



INTERNATIONAL AWARD

“Father Oreste Benzi. On the side of the least.”

REGULATIONS

The Father Oreste Benzi Foundation establishes an annual award in order to promote and spread the thought, life's testimony and works promoted and realised by the Servant of God Father Oreste Benzi, priest of the diocese of Rimini and founder of the “Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII” (Community of Pope John XXIII) Association, and defined “a tireless apostle of charity” by Pope Benedict XVI. The Award is to be conferred to an individual, Association or Body who, without distinction of sex, nationality, religion or political opinion, has displayed exemplary commitment, in their areas of life, work or service, in favour of the people who are marginalised, exploited or rejected as useless by our sick society, and whose inviolable dignity as human persons, created and loved by God, is not recognised.

THEME OF THE YEAR

The “On the side of the least. Father Oreste Benzi International Award” will focus on a particular topic every year. The topic will be specified in the Annual Announcement of the Award, approved by the Administration Board of the Foundation.

SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS

Anybody may submit a nomination for the “On the side of the least. Father Oreste Benzi International Award”. Nominators are requested to complete the online application form at www.fondazionedonorestebenzi.org before the deadline specified in the Annual Announcement. The Panel of the Award reserves the right to refuse nominations which, at its sole discretion, do not meet the Award criteria. Self-nominations will not be taken into consideration.

PROCESS OF SELECTION

The Panel of the Award will select, at its discretion, three final nominees from among the applications received by the deadline.

The full list of nominees is reserved for the members of the Panel and administrative office of the Award.

The final stage of the selection process will be a combination of online voting and Panel voting as follows:

- Online voting contributes for 40% of the final result. Anybody may vote online on the Foundation webpage, from 1 March to 30 April every year.
- Panel voting contributes for 60% of the final result.

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The Administration Board may establish different criteria for the voting process, which shall be described in detail in the Annual Announcement of the Award.

COMPOSITION OF THE PANEL

The Panel shall be composed of three people who have either known Father Oreste Benzi directly or who know the mission of the Community of Pope John XXIII in some way.

The members of the Panel, and its President, are appointed by the Administration Board. They remain in office for one year and may be re-elected.

No amount will be paid to the Panel members for the service provided. Expenses incurred in performing the service are refundable.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNER

The name of the winner, with the relevant reasons, will be published on the Foundation site. Award winners cannot be nominated for the following editions of the Award.

The Foundation is responsible for spreading the voting results through the media in order to enhance the visibility of the Award.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AWARD

The Administration Board of the Foundation will decide the characteristics of every year's Award, with reference also to the theme of the year. The Award will consist in a commemorative plaque, to which there can be added creations and products of the "Consorzio Condividere Papa Giovanni XXIII" Cooperatives or other initiatives, such as stays in the "Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII" homes and centres, that help become more familiar with the "Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII" mission, in Italy and in other countries.

Contributions in the form of money are not permitted under any circumstance.

DELIVERING OF THE AWARD

The Award will be delivered at the Annual General Assembly of the "Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII" Association, which is usually held in the month of May.

FINAL PROVISIONS

If any dispute arises, it shall be referred for resolution to the Foundation Administrative Board, whose judgement shall be final.