



The Pope Benedict XVI

# CARITAS AWARD CEREMONY

*"Love - Caritas - is an extraordinary force."*

*"Love grows through love. Love is 'divine' because it comes from God and unites us to God. Through this unifying process it makes us a 'we' which transcends our divisions and makes us one, until in the end God is 'all in all'". (1 Cor 15:28)*

(Pope Benedict XVI, Deus Caritas Est, 18)



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2pm



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## CARITAS AWARD?

The Pope Benedict XVI CARITAS AWARD scheme has been introduced by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland to recognise and promote the active faith commitment of young people in their final year of secondary school.

This is the first young people's award scheme which has been named in honour of Pope Benedict XVI, with permission granted by the Vatican Secretariat of State, following the Pope's UK visit in September 2010.



*How does it work?*

Focused on three distinctive but interwoven elements – Faith Witness, Faith Learning and Faith Reflection – the Caritas Award has been offered to young people of all abilities and all faiths as an opportunity to explore the impact on their lives of Caritas - described by the Holy Father as “the love which God lavishes upon us and which we in turn must share with others”. Over the course of this year young people in Catholic schools and parishes have volunteered to serve their local communities through committing their time and their talents to benefit others.

These young people have been helped to see the links between their faith learning (in school and parish), their faith witness and their own personal journey of faith through prayer, reflection and discernment. It is hoped that this year of service will encourage them to continue to share their God-given gifts, talents and time with others as they progress through adulthood.

*What will happen at the Caritas Award Ceremony?*

The Caritas Award Ceremony, in the fabulous setting of the Clyde Auditorium (Armadillo), promises to be a joyful occasion for hundreds of young people, their families, teachers and parishes. It will provide a wonderful opportunity for Scotland to celebrate the achievements of young people who have demonstrated that their beliefs and values have had a positive and a practical effect on their communities.

Each candidate who has been successful in meeting the requirements of the Caritas Award scheme will be presented with a certificate and a medal which has been especially created for this occasion.

The event will demonstrate the positive impact of faith on Scottish society through the work of various charities, parishes and faith organisations. It will show that Caritas can be “an extraordinary force” in the lives of young people.



*Who will attend the Caritas Award Ceremony?*

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland wish to welcome representatives of all sections of Scottish society to join them at this wonderful celebration of young people's lives. It is hoped that civic and political leaders, together with representatives of Scotland's major faith groups, will join these young people and their families to celebrate their achievements.

*Admission is FREE and by ticket only. Please note that refreshments can be purchased in the Clyde Auditorium before the Ceremony.*