

The TRINITY Awards

In 2009, parishes will again have the opportunity to honor their parish youth through The Trinity Awards. This Award is designed to honor and recognize the ability of our youth to model leadership through discipleship in Jesus Christ. Current high school students are eligible for this honor. It is comprised of three “tiers” that build upon one another and become increasingly more complex. A youth can receive MORE THAN ONE AWARD in a given year. In 2008, we implemented the First Level Award entitled “Gifts of the Son Award.” In 2009, we are also offering eligible youth to be recognized for the Second Entry Level Award – “**Gifts of the Father Award**”.

MORE THAN ONE YOUTH can be given this award. ANY YOUTH that meets award criteria should be submitted.

Award	Name	
First Level	Gifts of the Son Award	Entry Award
Second Level	Gifts of the Father Award	Midlevel Award
Third Level	Gifts of the Holy Spirit Award	Top Award

The **Gifts of the Son Award**, the first award level, based on the life of Jesus Christ, is given to a High School youth who demonstrates an understanding of the ministries and outreach of the local church and the role youth play in the church. Ephesians 4:11-16

- This award will be presented during the 2009 DYC Banquet, and;
- Every banquet thereafter.

The **Gifts of the Father Award**, the second level, is an award based on motivational gifts. The term motivation is simply defined as the work of God's grace. The Award for Gifts of the Father relate to the youth's ability to motivate, serve and bear witness of God's grace to others. Romans 12:6-8

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- Every banquet thereafter.

The **Gifts of the Holy Spirit Award**, the most prestigious of the awards, is based on the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. At Confirmation, we learn the implications of our new life in the Holy Spirit through the Gifts the Holy Spirit presents to us during the Rite of Confirmation. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit Award is based on the youth's ability to live the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and is the highest award given. Isaiah 11:1-3

All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin, and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of:

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| 1. Wisdom; | 5. Knowledge; |
| 2. Understanding; | 6. Reverence; |
| 3. Right Judgment; | 7. Wonder and Awe in your presence. |
| 4. Courage; | |

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“The Trinity Award”

NOTE: As an added point of information, the Office of Youth Ministry Advisory Board announced that during the 2009 Diocesan Youth Conference, the Hall of Honor Award will target adult recipients only and will encompass a broader spectrum of adults. Therefore, “The Trinity Award” will honor youth recipients only.

The Trinity Award offers a significant opportunity to affirm the young people in your local parish community. Also, a young person may receive The Trinity Award even though he/she is unable to attend the Diocesan Youth Conference on March 28-29, 2009. In extreme cases, the Recognition Certificate will then be mailed to the recipient following the Conference.

Application for the Gifts of the Son Award

The Award consists of a special Recognition Certificate that will be placed at their parish table setting. Award recipients will be recognized during the Saturday evening Awards Banquet through a listing in the Banquet program and will be called upon to stand in place when this honor is announced. If you have a High School youth that meets the criteria below, and would like them honored at the DYC Banquet, please RETURN THIS FORM.

Read each criterion for the award listed below and check the box if the criterion applies.

Recipient's Full Name _____

Parish Name _____

Name of Parents/Guardians _____

Address of Parish _____

Your Name _____

Your Role/Title in the Church _____

<p>NOTE: If the applicant meets 6 out of the 7 criteria listed they are eligible for the award. Please ensure they meet the criteria before submitting their name.</p>	
	Does applicant attend Sunday Mass on a regular basis (defined as 90% of the time)?
	If applicable, does applicant attend PSR or religious education classes on a regular basis (define as 90% of the time)?
	Does applicant participate in his or her parish by serving as a Hospitality Minister, Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Cantor or member of church choir?
	Does applicant volunteer with parish activities such as Vacation Bible School, Parish Picnic, elementary school PSR, etc.?
	Does applicant participate in Youth Ministry functions on a regular basis?
	Does applicant, in your opinion, positively represent the church when at school or other outside activities?
	Is applicant, in your opinion, a positive role model for other Catholic youth?

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2620 Lebanon Avenue
Belleville IL 62221-3299

Application for the Gifts of the Father Award – Mid Level Award

The Award consists of a special Recognition Certificate that will be placed at their parish table setting. Award recipients will be recognized during the Saturday evening Awards Banquet through a listing in the Banquet program and will be called upon to stand in place when this honor is announced. If you have a High School youth that meets the criteria below, and would like them honored at the DYC Banquet, please RETURN THIS FORM.

Read each criterion for the award listed below and check the box if the criterion applies.

Recipient's Full Name _____

Parish Name _____

Name of Parents/Guardians _____

Address of Parish _____

Your Name _____

Your Role/Title in the Church _____

NOTE: If the applicant meets 5 out of the 6 criteria listed they are eligible for the award. Please ensure they meet the criteria before submitting their name.	
	Has the candidate demonstrated a specific gift that God has bestowed upon them (can be academic, musical, athletic, charismatic personality, etc.)?
	Does the candidate demonstrate an extraordinary ability to encourage others and or lead peers in your parish and/or the community through the use of this gift?
	Has the candidate used their gift to encourage others in a time of need or turmoil?
	Does the candidate use his or her gift to give witness to Christ verbally or by their behavior or actions?
	Has the candidate shown a willingness to serve others in the community or the parish utilizing the gift that they were given?
	Has the candidate completed (or is involved with) a specific group or individual project that promotes justice or peace?

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING “THE TRINITY AWARD”:

1. Who selects the recipients for this honor?

Youth recipients are selected at the local parish level. This may be done by your Parish Youth Ministry Commission, a special selection committee, or your parish youth minister in coordination with your pastor, parish life coordinator, parish administrator or other parish leader(s).

2. What do youth receive if selected?

All youth recipients will receive a Recognition Certificate during the 2009 Diocesan Youth Conference Awards Banquet.

3. If I have a youth who meets the criteria for both Level One (“Gifts of the Son”) and Level Two (“Gifts of the Father”), can they receive two Recognition Certificates?

Yes; some youth may be eligible for both Recognition Certificates in 2009.

4. If I have new youth coming to the Conference, can they still receive the Level One Award?

Yes; it is possible that some of your youth will receive Level One, some will receive Level Two, and some may receive both.

5. What if one of our parish youth recipients cannot be present for the 2009 Diocesan Youth Conference?

In this situation, he/she may still be recognized as an Award recipient. The Recognition Certificate will then either be mailed to the recipient or can be picked up by a parish adult representative at the Conference.

6. Is each parish required to submit candidates for these Awards?

No; it is not mandated but this Award was developed for the specific purpose of assisting our parishes in recognizing those youth who model leadership through discipleship.

7. Is there a limit to the number of youth that can be submitted from one parish?

No; the number of youth that meet eligibility requirements from a parish is not limited.

8. Is there a cost to the parish for the Recognition?

No; at this time, all recipients receive a Recognition Certificate sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry. Recipients are honored at the Saturday Evening Awards Banquet during the annual Diocesan Youth Conference.

9. Is it necessary for a youth to meet ALL requirements in order to receive this honor at either the First Level or Second Level?

No; we realize there is great diversity within our Diocesan parishes. Therefore, recipients should meet 6 out of 7 criteria for the “Gifts of the Son Award” and 5 out of 6 criteria for the “Gifts of the Father Award”.

10. Are we notified that our parish youth have received the Award once we submit the application?

No; because the selection process takes places at the parish level, once your parish decides to submit a youth for Award, the youth becomes a confirmed as a recipient. The Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry may contact the parish to clarify specific information, if necessary, but there is no additional review for acceptance at the Diocesan level.