



In its plan of action for the sexennium 2021-2026, the General Government of the Claretian Missionaries (GG CMF) wishes to recognize through the CLARET-LIFE AWARD the Claretian initiatives in defense and care for life in its various expressions. For this, in continuity with the edition celebrated in 2018-19 on WYD+FC of Panama, the CMF GG once again links its general prefectures of apostolate and youth and vocation ministry in the WYD CLARET WAY of Lisbon 2023, to make known the initiatives of the Claretian Family (CF) in favor of life in the areas proper to the ministry with young people.

This initiative is made known to the whole Claretian Family, as an expression of the joint path that we are traveling together.









JUSTIFICATION OF THE PROPOSAL

In many of its dimensions, the reality is the scene of the struggle between actions that promote life and actions that generate pain, destruction, and death. In many societies, some fundamental values (those of the family, the common good, concern for the weak, and care for Creation...) have deteriorated. Children, teenagers, and particularly vulnerable young people grow up with few points of reference, very often deprived of the happiness that God desires for them and of mediation that helps them to discover it. Their problems and needs strongly challenge every person of goodwill.

The Claretian Missionaries believe that God invites us to care for and defend life as a fundamental dimension of our mission. In 2021, on our last General Chapter, we reaffirmed our commitment to universal fraternity, justice, peace, and care for Creation, our common home, encouraged by the messages expressed in many messages of Pope Francis, such as his documents *Fratelli tutti and Laudato Si'*.

As our chapter document, *Querida Congregacion* (QC) gathers, we wish to intensify our collaboration (already intense in some places) with those who seek to transform the world according to God's plan (n. 43). We want to get closer to young people and walk with them, open to their newness, values, and dreams of better humanity (n. 63-64), confronting the throwaway culture, fighting hunger, poverty and all kinds of injustice (n. 84-85).

Thanks to God and the generosity of many good people, in the world many initiatives and experiences want to open paths to live, defend and cultivate it without excluding anyone. The Claret Life Award wants to contribute and recognize them and encourage all to continue building a world in which we all truly live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father.



"To recognize and encourage the most significant Claretian practices related to the defense and care of life, especially in the four areas privileged by the Claretian Missionaries in the area of 'solidarity and mission':

- (i) the reality of migrants and refugees;
- (ii) the situation of the original peoples (sometimes called 'indigenous');
- (iii) the problems related to climate change and the care of the environment and
- (iv) peace, reconciliation and the promotion of human rights and their respect."

"To make known to adolescents and young people the initiatives of the Claretian Family in favor of life as a way to combat indifference and counteract the throwaway culture."

PARTICIPATION . . . REQUIREMENTS (1)

- THE FOLLOWING CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE INITIATIVE: All platforms of apostolate linked to the Claretian Family (formative communities, educational centers, parishes and churches, missions, institutions and programs of human promotion, media...) that carry out practices of defense and care for life in their communities and/or in broader (social or ecclesial) contexts.
 - WHAT IS MEANT BY "SIGNIFICANT PRACTICES":

With the expression "significant practices" we refer to important or valuable experiences both for those who carry them out (pastoral agents, missionaries, a certain community or group) and for those who receive them as recipients (groups, communities, projects... committed to a certain cause in favor of life, justice or care for the environment or people or groups in situations of exclusion)



We consider pastoral experience to be significant:

- When it awakens processes of transformation in people and in the communities of origin and destination in which it develops.
- When it encourages and accompanies these processes in a sustained manner over time.
- When it succeeds in moving people from indifference to empathy and commitment manifested in concrete, systematic, organized actions, transforming realities in the perspective of the Gospel.
- When it fosters the encounter with the God of Life and the Risen Lord.
- When it allows itself to be enlightened by the Word of God and the celebration of the Eucharist.
- When it creates bonds of communion, fraternity, shared mission, and teamwork.
- When from its practices people can ask themselves or rethink our vocation in society and the Church, asking ourselves "how can I better serve the many callings that God makes to me?"

