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THE “LAUDATO SI” JOURNALISM COURSE

Young communicators announcement

Context

In the traditional and generalist media around the world, the attention to the environment, integral ecology, the custody of creation is present intermittently and in most cases the spotlights are turned on to report disasters, serious accidents, impending problems of which there is still little awareness. It is understandable that bad and alarming news prevails in the narrative of the *mainstream* media.

However, there is a whole *Laudato si'* world that is slowly building change at every latitude and that too often is not told properly in the media. There is a multi-colored and multi-cultural wealth of effective basic initiatives, that deserve to be valued and shared: it is a communicative need in its fullest meaning. It is urgent that the small lights of good already turned on but still submerged by the big negative lights, be shared and brought in so that others can imitate them or transform them by applying them to their local realities.

Aim

The aim of the course is to create and enhance in young people the willingness to collect and tell the positive experiences in progress, promoting the creation of local productions that they can share with the aim of staying in touch with the editorial staff in Rome.

Activities/commitment required

- the course will take place online in February and March 2023, on Mondays and Thursdays at 3 PM (Rome time);
- the course will consist of three modules, each one of 8 two-hour online lessons for a total of 48 hours:
 - Module 1: realization of videos, editing, photographs (*own instruments are required, at least a standard smartphone*)
 - Module 2: storytelling, realization of an interview
 - Module 3: the Encyclical *Laudato si'* and its application
- classes will be delivered online in English and Spanish (or Italian – depending on the candidates).

Why apply?

The young communicators will go through a unique training experience from February to March 2023, gaining both content and communication expertise in sharing *Laudato si'* stories. They will be offered lectures and individual coaching. At the end of the course one or more of the best editorial products will be published on Vatican News and its authors will be given the opportunity of an internship at Vatican Radio – Vatican News.

Selection criteria

- *maximum 35 years of age*
- advanced knowledge of English, Spanish or Italian
- knowledge of / experience in at least one of the following professional areas:
 - Copywriting
 - Sound/video making
 - Graphic design
 - Social media management

When/where to apply?

No later than **January 15th, 2023** by sending CV and motivational letter to this email address: laudato.si@spc.va

Selection process

The Dicastery for Communication will examine all the CV/Applications submitted as of the expiration date indicated above, on the basis of the selection *criteria*.

Selected candidates will receive all the information by e-mail by **January 31st, 2023**.

The first meeting will be on **February 6th at 3 PM** (Rome time).