

## Quotes from 2017/2018 Faith in Action Participants in the Diocese of Leeds

*"Donating food to the St Patrick's Mission made me feel like I was showing God's love to others."* (Pin Level student at St Winefride's Catholic Primary School)

*"To be more like Jesus in helping others I helped an elderly neighbour with her garden. It was interesting as she told me stories about her past."* (Bronze Level student at St Bede's and St Joseph's Catholic College)

*"I have been able to do many things in my Parish and I have enjoyed it. Before Faith in Action I didn't do much in church, but now I do."* (Bronze Level student at St Matthew's Church, Bradford)

*"We meet as a Faith in Action group at the end of the school day to pray for our community."* (Pin Level Students at St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy)

*"It has been a delight to support this young member of our Parish community as she courageously lets her faith show as an example to all in our Parish."* (Faith in Action Parish Co-ordinator at the Parish of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross)



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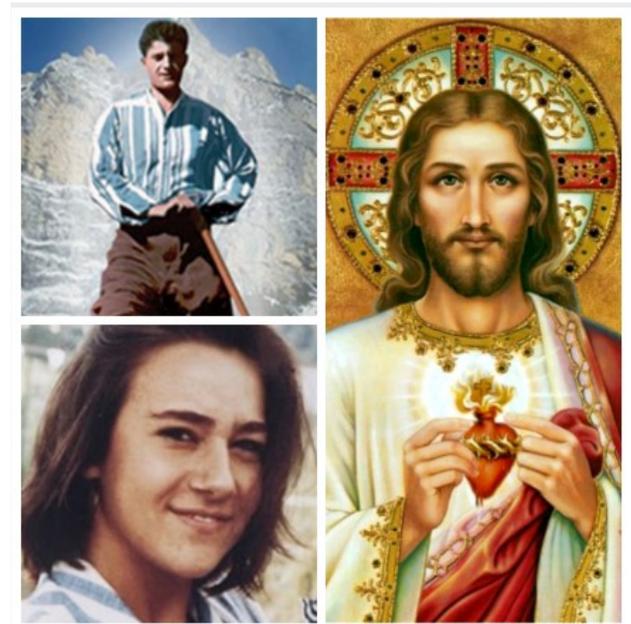
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## *Faith in Action Awards*





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Faith in Action is a national award scheme for young people aged between 10 and 16, supported by CYMFed (Catholic Youth Ministry Federation). The scheme has been designed to be accessible, to acknowledge good works and encourage more, and to ensure that action is rooted in faith. The awards are given by the diocesan Bishop.

*“A faith without works, a faith that doesn’t get you involved, isn’t faith. It is words and nothing more than words.”*

Pope Francis, 21st February 2014

*“We should try to: deepen the faith and relationship of our young people with Our Lord Jesus Christ; integrate our young people into the life of the local and universal Church; form our young people in the Christian virtues which will build character and inspire the leaders among them; and, help our young people to grow in discipleship and learn how to put their faith into action through serving Christ in others, in the Church, and in the world around them.”*

Bishop Marcus Stock

September 2016

## **What is the Faith in Action Award Scheme?**

The Faith in Action Award Scheme is an effective way of making our Bishop’s vision for the formation and on-going accompaniment of our children and young people into reality.

This scheme will provide opportunities for our young people to be involved in on-going formation and catechesis as they move through their secondary education. The introduction of the first level to coincide with Confirmation preparation at the end of the primary phase will, we hope, become a stepping stone for their continuing involvement in the Christian life.

## **4 Sections**

Participants undertake activities in four different areas:

- **Prayer:** going on a retreat, leading class prayers & taking opportunities to have a variety of different prayer experiences
- **Pilgrimage & Procession:** joining with diocesan pilgrimages and processions like Walsingham, Lourdes and Batley, as well as family or school opportunities to local places of pilgrimage
- **Parish Practice:** contributing to the life of the local Parish e.g. welcoming at Mass, reading bidding prayers & helping with younger children
- **Social Action:** volunteering in the local community, fundraising, campaigning, getting involved in the work of charities.

## **4 Levels of Award**

There are four different levels of award:

- **Pin Level (Discovery):** Years 5 & 6 (This could be done alongside Confirmation preparation.
- **Bronze Level (Service):** Year 7
- **Silver Level (Leadership):** Years 8 & 9
- **Gold Level (Innovation):** Years 10 + and may include the Diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage.