



**Pope John Paul II Award
Monthly Meeting
October**



Theme:

“Do not be afraid open wide the doors to Christ”
St. John Paul II

Opening Prayer:

Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as You deserve; to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to ask for reward save that of knowing I am doing Your Will.

Ice breaker:

Line up in order of without speaking... height, birthday month, age, name in alphabetical order

Input: St. John Paul II

Main input for this month will be an introduction to who Saint John Paul II was and his life. The JP2 awards help young people respond to Christ's challenge to be his witnesses. 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. The Pope John Paul II Award enables young people in the Clogher Diocese to take an active part in the life of their Church – in the life of their community and society. 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 is committed to helping young people enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional and social development through participation in school, Parish, and community activities.

Who was Pope John Paul II?

Pope John Paul II was a great leader of the church and someone deeply involved in the history of the twentieth century, but the fact that he is now a Saint means that he remains important for us today as an example of holiness and as someone who continues to pray for us in heaven! Pope Francis describes him as “the great missionary of the church, a man who proclaimed the Gospel everywhere.”

Saint John Paul II died in 2005 after a long illness with Parkinson's disease. His final words were “Let me go to the house of the Father”

Gifts to the church

There is so much Saint John Paul II gave to the church during his long papacy! John Paul II wrote more than any other pope did, canonised more saints than any other pope, and travelled more than any other pope.

One of Saint John Paul II's most lasting gifts to the church is World Youth Day. He invited the youth of the world to meet him at the first World Youth Day in Rome in 1984. Millions of young people have attended World Youth Days since.

Links on his life: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=20jU8PJDl04>



Check in with Activities

At this early stage of the Award you will most likely need to give the participants an overview or reminder about the requirements for undertaking their activities and signing off/recording them.

Having communicated with Parish Clergy, and any other ministry groups in the parish offer current opportunities for Parish Involvement activities - and any training that may be needed. Include activities that might be coming up in the coming months - Advent & Christmas. Give any information from outside charities or organisations who have been in touch regarding opportunities for Social Awareness activities. Remind participants to take a regular photograph of their Record Card on their phone as they fill in and get activities signed off. Having this will make it easier if their Record Card gets lost.

Ice breaker

Bucket list

Closing Prayer

God our Father,
Saint John Paul II tells us to trust Christ;
To listen attentively to his teachings,
To fix our eyes on his face,
To persevere in listening to his Word,
To allow him to focus our search and our aspirations and all our ideas and the desires of our heart.
Help us God our Father,
to do this so that all the actions
and decisions of our lives are done with Jesus
who is our Saviour and friend for ever and ever.
Amen.
Our Lady of Knock pray for us, and for the young people of Ireland.

Refreshments