

Competition Rules:

1. Complete the following entry form and forward it with your submission to the Bishop's House
2. Submissions will be scrutinised by a panel of judges appointed by the Bishop and their decision will be final.
3. Inspections of a shortlist will be conducted by the judges
4. Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the Judges' decision.
5. Prizes will not be monetary but symbolise the Category.
6. Closing date 30th April, annually.

Entry Form

Name of Parish/Group/Union or Church Organisation:

Incumbents Name:

Contact Name for this competition:

Address:

Tel No: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Category:

Capital Project

Environmental Diligence

Education of the Young

Church Environs

Global Awareness



Diocese of Cashel & Ossory

Environment Awareness Competition



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Message from the Bishop

I enthusiastically commend our new diocesan environmental awareness awards. Coupled with the launch of our green charter, this initiative aims to make a real difference in the way parishes exercise stewardship of the earth's limited resources. This is an area in which Christian people, through their worship and life, must give a lead to the whole community – and they must do so with knowledge, vision and passion. The categories in which awards will be made are varied and imaginative and I look forward to a high level of active participation. It is perhaps a happy coincidence that green is the Church's most frequently used liturgical colour and in that spirit I hope the diocese will travel on a journey of growth and change in relation to our environmental responsibilities

Michael Cashel & Ossory

The Categories:

Capital Project –

Description: Attentiveness to the environment during capital improvement.

Eligibility: Where a parish has invested in capital improvement, e.g. insulation of glebes, major replacement or purchases of electrical equipment, church renovation.

Entry Requirements: The winning entrant will present documentary evidence, including photographs, of investigation into the green value of their work, optimum choices, their decision process.

Judging process: The judges will examine the documentary evidence and compile a shortlist which will be visited.

Prize: Perpetual trophy. Certificate of Achievement.

Environmental Diligence –

Description: Environmental consciousness within the parish.

Eligibility: A parish that pays particular attention to Environmental details in its day to day running i.e. Identifies waste and excess, makes changes that are environmentally sound.

Entry Requirements: The winning parish will present a report mentioning e.g. Vestry decisions, environmentally conscious purchases and general actions taken i.e. recycled paper, lights bulbs etc. together with relevant photographic evidence.

Judging process: The judges may interview the author of the report and may visit churches to inspect evidence of implementation of decisions, office provisions etc.

Prize: Perpetual trophy. Certificate of achievement

Motivation of the Young –

Description: The development of educational projects and the motivation of the under 18s

Eligibility: A parish, or church based organisation that implements a specific project either educational, liturgical or practical, designed to stimulate the environmental consciousness our young people .

Entry Requirements: The entrants will provide details including photographic evidence of the project, how they implemented it and the response from the target group.

Judging process: The judges may interview the organisers and examine evidence and results of the project and may also speak to the target group in order to ascertain the success of the project.

Prize: Perpetual Trophy Certificate of Achievement, Voucher

Church Environs –

Description: The development and maintenance of church environs.

Eligibility: Parishes that maintain or have developed their church environs sympathetically.

Entry Requirements: Entries should provide photographic evidence of before/after changes, and a report describing the sympathetic approach made to the environment, what wildlife and fauna surround the church and how they intend maintaining the changes.

Judging process: Will include a visit to the participating churches to inspect the environs and to interview the persons responsible for the grounds.

Prize: Perpetual trophy Certificate of Achievement, Plant or tree.

Global Awareness –

Description: Our Christian approach to the developing world.

Eligibility: Parishes or church based organisations that have undertaken a project emphasising the effect of global warming and environmental abuse on developing countries in consultation if appropriate with the Bishops' Appeal, Christian Aid or other development agencies.

Entry Requirements: The entrant should produce physical and photographic evidence of a project or educational/liturgical initiative designed to develop an awareness of the consequences of global warming and environmental abuse, on the poor of the world.

Judging Process: The judges will view the material used in the project and the target group to establish the results of the project.

Prize: Perpetual trophy, Certificate of Achievement.