



# Pope John Paul II Award

## Approved activities for the Pope John Paul II Award in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

### Parish Involvement:

- Reading at Mass
- Altar Server
- Eucharistic Minister \* (this role in a parish is for over 18s; there is a separate course for Ministers under 18 for school based ministry)
- Member of choir/music group<sup>1</sup>
- Children's Liturgy of the Word \*
- Composing prayers of the faithful
- Welcomer at Mass \*
- Helping with sacramental preparation \*
- Preparing articles for the parish bulletin
- Church decoration/flower arranging/church cleaning

### Social Awareness:

- Member of St. Vincent de Paul \*
- Young leader for CAFOD<sup>2</sup>
- Young leader at parish youth group / Guides / Scouts \*
- Running a fair trade stall
- Legion of Mary \*
- Special needs club helper \*
- Cadet \*
- Fundraising for a charity<sup>3</sup>
- Parish Drop-in Centre (homeless/asylum seekers etc.) \*
- Regular visitation of residential homes \*
- Supporting a residential retreat for young people \*
- Working with the homeless \*
- Raising awareness of the needs of others<sup>4</sup>
- Volunteering on a parish or community project to support the vulnerable \*  
e.g. Justice and Peace group, Missionaries of Charity Summer Project

\* Safe recruitment –Under 18s need a safeguarding self-declaration form and two references. These will be taken up by the parish safeguarding representative, whose details should be displayed at the back of church. For over 18s a full DBS check will be required.



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<sup>1</sup> Choir – should not be required as long as the choir is run by a senior person who has been DBS checked

<sup>2</sup> CAFOD – not required as long as fundraising or awareness does not involving working with vulnerable adults or children

<sup>3</sup> Fundraising for charity – not required as long as fundraising does not involving working with vulnerable adults or children

<sup>4</sup> Raising awareness of the needs of others – not required as long as raising awareness does not involving working with vulnerable adults or children

## **Award Top-Ups:**

- Lourdes Youth \*
- Humanitarian Trips e.g. Peru Mission \*
- Youth Council \*
- Holy Island SVP Camp \*

There is a maximum of 2 Top-Ups to count towards your award.  
1 for Parish Involvement and 1 for Social Awareness

## Number of hours for Top-Ups

### Gold Award

Day activity (5 hours or more) can be recorded as 2.5 hours

Weekend activity (2/3 days) can be recorded as 4 hours

Week activities (5 days or more) can be recorded as 6 hours

### Silver Award

Day activity (5 hours or more) can be recorded as 2 hours

Weekend activity (2/3 days) can be recorded as 3 hours

Week activities (5 days or more) can be recorded as 4.5 hours

### Bronze Award

Day activity (5 hours or more) can be recorded as 1.5 hours

Weekend activity (2/3 days) can be recorded as 2 hours

Week activities (5 days or more) can be recorded as 3 hours

## **New Activities**

There will be lots of other activities which could count towards the Pope John Paul II Award in Parish Involvement, Social Awareness or as a Top-Up.



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Please let the award committee know if there are any activities which we can add to this list to give ideas to others.

For Top-Ups, please check the activity with us. E-mail [jp2award@ymt.org](mailto:jp2award@ymt.org)

If the activity is added to the list above it has been approved.