



Dear altar servers,

Our next international pilgrimage to Rome will take place in less than two years. The planning and preparations have already begun at the CIM, at the National Committees, the diocesan offices for the pastoral care of altar servers and in many parishes. With each new question and decision, the anticipation grows... anticipation of the strengthening holy services, the worldwide community, new impressions and acquaintances... in short, anticipation of you! Because you are at the centre of this pilgrimage... each and every one of you!

We have received many great ideas from the dioceses and parishes for the pilgrimage motto. Many thanks for them! Each motto had its own charm, a deep spirituality and would have been suitable as a motto for the pilgrimage. However, one motto suggestion expressed exactly what is at the heart of the pilgrimage and the ministry of altar servers, God's promise to each of you.

The motto of the XIII International Rome Pilgrimage of Altar Servers 2024 is therefore:

**With you** from Is 41,10: *I am with you* (for social media please also always use the English hashtag #withyou).

Without you, without the altar servers, we are missing something crucial in the Church. Your witness in service and in everyday life is very important! With You the Church is realised in our world. With you we celebrate the Holy Mass, with you we are a community, with you we give witness... God is with you!

We want to make the next steps of preparation with you! So you are all called to collaborate and send your creative proposals for the logo and the hymn of the pilgrimage.

What do you have to keep in mind?

- 1) You do not have to be very professional! An idea or a rough design is enough for us. If necessary, an agency will professionally implement the winning ideas.
- 2) The suggestions for the hymn must be translatable: make sure in advance that the lyrics work in different languages. In any case, the first verse should be written in English. Don't worry, translators and musicians will revise it if necessary.
- 3) Ideas must be submitted electronically by email by 14 November (cim.praesidium@gmail.com). For the logo design we need a digitised drawing and a short description of what you want to say with your idea. For the hymn we need the lyrics, the scores and a recorded version of the melody (only for internal use, a good mobile phone recording is sufficient).
- 4th) If Your logo suggestion is selected, You should agree that your proposal can still be changed and adapted. The logo and corporate design of the pilgrimage will be used and approved on various printed materials, pilgrim packages, social media templates, websites, etc. of the CIM, the National Committees, the diocesan offices for the pastoral care of altar servers and in parishes. If no agency services are required to adapt your logo design, we will of course pay a fee. When you submit your suggestion, please let us know the fee, you want to be paid.



5th) If Your hymn suggestion is selected, You agree that your proposal can still be changed and adapted. The pilgrim song will be used and released in various printed materials etc. of the CIM, the National Committees, the diocesan offices for the pastoral care of altar servers and in parishes. When you submit your suggestion, please let us know the fee, you want to be paid, and the terms of use.

Do you have any questions? Contact us at [cim.praesidium@gmail.com](mailto:cim.praesidium@gmail.com)

Looking forward to meeting you,

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