

COMPETITION RULES
FOR THE ANTHEM OF THE 3RD EUROPEAN SECULAR FRANCISCAN
AND FRANCISCAN YOUTH CONGRESS

1. General provisions

- 1.1. Anthem of the 3rd European Secular Franciscan (OFS) and Franciscan Youth (YouFra) Congress shall hereinafter be referred to as the “**Anthem**”.
- 1.2. Groups and individual performers participating in the Anthem Competition shall hereinafter be referred to as the “**Participants**”.
- 1.3. The organisational team of the 3rd European OFS-YouFra Congress shall hereinafter be referred to as the “**Organisers**”.
- 1.4. The Anthem Competition shall consist of the following stages: **first stage of the Competition**: publication of Anthem Competition Rules; **second stage of the Competition**: sending records and registration of Participants; **third stage of the Competition**: evaluation by the Committee and selection; **fourth stage of the Competition**: announcement of and awarding the winner, arranging, recording and publishing the Anthem.

2. Objective of the Competition

- 2.1. Selecting the Anthem corresponding to the theme of the 3rd European OFS-YouFra Congress and the needs of the target group (Secular Franciscans and Franciscan Youth).
- 2.2. Promoting creation of worship songs and creating opportunities for composers and performers of Christian music to make use of their talents.
- 2.3. Spreading Franciscan spirituality through Franciscan worship songs.

3. Organisers

- 3.1. The Organisers undertake:
 - 3.1.1. to publish information about the Competition and its progress;
 - 3.1.2. to evaluate and select the records received in a transparent and objective manner;
 - 3.1.3. to inform all Competition Participants about the winner and evaluation results;
 - 3.1.4. to thank the winner and award a prize – a letter of acknowledgement and a cash prize of EUR 300;
 - 3.1.5. to indicate the authors of the text, music and arrangement during official presentation of the Anthem.

4. Participants

- 4.1. All musicians, including individual performers and groups, may participate in the Competition.
- 4.2. The number of members in a group shall not be restricted.
- 4.3. The Participants (individual performers or groups) must present the Organisers with their full contact details (e-mail and home address, mobile phone number), which may be used to contact them at any time.
- 4.4. The winner of the Competition shall sign written consent to transfer the copyright of the work (for distribution, release, public performance, broadcasting and web publishing) to the Organisers.

5. Requirements for works and records

- 5.1. The Anthem text must be in the official language of the Congress – English. If so desired, a verse in Italian (the second official language of the Congress) may be included and/or the Anthem text may be translated into the native language.

5.2. The text of the Anthem must include the theme of the 3rd European OFS-YouFra Congress “Whoever believes in me, rivers of living water will flow from within him” (Jn 7:38) and the invocation of the Holy Spirit.

5.3. The music and lyrics of the Anthem must be original, i.e. created by the Participant of the Competition, except for quotes from the Bible and/or Franciscan Sources.

5.4. The work must resemble the genre of anthem in its character and mood.

5.5. The record length of the Anthem must not exceed 4 minutes.

5.5. The works must be submitted to the Organizers in the form of quality records in mp3 format. The record must be accompanied by the text and chords and, if possible, sheet music.

5.6. A work that does not meet the requirements shall not participate in the Competition.

6. Evaluation Committee and song assessment criteria

6.1. The Evaluation Committee shall be comprised of the Organizers.

6.2. The evaluation will include the assessment of the vocal line, catchiness of the antiphon and relevance of the Anthem text to the Congress theme. Other criteria: musical language (harmony, melody), combination of musical styles, etc.

6.3. Performance technique, professionalism of artists, originality and vocals may also impact on the evaluation.

6.4. The decisions of the Evaluation Committee shall be indisputable.

7. Information for Competition Participants

7.1. The works must be submitted by the Competition Participants by **15 January 2018, 6 p.m.** to the National Council of the Secular Franciscan Order of Lithuania by mail to **Vilniaus st. 2a, LT-97129 Kretinga, Lithuania** or e-mail to **ofs.lietuvoje@gmail.com**. The following subject must be specified: “To the National Council of the Secular Franciscan Order of Lithuania, for Anthem Competition”.

7.2. The winner (person or group) of the Anthem Competition shall be announced on **15 February 2018** in the international website of the Secular Franciscan Order www.ciofs.org and the Lithuanian website www.ofs.lt and the author of the winning Anthem shall be informed in person and awarded the prize specified in paragraph 3.1.4.

8. Final provisions

8.1. All disputes shall be resolved in procedure set by laws of the Republic of Lithuania and these Rules.

8.2. The Organizers shall be entitled to amend and supplement the Competition Rules.