



Commission for the Third Centenary of the Foundation of the Passionist Congregation

Saturday, February 24, 2018

Re: Hymn for the Third Centenary of the Foundation
of the Passionist Congregation

Dear brothers and friends,

The quasi "contest" for the design of the logo and the composition of the hymn for the tercentenary of the Congregation has had good success. Approximately thirty logos and five hymns were submitted to the Commission from all corners of the Congregation. This is a remarkable amount considering the brief time available.

It was not easy to choose the winner of the design of the logo. The Superior General desired that the choice be made by a group of religious that consisted of the General Council, the Commission for the preparation of the General Chapter (which was meeting in Rome) and of course our Committee, in total twenty religious. The appreciation was unanimous, so much so that it was suggested to post all the logos on the site of the Congregation (passiochristi.org) and eventually, the Jubilee site. It is clear that the purpose of this so-called "contest" is not so much to spark competition, rather to sensitize and create interest around the topic of the Passionist Jubilee.

The quasi "contest" for the logo design is concluded; **whereas the choice of the hymn remains open**, as already stated, until **30 August**. Therefore, the Commission encourages the many musicians of the Passionist Family to compose and submit their work. As the theme of the logo of the tercentenary states, the first characteristic of the Jubilee is gratitude ("*Gratitude, Prophecy and Hope*") and one of the most common and significant ways to express gratitude is with song. Therefore, we need communal hymns to express our gratitude to God for having given us St. Paul of the Cross and for the good that the Congregation has accomplished over the past three centuries.

Please send the **text, music and a recording** of the same to the attention of the Commission at Saints John and Paul in Rome or to the following email address: jubilaumcp2020@passiochristi.org

The closing date for the submission of the hymn is 31 August 2018.

Thank you for all the help you will give to the members of the Passionist Family to sing our praise and gratitude to the Lord for 300 years of Passionist life.

Wishing you a good Lent and a Happy Easter!

May the Passion of Jesus Christ be always in our hearts!

The Third Centenary Commission::

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