



EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION

October 2019

The Pontifical Mission Societies, known in Australia as Catholic Mission, have called a song competition on the theme of the Extraordinary Month of Mission.

The purpose of the competition is to engage children and young people of every Diocese in composing and 'singing for mission'.

Process

Invitation: All school aged students (Junior, Middle and Upper school), school music groups and choirs, parish choirs, youth groups, youth music groups/bands/choirs and individual music students up to the age of 19 years, are invited to compose a song and submit it to the Ballarat Diocesan Director for Mission.

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Criteria: A panel will choose a song that best reflects the following criteria:

1. The refrain contains the words **Baptised and Sent**.
2. The theme and content of the lyrics conveys the purpose of Mission, to build the Reign of God.
3. The music is suitable for singing by congregations and groups but does not have to be specifically liturgical.
4. The feeling and tone of the song is suitable and inspiring for Catholic communities.
5. The emphasis in the assessment will be the content and style of the music and lyrics rather than the sophistication of the recording (so as not to disadvantage small schools lacking a large orchestra).
6. Animators may work with the children and young people, but their role is only to motivate, support and encourage. The final work must be that of the children or young people

Submission: The song needs to be recorded and submitted via Dropbox with a simple score containing at least the melody line. The final day for submission is Friday 26 July, 2019.

Outcome: The chosen song for the Ballarat Diocese will be forwarded to the National Office along with the chosen entries from other Australian Dioceses. From these, a song will be chosen for forwarding to the Pontifical Mission Societies in Rome where it will be published on their website during October 2019.

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