PARTICIPATION · · · REQUIREMENTS (2)

- THEY HAVE TO BE "CLARETIAN" EXPERIENCES: ixperiences must in some way show the traits that
- Experiences must in some way show the traits that identify the Claretian Family: (i) the intense feeling of being sons and daughters of a God who makes us brothers and sisters; (ii) the value of the Eucharist, the Word, and prayer as sources that nourish us and impel us to the mission; (iii) the anointing of the Spirit received to evangelize the poor and to be evangelized by them; (iv) the attention to the signs of the times and the desire to respond to them creatively; (v) the conviction of being called to share the Mission of Jesus of Nazareth and his disciples, doing with others, contributing to the renewal of the Church, committing ourselves to the common good; (vi) the experience of the close presence of Mary, the mother of the Lord, putting like her heart and tenderness in what we do and live.
 - THEY HAVE TO BE EXPERIENCES IN DEFENSE AND CARE FOR LIFE:

Presupposes concrete responses that express commitment to a universal fraternity (Fratelli tutti) and justice, peace, and care for the common home (Laudato Si'), to which the last General Chapter of the Claretian Missionaries gave so much importance (cf. QC 43).

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

THOSE WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE MUST FULFILL THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

A

Write a brief narrative explaining what the initiative is all about and what you want to present to the contest.

B

The narrative must not exceed two thousand (2000) words and must be endorsed by one of the leaders of the Christian community.

C

The text must be accompanied by six (6) digital photographs with good resolution and a video of a maximum duration of three minutes (3) that gathers the testimonies of at least three recipients of the initiative.

The materials can be sent by e-mail to the following address:

premioclaretvida@gmail.com or by post to this address:

CLARET-VIDA AWARD Curia Generalizia dei Missionari Clarettiani Via del Sacro Cuore di Maria, 5

ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM 00:01 A.M. ON MAY 1, 2023, TO 11:59 P.M. ON JUNE 20, 2023. ROMA TIME.

00197 - Roma - ITALIA

PRE-SELECTION OF THE INITIATIVES

A COMMISSION FORMED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VARIOUS BRANCHES OF THE CLARETIAN FAMILY WILL MAKE A PRELIMINARY SELECTION OF THE PROPOSALS, CONSIDERING THE MAIN REQUISITES TO PARTICIPATE.



FINAL DECISION

THE FINAL DECISION WILL BE MADE THROUGH THE VOTE OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE WYD CLARET WAY TO BE HELD IN LISBON

AFTER THE EXPERIENCES, THE YOUNG PEOPLE WILL MEET BY ORGANISMS OF ORIGIN TO DISCERN THEIR VOTE TO GUARANTEE THE EQUALITY OF POSSIBILITIES, EACH ORGANIZATION WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO CAST ONE VOTE

¹ An Organism is understood as the group to which one belongs. For example: in the case of the Claretian Missionaries, San José del Sur is an Organism. It includes the missionary communities of Paraguay, Chile, Uruguay, and Argentina. The same is true for the communities/centers of the other members of the Claretian Family. For example, the province of Europe of the Claretian Missionaries [RMI] includes the communities of Italy, Spain, and Poland.

² It can happen that from some Organisms of Europe, many young people travel to Portugal due to the proximity, while from the Organisms of other continents fewer travel to Portugal. This distribution of the vote seeks that the Organisms with fewer participants participate in the same conditions as others more represented.



PRIZES

FIRST CLASSIFIED: 5,000 EUROS SECOND CLASSIFIED: 2,500 EUROS THIRD PLACE: 1,000 EUROS

FOR ALL SELECTED EXPERIENCES:
A COMMEMORATIVE SOUVENIR WILL BE AWARDED

EXPLANATORY NOTES:

- Once the prizes have been announced, no claims will be accepted.
- The selected nominations will be made known through social networks by the general government of the Claretian Missionaries.

TIMING

Phase 1

DISSEMINATION OF THE INITIATIVE: February - April 2023

Phase 2

RECEPTION OF NOMINATIONS: May 1 - June 20, 2023

Phase 3

PRE-SELECTION: June 25 - July 25, 2023.

Phase 4

DECISION During WYD CLARET WAY Lisbon 2023

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