street
- St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Wigan Road
- St Teresa's Catholic Primary School, Stanley Grove
- St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Haig Avenue
- St Aloysius' Catholic Primary School, Twig Lane
- St Bede's Catholic Primary School, Preston Road
- St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Bury Lane
- St John's Catholic Primary School, Flamstead

- St Anne's Catholic Primary School, Slater Lane
- St Oswald's Catholic Primary School, Chapel Lane
- St Teresa's Catholic Primary School, College Road

St Helens Local Authority

- St Bartholomew's Catholic Primary School, School Lane
- St Mary's (Blackbrook) Catholic Primary School, Chain Lane
- St Julie's Catholic Primary School, School Lane

Sefton Local Authority

- St. Benedict's Catholic Primary School, Copy Lane

Warrington Local Authority

- St Lewis' Catholic primary School, Mustard Lane
- St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Hillock Lane
- St Benedict's Catholic Primary School, Quebec Road

Wigan Local Authority

- Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School, Downall Green Road

- St Oswald's Catholic Primary School, Council Avenue
- Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Springfield Road
- Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Swan Lane
- St Marie's Catholic Primary School, Avondale Street
- St Aidan's Catholic Primary School, Holmes House Avenue
- St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Mather Lane
- St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School, Thorburn Road

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High Schools

Liverpool Local Authority

- St Francis Xavier's College, Beaconsfield Road
- Notre Dame Catholic College, Great Homer Street
- The De La Salle Academy, Carr Lane East
- St Edward's College, North Drive
- Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School, Honeysgreen Lane
- Bellerive FCJ Catholic College, Windermere Terrace

Lancashire Local Authority

- St Bede's Catholic High School, St Anne's Road

- All Hallows Catholic High School, Crabtree Avenue
- Our Lady's Catholic High School, St Anthony's Drive
- St Mary's Catholic High School, Royal Avenue
- Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Engineering College, Glenburn Road
- Holy Cross Catholic High School, Myles Standish Way

St Helens Local Authority

- Hope Academy, Ashton Road
- De La Salle School, Mill Brow

Sefton Local Authority

- Maricourt High School, Hall Lane
- Savio Salesian College, Netherton Way

Warrington Local Authority

- St Gregory's High School, Cromwell Avenue

Wigan Local Authority

- St Edmund Arrowsmith High School, Rookery Avenue
- St John Fisher High School, Baytree Road

PAST PARTICIPANTS (OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS)

Parishes

Croxteth and Walton Pastoral Area

- Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs and St Swinthin

Widnes Pastoral Area

- St Wilfrid, Widnes

Woolton and Halewood Pastoral Area

- Our Lady of the Assumption, Gatacre
- Our Lady of the Annunciation, Bishop Eton

- St Ambrose, Speke

- St Christopher, Speke

Liverpool North Pastoral Area

- St Oswald

- St Sebastian

- St John the Evangelist, Kirkdale

Ormskirk and Maghull Pastoral Area

- St John the Evangelist, Burscough Hall

Warrington Pastoral Area

- St Benedict

- St Oswald

Wigan Pastoral Area

- St Aidan

Upholland Pastoral Area

- St Teresa

Bootle and Litherland Pastoral Area

- St Benet

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The Faith in Action Award is for young people aged 10-18 (Year 6 to Year 13).

Young people undertake the award through their school, parish or organisation.

No matter what level or age of the candidate, one question should always remain constant...

WHAT KIND OF PERSON AM I BECOMING?

There are two sections in completing the award:

1. Credits

(Active hours within the school and parish)

2. Reflection Point Sessions

(Four to cover over the space of the year)



WHAT IS EXPECTED FOR EACH LEVEL OF THE AWARD?

Level	In- School/ Parish Credits	Out-of-School/ Parish Credits	Expectations
PIN Seeking (Year 6 +)	20	0	Taking a lead role in school events which serve others.
BRONZE Belonging (Year 7 +)	20	10	Taking a lead role in school events which serve others (20 Hours) Taking a lead role in events outside of school (10 Hours)
SILVER Vocation	20	15	Taking a lead role in school events which serve others (20 Hours) Taking a lead role in events outside of school (10 Hours) AND Organising an event independently (5 Hours)
GOLD Mission	20	20	Taking a lead role in school events which serve others (20 Hours) Taking a lead role in events outside of school (5 Hours) Organising an event independently (5 Hours) AND Regular participation in service to others outside of school/ parish (10 Hours)

PIN AWARD – SEEKING, SEARCHING



Year 6 and above.

Pin is all about discovery, discovery is highly important within this award as it is the foundation on which their Faith in Action Scheme will be built. The candidate should highlight the activities which they have taken part in and reflect on how these activities have had a positive effect in the life of themselves, the people they have met, and the wider life of the Church and society.

BRONZE AWARD - BELONGING



The bronze award is all about service. When we look at the scripture from John 13 we are all called to be a servant of God.

It is also the first level in the award which asks the young people to be involved in the outside community as well as in their parish/school.

It's the first stepping stone in learning about authentic faith, being that it shows in all of their lives not just at Church. The candidate should display in their final piece what service they have offered to those around them and what they have learnt from serving others.

Young people don't need to have completed the Pin Award prior to this one.

SILVER AWARD – VOCATION



Silver is focused on leadership.

Giving the young people the opportunity to grow more in their abilities, leading at whatever level is appropriate for them (not everyone can stand at the front).

It shows a commitment to being a key player in the mentorship of their brothers and sisters in faith. The final piece should outline the ways that the candidate has used their God given gifts to lead those around them, including what they have gained and any challenges they may have faced and how they overcame them.

Young people don't need to have completed the Bronze Award prior to this one but I would advise it as it allows progression throughout the award.

