

Regulations
"Father Jacques Hamel International Award"

Fédération des médias catholiques (Catholic Media Federation) – Regulations for the 2024 edition

Article 1 – Organizer and Spirit of the Award

Following the murder of Father Jacques Hamel on July 26th, 2016 in his church in Saint-Étienne-du-Rouvray, the *Fédération des médias catholiques* (hereinafter referred to as the FMC), headquartered at 18, rue Barbès – 92128 Montrouge cedex, has decided to create a "Father Jacques Hamel" award (hereinafter referred to as the "Award"), in agreement with his family and Mgr Dominique Lebrun, Archbishop of Rouen.

Each year, the Award will be awarded to a journalistic production that contributed to the promotion of peace in general, and interfaith dialogue in particular.

Article 2 - Award

Awarded by a jury of leading figures from the media, the Catholic Church and civil society, the €1,500 Award will be presented (unless otherwise decided by the President of the FMC) during the *Journées Saint François de Sales* in Lourdes.

The winner will be informed at the end of the deliberations. They will then be informed of how to obtain their Award.

In any event, the winner must claim their Award within a maximum period of 6 months from the announcement of the results.

If the winner cannot be informed, or if they do not claim their Award within the time limit, the FMC may reallocate the Award to other participants.

Article 3 - Entries

All producers of a work, whether they are professional journalists or press correspondents, employed by a media company or freelance, can apply.

Only one entry per candidate will be accepted each year. An award-winning candidate will not be allowed to apply in subsequent years.

If the work is the fruit of a collective application, the candidates will share the Award money in the event of victory.

Article 4 - Content

The submitted work must meet the following criteria:

- It must be an original creation, published or broadcasted during the calendar year from February 1st, 2023 to November 30th, 2023.
- It may adopt any journalistic format (written, audio, video, multimedia, photo, press cartoon, etc.), with no time or length restrictions.
- It can correspond to any journalistic genre, such as news, portrait, report, interview, editorial, press photography, investigation, press drawing, etc.
- It must have been published in a media outlet (print, internet, radio, television).
- The proposed journalistic production must contribute in one way or another to the promotion of peace in general and interfaith dialogue in particular.

Article 5 - Procedure

The jury will only deliberate on the basis of an express and complete application from content producers.

Candidates must provide the following documents:

- a photocopy of an identity document, together with contact details, address, telephone number, email address, media name, date of broadcast or publication.
- a document explaining what motivated the work and the circumstances in which the article, photo, drawing, sound, audiovisual or multimedia document was produced.
- three copies of the subject produced on paper or in digital format (sent by email/flashdrive).
- If the application is from abroad, it must be accompanied by a French translation (paper or audio).
- Applications must reach the FMC secretariat (18, rue Barbès 92128 Montrouge cedex), by post or email (federation@medias-catholiques.fr), by midnight on December 17th, 2023.

Article 6 - Jury

To award the Award, the jury will meet in January 2024, and in any case at least five days before the *Journées Saint François de Sales*.

It will be chaired each year by a person appointed by the Board of Directors of the FMC, while the President of the FMC will choose the jury, made up of representatives of the media, of ecclesiastical institutions, of interfaith dialogue and peace movements, and of civil society.

The jury reserves the right to give the Award to two candidates who have tied, or not to award the Award at all, depending on the outcome of their deliberations.

The jury is sovereign and their decisions are final.

Article 7 - Advertising

FMC media will promote the Award, both through the announcement of the event and the report on the results.

The winning candidate will be invited to present their work at the Award ceremony during the *Journées Saint François de Sales*.

By virtue of their participation, each winner allows in advance the FMC and the media belonging to the FMC to use their name and image for any promotional operation related to the present Award, for up to one year from the closing date of the Award, without this use giving rise to any right to remuneration or compensation whatsoever.

Article 8 - Use of personal data

The personal information provided by participants is essential for FMC to process their entries. Failing this, entries cannot be taken into account. This information may be communicated to FMC member media.

In application of the French law of January 6th, 1978, as amended by the law of August 6th, 2004, participants have the right to object to their personal data being used for commercial prospecting purposes. They may also exercise their right of access and rectification by contacting the organizer at the following address: Fédération des Médias Catholiques "Prix international Père Jacques Hamel" 18, rue Barbès - 92128 Montrouge cedex.

Article 9 - Liability of the FMC

The FMC cannot be held responsible for any postal problems that may occur during the competition.

The FMC reserves the right to shorten, extend, suspend or cancel the present event, if circumstances so require, in particular in the event of *force majeure*, without being held liable in this respect.

In all cases, it reserves the right to extend the participation period.

Article 10 - Regulations

Participation implies full acceptance of the present regulations by each participant.

No oral or telephone inquiries concerning the interpretation or application of these regulations will be entertained.

Any dispute or claim relating to this contest must be made in writing and will not be taken into consideration after a period of one month from the closing date of the contest.

Any disputed interpretation of the present regulations, as well as any case not provided for, will be decided by the FMC.

Any fraud or failure to comply with these regulations may result in the exclusion from the competition of the person responsible, with the FMC reserving the right to take legal action if necessary.

Article 11 - Availability of regulations

These regulations may be consulted online at <http://www.medias-catholiques.fr/>