



Building Faith In Youth Award

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THE AWARD

Children are a gift from God, and it is our duty to bring them up to know and to love God. The “Building Faith in Youth” Award is designed for Protestant congregations to recognize individuals who have contributed significantly to the children’s and youth ministries of their church through the P.R.A.Y. programs (i.e. God and Me, God and Family, God and Church, and God and Life).

The “Building Faith in Youth” emblem has a shield with a four-colored cross. The four colors converge into a point to create an “X” at the center of the cross. “X” is the first letter in the Greek word for Christ, and it is symbolic of how Christ should be at the center of our lives. The four colors were chosen because they correspond to the four core levels in the P.R.A.Y. series, i.e. God and Me (red), God and Family (yellow), God and Church (blue), and God and Life (green). The colors also embody traditional meanings: red (love, the blood of Christ), yellow (sunlight, joy), blue (truth, loyalty), green (new life, growth, revival). The award package includes a medal that can be worn around the neck, a $\frac{3}{4}$ ” lapel pin, and an 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ” x 11” certificate.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION

All nominations must come from the Protestant congregation (self and spouse nominations will not be accepted). The nominee must:

1. Demonstrate exceptional Christian character and be active in a Protestant congregation.
2. Use the P.R.A.Y. programs (Jesus and Me, God and Me, God and Family, God and Church, God and Life) to disciple young people and their families and to support the Christian Education program of the local Protestant congregation.
3. Have a continuous record of using and supporting a P.R.A.Y. ministry (i.e. teaching God and Me, God and Family, God and Church, and God and Life) with a minimum tenure of three years.
4. Develop an exceptional program over and above the standard requirements. Some examples are:
 - Utilizing the mentor programs to build up the congregation’s ministry to families
 - Actively recruiting and training adult counselors
 - Providing outreach opportunities to young people in the Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., American Heritage Girls, and Camp Fire U.S.A.
 - Emphasizing and/or coordinating far reaching service projects for young people beyond the program requirements

“BUILDING FAITH IN YOUTH” AWARD APPLICATION

Nomination Procedure:

1. **Review Criteria for Nomination** (see front page)
2. **Submit Application Form with Pastor's Signature:** The nominator must complete the information on this form, get the pastor's signature, and send the form with payment to: P.R.A.Y. 11123 S. Towne Sq. Ste. B, St. Louis, MO 63123.
3. **Payment Information:** The award package is **\$35.00** plus **\$7.50** postage/handling per application. Payment by check, money order, MasterCard, Visa or Discover is accepted. To pay by credit card, please provide the following information:

Circle One: MasterCard Visa Discover

Acct Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

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Special Fees

FAX SERVICE **314-845-0038** All fax orders are assessed \$6.00. Faxes received by 8am CST will be processed and shipped within 3 business days, upon approval of award.

SHIPPING UPGRADES: Additional fees apply. Visit www.praypub.org for rates & explanations.

USPS Priority Mail 2-3 days not guaranteed

Expedited 1-2 business days – No PO Boxes

Nominee Information

Name of nominee _____ Denomination _____

(Printed exactly as it should appear on the certificate)

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Programs taught (Required): Jesus and Me God and Me God and Family God and Church God and Life

Number of years teaching (minimum 3) _____ Provide dates of service: _____

Check if applicable: Boy Scouts of America Girl Scouts of the USA American Heritage Girls Camp Fire USA

Nominating Church Information

Congregation name _____ Denomination _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Pastor's Name _____ Email: _____

In recognition of outstanding ministry to youth through the P.R.A.Y. programs, our congregation recommends the nominee to receive the Building Faith in Youth Award (if the nominee is the pastor, the Chair or President of the congregation may sign).

Pastor's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Use the space below (or attach a separate sheet) to describe the nominee's ministry through the P.R.A.Y. programs. What makes the nominee an exceptional candidate? What is his/her impact on your congregation and its young people? [This is required: Nominations will not be processed without this item.]

Mailing Information: Person to whom recognition items are to be shipped

Name: _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (Day Contact) _____ Email _____

Date of Ceremony _____