



Press Office

PRESS RELEASE

Press conference Tuesday 5 December at 11 AM, Filmoteca Vaticana ECONOMY OF FRATERNITY, FROM ASSISI AN AWARD OF 50,000 EURO Interventions include Archbishop Sorrentino, Sister Alessandra Smerilli and Father Giulio Albanese

ROMA – Concrete help to kick start economic processes from below, with respect for every person, in a climate of fraternity, as an example to foster a fraternal and human economy of solidarity, as exhorted numerous times by Pope Francis, also through "The Economy of Francesco". This is the basis of the International Award "Francis of Assisi and Carlo Acutis for an Economy of Fraternity," established by the Sanctuary of Renunciation (Santuario della Spogliazione) Foundation of the Diocese of Assisi – Nocera Umbra – Gualdo Tadino, consigning to the winner financial support of 50,000 Euro, an icon with the image of Saint Francis and Blessed Carlo Acutis, and a *foulard* of the renunciation of Saint Francis, designed by Brunello Cucinelli.

"With last year's Award of a project in Chad, carried out by young people on the streets, thanks to this help, they are now working – explains Archbishop Domenico Sorrentino – we are making known and supporting a different, supportive, fraternal and fair economy". The Award and the related competition for 2023/2024 will be presented on:

TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER AT 11 AM

Filmoteca Vaticana, Palazzo San Carlo

00120, Città del Vaticano (access through the Holy Office/Sala Nervi gate)

Interventions:

- Archbishop Domenico Sorrentino, Bishop of Assisi-Nocera Umbra-Gualdo Tadino and of Foligno
- Sister Alessandra Smerilli, Secretary of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human
 Development
- Father Giulio Albanese, Director of the Office for Social Communications of the Diocese of Rome and member of the Evaluation Commission
- Sister Roberta Arcaro, responsible for the Mission Secretariat, Franciscan Angeline
 Sisters (last year's winner)
- Monsignor Anthony Figueiredo, Coordinator of the Award

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