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The 2026-2027 competition guidelines for applications will be published on September 1st, with €50,000 available; applications are open until February 28, 2027.

**FRANCIS AND CARLO AWARD, APPLICATION DETAILS
ONLINE**

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ASSISI – Applications will open online on September 1st for the 2026-2027 edition of the international Award "Francis of Assisi and Carlo Acutis, for an Economy of Fraternity," with a monetary award of up to €50,000. The competition, organized by the Assisi Sanctuary of the Renunciation Diocesan Foundation, is open to individuals, organizations, associations, and companies from any part of the world, especially from the poorest regions, that, to address the lack of opportunities and limited economic resources, come together in cooperative or collaborative forms to develop worthy project ideas for the benefit of vulnerable groups and the development of their territories and communities. Reflecting the Award's ethical and value-based principles, submitted projects must represent initiatives that encourage economic processes of participation. Projects already underway (up to five years old) will also be eligible, as per the required documentation. In the event of a tie, the Evaluation Committee will prioritize more recent projects. Applications can be found online in various languages (English, Italian, French, Spanish and Portuguese) at www.francescoassisiscarloacutisaward.com and must be submitted by February 28, 2027. The Award, as described in the Statutes and Norms, has been established to "promote economic renewal in the spirit of universal brotherhood among all human beings, starting

with the plight and interests of the humblest and most disadvantaged, in the evangelical perspective of God's one fatherhood and his loving plan for all his children."

Thanks to this Award, since 2021, winning applications have come from five continents, 57 nations have submitted applications, and €275,000 has been awarded (donated by benefactors in Italy and abroad in a true economy of brotherhood).

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