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The words of the coordinator of this year's winning project from the Philippines:
**"THANKS TO FRANCESCO OF ASSISI AND CARLO ACUTIS AWARD, THE DISABLED
NO LONGER FEEL OVERLOOKED"**

*Details of the new competition published: applications can be submitted until 31
December, Euro 50,000 is the award*

ASSISI – “Their eyes have begun to smile again. They are happy because this award shows that they are not overlooked by society and they can begin a new life, full of hope, with the horizon of a better future.” The emotion expressed by Riverita Soriano, coordinator of the Filipino project that won the 2022 competition of the “Francis of Assisi and Carlo Acutis Award for an Economy of Fraternity,” in reporting how the project is moving forward thanks to the Euro 50,000 received from the Sanctuary of the Renunciation Foundation. “The first meetings with professional agencies have already begun – she continues – for the construction of the new building where the charcoal briquettes will be produced.”

The prize, awarded last May 21st, will enable the realization of the Eco-Charcoal Briquettes project, carried out by a group of 15 people with disabilities in the Diocese of Pasig in the Philippines (metropolitan Manila), who are without work and very poor. With the help of the local parish, they have

embraced the invitation of the city: using waste, scraps, and, above all, water lilies, to produce – through a revolutionary technology – these charcoal briquettes.

While the Foundation and the Evaluation Commission that selected the winner continue to receive positive feedback, the deadline for submitting applications to participate in the 2023 edition has been set. The competition details can be found online at www.francescoassisicarloacutisaward.com. Applications for participation must be submitted by 31 December 2022. The Award, as provided for in the Statute and in the Bylaws, is established with the aim "to promote a renewal of the economy in the name of the universal fraternity of all human beings, beginning with the condition and the interests of the humblest and most disadvantaged, in the evangelical perspective of the unique fatherhood of God and his design of love for all of his children." This year again, the winning project will receive a cash payment of a maximum of Euro 50,000, thanks to the generosity of a group of benefactors. The winner will also be given a foulard with the image of the renunciation, recalling the gesture with which the then Bishop of Assisi, Guido, covered the young Francesco Bernardone in the moment of his stripping, as well as an icon with the logo of the Award, bearing the faces of Saint Francis and Blessed Carlo Acutis. Participation is open until December 31st.

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