

INTERNATIONAL AWARD

VASSALLO • GHIBAUDO • BERNARDI

*Dialogue between
generations
for the common
good*



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FOREWORD

An international award in remembrance of Antonio Vassallo, Father Giuseppe Bernardi and Father Mario Ghibaudo, 82 years after their deaths.

Liberal entrepreneur and agnostic Antonio Vassallo and martyred priests Father Giuseppe Bernardi and Father Mario Ghibaudo - from different generations - sacrificed their lives on 19 September 1943, the day of the first Nazi massacre in Italy in Boves, a small town near Cuneo.

Mr Vassallo and Father Bernardi were awarded the Gold Medal for Civil Valor and Father Ghibaudo the Silver Medal for Civil Valor. Father Bernardi and Father Ghibaudo were declared Blessed by the Catholic Church on October 16, 2022.

With this award, the Fathers Bernardi and Ghibaudo Association intends to convey the message effectively summarized by playwright Nino Berrini: "Tragic and glorious was the sacrifice of the parish priest of Boves, Father Giuseppe Bernardi, and of the curate Father Mario Ghibaudo, two extraordinary and self-sacrificing religious martyrs. But equally noble is the lay martyrdom of industrialist Antonio Vassallo, who could have rightly chosen to preserve himself for his family and his nascent industry, but who sacrificed himself for it, for the common good, on the altar of the Fatherland."



THE AWARD

The purpose of the award is to highlight the fruitfulness of working for the common good as a value to be put before differences of view or generational differences.

It is divided into two sections:

- dialogue for the common good
- dialogue between generations for the common good.

THE 2025 EDITION

- *The 19th June 2025 is the opening date for entries for the Vassallo Bernardi Ghibaudo International Award, Dialogue between generations for the common good section, 2025 Edition, organised by the Fathers Bernardi and Ghibaudo Association.*
- *Experiences of individuals, groups, communities or organizations in which young people and adults work together beyond their political, religious, ideological convictions on the paths of peace, forgiveness, reconciliation, for the common good can be nominated for the award.*
- *Self-nominations are not allowed.*
- *Entries may be submitted by individuals, families, associations or institutions and must reach the Association by 20 August 2025.*
- *The jury is appointed by the Association and will be coordinated by Prof. Luigi Pellegrino.*
- *The winners will be announced on 19 September 2025, the day on which the remembrance of the massacre is held.*
- *The prize will be awarded at a conference, scheduled to be held in autumn 2025, on the theme “Dialogue between generations for the common good” with a presentation of the award-winning collaborative experience.*
- *Presentations and testimonies from the conference will be made available at **www.premiovgb.it** where full details and the entry form can also be found.*

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