

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD
"TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH"



THE
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SOCIETIES

2013 SONG CONTEST

PRESENTED BY
THE PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES
IN THE UNITED STATES

In celebration of the Year of Faith, the Pontifical Mission Societies announce a first-ever song contest for young Catholics – launching March 11, 2013. The contest features two divisions – Adolescent (grades 9-12) and Young Adult (ages 18* to 29). Judges for this contest include contemporary Catholic music recording artists.

Guidelines for Entry

- All entries must reflect the universal call to mission by our Baptism. Some suggested Scripture references:
 - Matthew 24:14 • Matthew 28:19 • Mark 16:15
 - Luke 24:47 • Acts 1:8 • Acts 13:47
- Contestants will be asked to create original songs (lyrics and music) with content drawn from, but not limited to both the Year of Faith (www.annusfidei.va/content/novaevangelizatio/en.html) and the 2013 World Youth Day themes (<http://www.rio2013.com/en>), and inspired by Sacred Scripture.
- While young Catholics may collaborate with friends and family members to perform an original song, only the songwriter may enter the contest. Multiple entries are not permitted. Lyrics may be submitted in English or Spanish, or both.
- Contestants will be required to submit an official entry form (on reverse of this page), along with sheet music and lyrics, and a finished recording as an MP3 file on CD. All these files may also be uploaded to our website at www.propfaith.net/SongContest2013. Each entry must also be accompanied by a letter of support from a pastor, Newman Center director, campus minister, or young adult minister. Files may not be greater than 20MB.
- Songs must not have been previously entered in any other contest or have been recorded, distributed or downloaded via a social networking site (YouTube, Facebook, etc).
- Songs must be appropriate for use during liturgical celebrations and other religious and youth/young adult events and gatherings.
- Winning songs will be chosen based on originality and ability to best communicate our Baptismal call to be missionaries through prayer and sacrifice, word and witness.
- Songs must be no more than four minutes in length.
- All Scripture references and other resources used must be cited.
- Evaluation of the melody will be based on its originality, youthfulness and contemporary nature. The melody should seek to further enhance the message of the lyrics. The music should be simple and easy to learn.
- Final evaluations will be based on the quality of the lyrics and melody; not the vocal or instrumental performance.
- Those chosen as finalists will be asked to sign an affidavit validating their song's originality.
- Music and lyrics will remain the property of the songwriters / composers.
- Deadline for submitting an entry is: May 31, 2013. Winners will be announced in August 2013 and an awards ceremony will take place in October 2013 in New York City.

**High school seniors who are 18-years-old may submit an entry in either the Adolescent or Young Adult category, but not both.*

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SELECTION OF WINNERS / PRIZES

- One grand-prize winner will be chosen in each division (Adolescent, Young Adult); two honorable mentions will be named for each division.
- Employees of the national or diocesan offices of the Pontifical Mission Societies are not eligible to participate.
- Each grand prize winner will have his / her song recorded by a professional Catholic music recording artist. Grand prize winners will be flown to New York for a special awards presentation to take place on World Mission Sunday, October 20, 2013.
- All winners will receive an iPod Shuffle. • Winning entries will be featured as part of the resources we produce to encourage young people and young adults in their understanding and outreach as missionaries; these materials have national and international distribution.

FORM

Name

Home Address

Home Phone Number

Cell Phone Number

Email Address

Diocese / Archdiocese

Parish Name

School Name (if applicable)

Birthdate (month/day/year)

Song Name:.....

Contest Category (check one) High School Youth/Young Adult

Consent of Parent or Legal Guardian (if entrant is 18 or younger)

I agree to my son/ daughter taking part in the “ Let Your Voice Be Heard to the Ends of the Earth” Song Contest presented by The Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States. I have read and agree to the rules of this contest. I acknowledge and agree that the judges’ decision is final in respect of selection of the winners.

SIGNATURE PRINT NAME DATE