

Indian Catholic Community

Archdiocese of Vienna

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Ecumenical Carol Prayer and Singing Programme

Kindly note the following modifications and clarifications of the guidelines for the Ecumenical Carol Prayer and Singing Programme organized by the Indian Catholic Community:

1. The primary objective of this Programme is an Ecumenical Prayer Communion of the Malayalee Pravasi Christians in the area of the Archdiocese of Vienna on the occasion of Christmas.
2. As being a prayer gathering, this Programme will be conducted only in the venue of a Church of Catholic or Orthodox liturgical service.
3. The ICC does not want to organize this Programme as a professional, social, competitive Festival as a Mela outside the venue of a Church.
4. Until we get another Church facility better than the Church of Maria Lourdes, we shall conduct it here. You may also inform us of the readiness of the authority of any Church in Vienna who can allow us to organize our Programme there.
5. Christian devotional songs – preferably Christmas songs - must be performed by groups of at least 5 persons.
6. One group /choir shall sing only one song.
7. One person shall sing only once in the entire Programme either in A-type or in B-type Programmes: A-type means: Music without accompaniment and B-type means: Music with accompaniment. Accompaniment means instrumental or dramatic helps.
8. Previously recorded vocal music shall not accompany or replace the live singing.
9. There will be separate competition of the A-type and B-type. Competitions will be for three groups:
 - a. For the juniors from 5 years of age till 12 years of age.
 - b. For the Youth from 12 to 24 years of age.
 - c. For the Seniors from and above 24 years of age.
 - d. Follow strictly the age groups. That means, a person of any other age-group is not allowed to join for singing in any particular age-group. In groups of Juniors there must be children only between 5 to 12 years; in groups of the Youth there must be the Youth only between 12 to 24 years; in groups of Seniors there must be elderly persons above 24 years of age.
10. Rolling Trophies will be given to the First, the Second and the Third of the groups of the A-type and the B-type.

Criteria of assessment: Melody > 10 Points, Rhythm > 10 Points, Harmony and Unity of Voice > 10 Points, Clarity of Words > 10 Points, General Impression of Presentation > 10 Points.

Kindly keep the Decorum / Sanctity of the Church. There should not be any shouting or screaming in the Church. No distribution of flowers, sweets or coloured powder in the Church. Violations of this discipline by the participants of the carol singing groups will disqualify them. The Chapel of Maria Lourdes will not be available for preparations.

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