



PMA 2/21

To the participants and collaborators in the Claretian Contest 2020: "One family and one heart for the mission".

Dear ones,

A sincere thanks to each one of you because by participating in the realization of the Contest, you have made real the dream of unity and fraternity that María Antonia París always kept in her heart and left as a legacy for all those who want to continue living the Claretian charism that she, together with Claret, gave to the Church.

Special thanks to the Prefects of Apostolate of each Major Entities of the Congregation, to the sisters and lay people who have collaborated in the preparation, realization and conclusion of the project. Thank you for having enthusiastically welcomed this initiative and for having encouraged children, adolescents and young people, through reflection, to put their creativity into play. Thank you to all the sisters responsible for the various areas of pastoral ministry, to the general directors of our schools, to the coordinators, to those responsible for raising awareness, to all those who directly or indirectly accompanied the process of the works, to the local and provincial evaluation teams and to the jury at the general level.

Without a doubt, the greatest thanks go to the 629 participants from the 4 continents and their families, because with their participation they have given us joy and hope in this not easy time. We have immensely appreciated the great work of those who in their countries do not have so many technological resources. It is exciting to know that as an intercultural family we have been interconnected in a process of deepening and interiorization of the Claretian charism, of the dream of both founders about the Institute and of all of us who walk together today. A process that has certainly raised awareness in the ecclesial calls for ecological conversion, motivated by the ideal of rebuilding relationships and maturing a new universal solidarity. It has also been an opportunity to continue working on the evangelical values of unity, fraternity, respect, solidarity, caring for one another, family, heart, etc....

All the artistic expressions have given a note of colour, of music, of poetry, of images to this great Claretian value of BEING ONE FAMILY AND ONE HEART. Our Superior General Jolanta María Kafka in her words of greeting told us that: "art, beauty, are like a universal language that allows us to say and listen to something of the other: communicating makes family. But it is also a language that is not lost in words, but remains engraved in musical notes, in a story, in a drawing or in a video".

That is why we would like to thank everyone for the enriching experience. And so that it will be like a seal that will not fade from the heart and memory of this participation, we are sending a certificate to the finalists.

Together with the certificate I am sending you the link to the shared folder where you will find all the works that have been selected for the final evaluation so that you can know them and at the same time make them known.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19YGbRe67ecimwwChXrguBgzKwrBjoxFK?usp=sharing>

The works of the winners will be published on the Congregational YouTube channel available to everyone. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbvl10WGXjtL2jopN7xHT3A>

In all categories, the charismatic content, the immediacy with which the work conveys the theme "*One family and one heart for the mission*", the references to the founders and the opinions of experts in the different fields (drawing, story, song and video) were taken into account.

Prizes were awarded according to age groups (3-6 years, 7-10 years, 11-14 years, 15-18 years) and not by category.

The evaluation criteria were the same as those presented in the basic text of the competition:

drawing - on A4 sheet;

story - of maximum 1500 words in Calibri 12 font;

song - with original music and text, maximum 3 minutes long, delivered in video format;

video - maximum 5 minutes with good resolution images and sound, delivered in AVI or WMV format.

Once again I thank you for all the effort made and for the possibility of making us feel moved to see the spirit of our Claretian family embodied in "works of art".

May Claret and Paris bless each one.

With fraternity



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Gen. Pref. of Apostolic Mission

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