GOLD AWARD - MISSION



Gold is about innovation, creating and helping fulfil the needs of those around them. When Jesus sent out the apostles he called them to be missionaries in the world, in the same way we too must become missionaries in our communities and the wider world.

It is the culmination of all the previous tiers' work focusing on the candidate's pioneering work in their communities, with a deeper understanding of why they're doing what they are. The final work should include evidence of them trying to cultivate new projects/groups to accommodate the spiritual as well as physical needs of those around them.

I would advise the minimum of Year 10 and above for this award level.

REFLECTION POINTS

ONCE AGAIN THE AWARD CHANGED IN 2018 REGARDING THE REFLECTION POINTS FROM CYMFED.

OLD

4 Reflection Points:

- WE ARE LOVED BECAUSE WE ARE LOVED.*
- LOVING OUR NEIGHBOUR IS LOVING JESUS.*
- OUR ACTIVE LOVE BUILDS THE KINGDOM OF GOD.*
- SERVANT LEADERSHIP – A LIFE LIVED NOT AN EXAMPLE GIVEN.*

NEW

LOVE

- We are loved
- Loving our neighbour

SERVICE

- Building the Kingdom of God
- Servant Leadership

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THESE REFLECTION POINTS ARE ASKED TO BE AROUND A
1 HOUR SESSION. HERE'S WHAT IS EXPECTED...

- Start with participants' experience
- Explore Sacred Scripture and the teaching of the Church
- Consider the lives of exemplar Christians
- Reflect on what all of the above says about faith
- Consider what all of the above is saying to 'me'

WE HAVE A NUMBER OF SESSIONS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE ANIMATEYOUTH.ORG – FAITH IN ACTION

Reflection Point 1

WE ARE LOVED

In this reflection point, we will explore what it means to be loved. Using the parable of the Prodigal Son, we will reflect on how God's love for us is unconditional and everlasting. We will then discuss how our experience of love affects the way in which we live our lives and love one another.

Below are some resources to help you with the reflection point. A guided video led by the Animate Team, and some timetables with attached resources so that coordinators can lead the reflection point themselves.



Primary and Secondary sessions created by Animate for each reflection point.

[We-Are-Loved-Primary-School](#) Download

[We-Are-Loved-High-School](#) Download

Four reflection points via YouTube led by the animate team. (If you are unable to lead the reflection points yourself).

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YOU CAN ALSO VISIT THE CYMFED SITE FOR EXTRA SUPPORT AND RESOURCES -
[HTTPS://FAITHINACTIONAWARD.CO.UK](https://faithinactionaward.co.uk)



You will require a username and password to access the resources. You will be asked to sign up but I am unable to help with this!!

But if you go to faithinactionaward.co.uk/register you should be able to register yourself.

FINAL PIECES

At the end of their award year, participants submit a final piece of work, drawing together their experiences during their FIA journey.

Final pieces of work are moderated, not marked. This means it is not a pass or fail. If you send in a final piece, we will assume you are happy that all the necessary work has been done.

The Final piece can be a video, poem, written reflection, song.

If written, it should be no more than two sides of A4 paper.

As creative as possible.

The final piece should reflect the participant's experience and understanding.

We only require at the end of the year the final pieces.

It's the co-ordinators responsibility to sign off hours and to make sure the participants have done enough work to hand in a final piece.

If someone has not done the hours / credits or attended the reflection point sessions, then do not ask them to complete the final piece this year (maybe save the hours done to next year?)

JOURNALS

1. Journals aren't a requirement from the young people.
2. Although, over the past few years we have found that the young people have found value in keeping something which allows them to take notes and reflect during their Faith in Action experience.
3. This could be a notebook, a scrapbook or something which even allows you to keep track and moderate the young people throughout the award.
4. Please note these do not need to be handed in with the final pieces at the end of the year, this is purely for their own development during the award.

QUESTIONS?

HOW TO SIGN UP THIS YEAR?

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HEAD OVER TO ANIMATEYOUTH.ORG

Click Here

Registration

1. Please register your school/parish using the link below:

[Faith In Action Form 2022 – 2023](#)

If you do not have access to the internet/emails please phone the office here and we can register for you (01744 740461/ 01744 460463).

2. We now use credits rather than hours. However, if you have been doing the award for a few years and feel more comfortable continuing as you have then please feel free.

Meetings

A catch up for any old/new co ordinator's will be taking place on 29th September at 1.30pm.

Please email l.lynch@animateyouth.co.uk if you are wanting to attend and I can send you the link.

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SIGN UP VIA GOOGLE FORMS

(WHICH SHOULD LOOK LIKE THIS)

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Sign up!
2022-2023

Contact:
l.lynch@animateyouth.co.uk
for any other enquiries.

Contact information

Please fill out the form below to sign up to the Faith in Action Award this year with the
Archdiocese of Liverpool

WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR REGARDING SIGNING UP TO THE AWARD?

1. You won't be able to sign up after **1st January** for the award.
2. Please email myself, l.lynch@animateyouth.co.uk if you have any enquires and don't leave notes on the google forms as there is a big chance I wont read them for a while!

WHAT DATES ARE GOOD TO KEEP IN MIND?

YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SIGN UP AFTER THE 1ST JANUARY.

DEADLINE FOR FINAL PIECES - 22nd May 2023

(To be sent/dropped off at Lowe House, 99 Crab Street, St Helens, WA10 2BE)

MODERATORS EVENING – 25th May 2023

(If you would like to be a moderator please let me know - l.lynch@animateyouth.co.uk)

MODERATORS DEADLINE – 18th June 2022

AWARD CEREMONIES

1. 21st June 2023 – St Mary's Church, Lowe House, 99 Crab Street, St Helens, WA10 2BE

QUESTIONS?