



PRESS RELEASE

The Ramón Pané Foundation (Fundación Ramón Pané) launches the Catholic Music Awards, Sponsored by the Dicastery for Communication.

Vatican City, September 20, 2024. The Ramón Pané Foundation, sponsored by the Dicastery for Communication of the Holy See, joyfully announces the launching of the Catholic Music Awards. This innovative initiative, proposed by Cardinal Oscar Rodríguez Maradiaga at the World Youth Day in Lisbon, aims to revitalize and promote Catholic music and to recognize the creativity of Catholic Christian artists in all languages, including Spanish, English, Portuguese, French, Italian and more.

A Worldwide Event

Cardinal Rodríguez Maradiaga will kick-off this project at a press conference to be held on **September 27 at 4:00 p.m. at the Vatican Film Archive (Palazzo San Carlo)**, by officially opening the registration platform at www.catholicmusicawards.world.

Besides Cardinal Oscar Rodríguez Maradiaga, the event will be attended by prominent personalities, including members of the Dicastery for Communications, along with other Dicasteries and the executive director of the Ramón Pané Foundation, Bro. Ricardo Grzona. This project is more than a competition, it's a celebration!

The Catholic Music Awards are not merely a competition or contest, but a way to celebrate Catholic music in all of its expressions. **Winners will be announced on July 29, 2025, during the Influencers Festival and Jubilee to be celebrated in Rome.**

Why the “Catholic Music Awards?”

Historically, the Church has always been a great promoter of music. Through these awards, the Ramón Pané Foundation, with the sponsorship of the Dicastery for Communications, seeks to:

- Recognize and promote the creativity of Catholic musicians worldwide.
- Foment the production of quality Catholic music that serves to inspire and evangelize.
- Create a global community of Catholic musicians that will help them to share their talents and experiences.

The event will be broadcast live via the social networks of the Pané Foundation.

To attend the press conference, you must register at this email address cma@fundacionpane.org before September 25, 2024.

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