



## **EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR THE SUPPORTERS OF THE “VEXILLVM” FOUNDATION**

"Vexillum" Foundation carries out multiple charitable works in favor of the poor from different geographical areas of the world (See Social Solidarity – Website of the Foundation), promoting at the same time important cultural actions aiming at the achievement of christian principles in civil society.

Training seminars and conferences are scheduled throughout the year with the participation of professors and specialist from various fields, addressing from time to time issues of particular importance (theology, medicine, science, disability, poverty, environment, history, etc.).

In accordance with its statutory purposes of charity and culture, the “Vexillum” Foundation has implemented a variety of micro and/or macro projects in various countries. Some of the numerous activities carried out by our Foundation are listed below: provision of financial allowances and basic necessities, payment of health expenditure, households etc. to families and individuals who live in a state of poverty; scholarships for young school-aged students or university students who excel in academics without sufficient financial resources; scholarships and financial aids for minors and young adults of the Department of Juvenile and Community Justice and the Penitentiary Administration Department in the context of their respective Memoranda of Understanding; financial support to charitable organizations of various kinds, especially in the case of activities managed by religious entities both in Italy and in various countries of the world.

During the course of each year a number of cultural events take place in Rome aiming at social solidarity purposes. It must be mentioned that the events implemented by the Giuseppe Sciacca Foundation are often of international and interdisciplinary scope. The homonymous International Giuseppe Sciacca Award is undoubtedly the best proof and the most important of all.

The attention of our organization is particularly directed towards the enhancement of youth and the aid of the most deprived. Among the numerous initiatives, the aforementioned Memoranda of understanding, the Giuseppe Sciacca Bank of Orthopaedics’ and the great number of humanitarian interventions already accomplished are particularly relevant to our cause.

Particular attention is also devoted to the recognition of merit in the field of artistic activity, cultural-scientific research, institutional and entrepreneurial activity, because we are convinced that the aforementioned can perform important functions in favor of the society as a whole.

The acknowledgement we received by S.S. Benedict XVI on the occasion of His award ceremony in 2005, many recognitions and appreciations received from important Italian and European institutions, not least of which are those of the Presidents of the Italian Republic, along with adhesion of eminent personalities to our Organigram, are perceived as a strong incentive for us to pursue this path.

In previous editions, the Absolute Prize was conferred to eminent personalities of international importance or to extraordinary young talents: His Holiness Benedetto XVI (2005); Hon. Dimitris Avramopoulos, Minister of



Health and Social Welfare - Greece (2006); His Eminence Cardinal Angelo Bagnasco (President of the Italian Bishop's Conference) and H.E. President Marek Jurek (President of the Polish Parliament) (2007); His Eminence Cardinal Dario Castrillón Hoyos (2008); Mr. Louis A. Tallarini (President and Founder of the Columbus Citizens Foundation, 2009); Cody McCasland (2012); Jacob Barnett (2014); Carlos Perez Naval (2015); Ethan Loch (2016). Easton James LaChappelle (2017), Tanishq Abraham (2018); Rishab Kumar Jain (2019); Laurent Simons (2021), Erin Smith (2022), Sofia Tomov (2023, Sabrina Gonzalez Pasterski (2024), Lorelai Alberta Mosnegutu (2025), etc.

Among the winners of the Special Prizes, in the different sections foreseen under our regulations, in previous editions, there have been other important personalities such as His Eminence Cardinal Angelo Comastri (Vicar General Emeritus of His Holiness for the Vatican City – 2025); His Eminence Cardinal Dominik Duka (Em. Archbishop of Prague; His Eminence Cardinal Francis Arinze (E. Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and Sacramental Discipline) and His Eminence Cardinal Camillo Ruini (Em. Vicar General of His Holiness for the Diocese of Rome) - 2022; (His Eminence Cardinal Ernest Simoni (of the Title Santa Maria della Scala - 2021) His Eminence Cardinal Walter Brandmüller (Emeritus President of the Pontifical Committee of Historical Sciences - 2019); His Eminence Cardinal Willem Jacobus Eijk (Archbishop of Utrecht - 2018); His Eminence Cardinal Robert Sarah (Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and Sacramental Discipline - 2017); His Eminence Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle (President of Caritas Internationalis – 2016) His Eminence Cardinal Raymond L. Burke (Prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura - 2014); His Eminence Cardinal Raffaele Farina (Archivist and Librarian Em. of the SRC - 2012); His Eminence Cardinal Antonio Cañizares (Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and Sacramental Discipline - 2011); His Excellence Mons. Malcom A. Ranjith (Secretary of the Congregation for Divine Worship and Sacramental Discipline - 2008); the Princes of Monaco Ranieri III and Grace (Ad Memoriam); Doctor Joaquin Navarro Valls (Director of the Holy See Press Office); Professor Carlo Rubbia (Nobel Prize in Physics); Professor Bruno Dallapiccola (President of the Gregorio Mendel Institute CSS); General Carlo Alberto Dalla Chiesa (Ad memoriam); Doctor Magdi Cristiano Allam; Chiefs of Defense, etc.

Further information may be acquired by consulting the following web sites: [www.fondazionevexillum.org](http://www.fondazionevexillum.org) and [www.premioVexillumSciaccia.it](http://www.premioVexillumSciaccia.it). The brochures are also available online.

The solemn prize-giving ceremony, in the presence of Eminent Cardinals, religious authorities, civilians and militaries, Italian and foreign press and TV representatives, will take place in the Vatican State (Palazzo della Cancelleria) Saturday, 26 September 2026. The names of the sponsors of the Awards become known through all available means of communication (website of the Awards, mass media) in Italy and abroad, with the possibility of inserting the respective logos in our advertising material.

In particular, during the award ceremony that takes place in the Vatican State in the presence of ecclesiastical, civil and military authorities, diplomatic corps accredited to the Holy See and the Quirinale, Italian and foreign press and television networks, the conductors of the Awards thank publicly the supporters of the event and the respective logos appear on a maxi - screen. The major sponsors could also be included in the Presidential Committee which is the representative body of our cultural institution or awarded according to their field of activity.



The editions of the Awards have always appeared in articles (accompanied by photographs) in the main newspapers (eg Corriere della Sera, Il Giornale, Avvenire etc.) and through services on the most important television networks (Rai and Mediaset). In each case, as a consequence of adequate financial support, the Awards - in addition to what has been mentioned above - may purchase advertisements in print and/or television networks.

Since it is not a profit-making event, any sums received at the end of the event will be donated to charity. Regular supporters offer a contribution starting from €50.000; meritorious supporters start from €100.000.

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