

*The Priest invites the young people to stand*

**Priest:** Dear young people, you are here today to present yourselves as candidates for the Pope Francis Faith Award. You are learning about the Holy Spirit and the gifts that the Spirit brings. You are learning more about what it means to belong to God's Holy People in the Church.

You will learn more about what is involved in being followers of Jesus and members of His Church. You will be invited to use your talents and gifts in the service of others. You are challenged to live according to the teaching of Jesus and to lead others to follow Him. Are you ready then to take part fully in this challenge?

**Candidate: I am.**

**Priest:** Are you ready to try to show love to everyone you meet at home, at school and in your parish?

**Candidate: I am.**

**Priest:** Are you ready to be an active member of your parish community, attending the Sacraments and Mass regularly?

**Candidate: I am.**

**Priest:** On behalf of the Church, our parish now joyfully accepts you as candidates for the Pope Francis Faith Award and we assure you of our prayers and support as you take up this challenge.

*The Priest invites the Parents to stand.*

**Priest:** Dear Parents, on behalf of the Church I thank you for presenting your children here today.

Are you ready to continue to support your children in the weeks and months ahead and to encourage them in their efforts towards being more fully active followers of Christ?

**Parent: I am.**

**Priest:** May the love of God strengthen your own commitment to a living faith which you share with your children. We assure you of our prayers and support as you carry out your important role as first educators of your children.

*The Priest invites the school staff to stand.*

**Priest:** Dear members of the school community, we thank you for your presence here today and for the support and example that you give to our young people.

Are you ready to continue to support these candidates in the weeks and months ahead as they face up to this challenge?

**Staff member: I am**

**Priest:** May God bless you in your important work and strengthen your efforts in the days ahead so that these young people will have good examples to follow as they strive to use the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

**Priest:** As a parish community we will do our best to support these young people by our prayers and actions so that the partnership between home, school and parish will be strengthened and the fruits of the Holy Spirit will be seen in us all.

## FAITH AWARD PRAYER

Lord Jesus,  
You ask those who believe in you  
to give your Good News to others.  
We pray that, with the help of the Holy Spirit,  
our words, actions and prayers  
will help other people  
to hear of You,  
to believe in You  
and to find the joy of knowing You.  
Amen

## Pope Francis Faith Award Enrolment Service

