



The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference support the Tu Kahikatea Awards. Around New Zealand, the awards are judged based on one national criteria but are promoted, decided and awarded locally by the Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Ministry Team and/or Commission.

The Awards are about recognising the gift that youth and young adults are to the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and thanking them for the outstanding contributions they make to their community. They are named after the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference statement – Tu Kahikatea: Standing Tall – A Framework for Catholic Ministry with Young People in Aotearoa New Zealand (see www.catholic.org.nz for a copy).

The aims of the Awards are:

- To recognise the gift that young people are to the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand
- To provide recognition of the amazing contributions, efforts and gifts that young people share
- To educate the community about young people
- To raise the profile of Catholic ministry with young people in New Zealand

Awards may be awarded annually. These Awards were launched in 2010.

Criteria:

Each Award indicates the Tu Kahikatea component for which the young person is being recognised. The eight areas components are:

- Advocacy
- Justice and Service
- Catechesis
- Leadership Development
- Community Life
- Pastoral Care
- Evangelisation
- Prayer and Worship



The Nomination Process

To nominate a young person (aged 0-35 years old) for a Tu Kahikatea Award:

1. Complete the nomination form and arrange for the parish priest, ethnic community chaplain to endorse the nomination (a reminder that typically recipients will have completed 3+ years of consistent service).
2. Get a second person to write a letter of recommendation (Suggested form attached)
3. Send nomination form and supporting letter to: Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry Catholic Diocese of Auckland Private Bag 47-904 Ponsonby Auckland 1144 or email to the ACYM Team Leader by 1 November.

The local Diocesan Tu Kahikatea Awards Committee will review nominations and announce the winner/s.

A person who has been nominated in a previous year may be nominated again through the completion of a new nomination form. Nominees may not be in a paid ministry role

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NOMINEE

Name:

Email address:

Mobile number:

Parish, community, or group/s they belong to:



Award Category:

- Advocacy
- Justice and Service
- Catechesis
- Leadership Development
- Community Life
- Pastoral Care
- Evangelisation
- Prayer and Worship

Awards are not given for doing what is expected in the role. Tell us about why this young person is amazing – what have they done that is exceptional (please include reference to the category you are nominating them in):

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NOMINATOR

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

I know the person nominated for this award and I endorse their nomination

Signature: Date:

Support of Parish Priest/Chaplain or Community leader

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

I know the person nominated for this award and I endorse their nomination

Signature: Date: ____ dd/____ mm/____ yyyy.

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LETTER OF SUPPORT

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

TO: The Tu Kahikatea Awards Committee
Diocese of Auckland

RE: Name of person being proposed to receive award



Signature: Date: