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SHOW ME THE HONEY

THE AVERAGE SPEED OF A HONEYBEE IS 15 MILES PER HOUR

All Saints Sisters of the Poor find divine touch in beekeeping
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CATONSVILLE — With an apron protecting her long, black religious habit, Sister Deborah Rose Remick marveled at the steady stream of thick, golden goo she poured into a small glass jar.

Careful to keep the current at the sticky substance matched the saint's own quiet capacity, Sister Deborah Rose scooped on a metal cup before one of her fellow All Saints Sisters of the Poor attached a label.

"Produced by bees-in-residence at the All Saints Sisters of the Poor Convent," the label proudly proclaimed. "Harvested & bottled in Catonsville, Maryland."

Hundreds of thousands of honeybees living in 12 colonies scattered across the religious community's bustling 100-acre campus helped produce the bottled honey held in Sister Deborah Rose's hands.

The substance's existence is a first Sister Convent in the U.S.

THE HONEYBEE HAS FIVE EYES
They include two large compound eyes and three smaller ocelli eyes

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Our focus is all God’s people

Congratulations, everyone!

From the Awards Committee



Ana Rodriguez-Soto
CHAIR
Awards Committee

That means everyone: Those who won or placed in the myriad awards categories for newspapers, magazines, books, social media, videos, podcasts, etc., as well as those who entered their work for the judges to view. As I said in this space last year, I consider all of you winners because the list of award recipients is but a small sample of the work done day-to-day by those engaged in Catholic journalism, communications and social media.

The entries honored each year reflect the wide variety of topics covered by

our publications. That certainly refutes the stereotype that Catholic journalists spend their time covering Masses or following the bishop around the diocese.

As Gaudium et Spes put it: “The joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well.”

Those are the stories Catholic journalists cover. Stories of joy and hope, of grief and anguish, of the poor and afflicted.

While secular media get bogged down in the “horse race” of primaries and general elections, in the he

said/she said of liberal versus conservative, in the gory details of crimes and who-did-what-to-whom, I like to think our focus is – and must be – slightly different.

Catholic journalists focus on people – all God’s people – and how God’s presence in the world is made visible through them and with them and in the outstretched hands of those who call themselves Catholic and Christian.

In that sense, the “good news” we cover is resolutely “catholic” – that is, universal. And the proof is in the varied list of winning entries published in this edition of The Catholic Journalist.

So again, congratulations to all.

And since this is my last year as chair of the Press Awards Committee, I want to thank my colleagues who served as members this past year: Sharmane Adams, Silvio Cuellar, Jean Gonzalez, Dave Hrbacek, Jaclyn Lippelman, Berta Mexidor, Chaz Muth and Mary Solberg; and of course, Kathleen Holloway, who does all the work behind the scenes and keeps the committee focused and on task.

Our discussions were certainly thought-provoking: Does size – the newspaper’s or the diocese’s – matter in the writing awards? How about in general excellence? What’s the difference between a “general news” photograph and a “spot news” photograph? How can the awards better encompass publications that have gone strictly digital or switched mid-year from weekly to monthly?

I admit we struggled with the answers and probably got some wrong. We also heard that some view the packets and category descriptions as too long and repetitive.

We appreciate that feedback. The committee’s goal is to make the awards fair, relevant and meaningful, a well-deserved accolade for the winners and aspirational encouragement for everyone in Catholic media.

We can only do that well if we hear from you. Is there a better way? Should we start thinking a little more “outside the box” of print versus digital, newspaper versus magazine, and more along the lines of writing/ editorial content, graphics/photography, business/ advertising, digital/social media?

Let us know. And get involved. Don’t be afraid to volunteer for this or any other committee of the Catholic Media Association. We need young faces and new ideas.

I guarantee that your active involvement in any CMA committee will be worth every minute of the time you invest, both personally and professionally.

God bless and keep up the good work!

Your work should be in ‘The Work’

That creative design, that awesome photo, that masterpiece of an editorial or commentary, that idea for your digital media that others might emulate, email them to:

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A time to celebrate!

From the President



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As Catholic communication teams continue to restructure and adapt, it is more critical than ever to celebrate the outstanding work by our members found on each page of this publication. We need to remember that the important stories continue to be told by so many gifted members, using many different types of communication tools, throughout the United States and Canada.

This year, I coordinated the award entries for our team at The Compass. This gave me the opportunity to read through our team’s suggested entries, as well

as research some of my own work. This really put a spotlight on the amount of effort needed to produce so many stories and such outstanding graphic design, done so professionally, even with a decreased staff under the same tight deadlines.

We are often so focused on tasks in our deadline-driven culture, that we do not take time to celebrate the successes that happen week after week. The Compass has always returned home from the annual conventions and *intentionally* celebrated the awards won with our team. This year, I encourage you to not only celebrate the awards, but honor all the work and the many gifts each member of your team contributes to your mission to bring more people to know and love Jesus. People need encouragement and support more than ever. With these, they can continue to support those we serve and continue to affirm the importance of Catholic communication efforts in the Catholic Church – now and in the years to come.

This year marks the second hybrid (in-person and virtual) conference. I suspect this hybrid model will continue in future years. It provides an opportunity to make our conference available to anyone who wishes to attend. This, in turn, allows us to foster longtime relationships, as well as build new ones. Together, we become better Catholic communicators as we learn from each other; and stronger Catholics as we inspire each other by simple, faithful witness.

We are a faith-filled family that supports, encourages, and prays for one another. We call on the Holy Spirit to continue to lead our association for years to come. Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

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All Member Awards



AI111: Advertising Business/Marketing Professional of the Year

First Place
Jennifer Miele
The Catholic Accent

What a dynamic individual. She has a real heart for her work, and you can tell she puts her whole heart in it. Great work growing and maintaining audience and advertising sales.

Second Place

Keri Hake
Northwest Catholic
You can tell it's not just a strong work ethic. Her work is conviction of the heart. Great growth seen. Seems to be a well-rounded and very involved individual.



AI121: Communications Director of the Year

First Place
Jennifer Drow
Diocese of Orlando
Easily most impressive of all the candidates. Well-rounded and capable

of elevating any mission she is tasked with. Large state and a growing diocese, geographically and in population. Serves on eight secretariats, plus the Basilica's board and the IT department - with a special charism for developmental disabilities ministries. Raising money on multiple fronts and rising to challenges of the times (e.g. the pandemic and natural disasters). Developing multi-lingual presentations, dipping into politics ... the accomplishments just go on and on.

Second Place

Robin Mull
The Catholic Accent
A well-rounded candidate, who touches all aspect of communications and grows everything she touches. Director of marketing and communications at the diocesan paper and a gifted digital steward - she even writes and develops tv shows. The digital side grows more important with each passing year and her content consistently draws views in the tens of thousands across all sites and channels. She also helped all 78 of the diocese's parishes develop social media identities. That is no small feat. Her influence directly translates to increased resources across the board - 233 new volunteers, a 5% increase in offertory, exponential digital impact and even increased school enrollment through social and print ads.

Third Place

Jennifer Antkowiak
Diocese of Pittsburgh
Brings a celerity element to the table. Longtime beloved TV anchor and reporter on both the ABC and CBS affiliates in Pittsburgh. Serves on all major diocesan boards and is a gifted strategist. Adept at public relations and outreach, including text-to-join campaigns and fundraising appeals. Executive director of communications and launched a magazine with a circulation of 164,000. Also a teacher and adjunct professor of communications and marketing at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe. She's a gifted writer too.

Honorable Mention

Nicole Hahn
Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend



AI131a: Editor of the Year (English)

First Place
Deirdre Cornell
Maryknoll
Like a chef with all the right recipes and techniques. Picks the right centerpieces

and main ingredients. Peels back personalities to uncover their true flavor. Chops up legalese to increase tempo and pace and boils down dry content to improve the overall taste. Her ability to lead with quotes - especially Bible verses as leads - further sets her apart.

Second Place

Laura Ieraci
ONE Magazine
Diverse set of skills which she wields in impressive ways. A perfectly tailored skill set for the modern multimedia age. Touches written content at every level, is involved in graphic design and images, oversees magazine production and distribution - and then works in audio editing and video mini-documentaries too. She even streamlined organizational structure, to improve workflow.

Third Place

George P. Matysek Jr.
Catholic Review
Gifted touch for breathing life into text and using subtle touches as brushstrokes - while still respecting other writers' tone of voice and structure. Capable of reading into stories and uncovering buried elements and then adding deft storytelling elements to keep narratives moving along. Good sense of pace, too.

Honorable Mention

Aaron Lambert
Denver Catholic

Honorable Mention

Pablo Kay
Angelus



AI131b: Editor of the Year (Spanish)

First Place
Vladimir Mauricio Perez
El Pueblo Católico
Vladimir Mauricio-Perez is deserving of the award for Spanish Editor of

the Year. I was immediately drawn to the magazine format of El Pueblo Católico. It is refreshing to see original content and not just articles that are translated from English to Spanish. Bravo!

Second Place

Silvio Cuellar
El Católico de Rhode Island
In El Católico de Rhode Island, Silvio Cuellar does an excellent job of compiling interesting articles that are compelling for readers on an intellectual and spiritual level.

AI141: Graphic Artist/Designer of the Year

First Place
Gabriella Ferraro O'Brien
Catholic Review
The pages designed by Gabriella Ferraro O'Brien are dynamic, engaging, and even a little whimsical. They attract readers with bold graphics and photography and the placing of the different elements allows for easy flow.



AI141: Graphic Artist/Designer of the Year

Second Place

John Zylka
The Catholic Accent
John Zylka's skilled work displays a great deal of versatility and energy. The design of the pages are clear and vibrant and the images quickly draw the reader into the page.



AI151: Multimedia Journalist of the Year

Third Place

Michael Calvente

Maryknoll

Michael Calvente’s impeccable designs are at the complete service of the story and the graphic elements, highlighting them with grace and elegance.

Honorable Mention

Kiley Loesch Stromberg

Grotto Network

AI151: Multimedia Journalist of the Year

First Place

Chaz Muth

Catholic News Service

Chaz’s work appeared in so many publications and I was blown away by the podcasts and videos in each and every story. He absolutely deserves to be named multimedia journalist of the year. His visuals help all of the stories come to life.

Second Place

Peter Finney Jr.

Clarion Herald

Peter Finney covered a wealth of stories that had great impact for readers and viewers. The videos, text stories and photography were superb and worthy of recognition.

Third Place

Mary Seamans

The Catholic Accent

Mary’s business marketing success was very impressive. Her graphic design and social media presence make her a stand-out journalist and one that should be commended.

Honorable Mention

Dianne Towalski

The Central Minnesota Catholic

Honorable Mention

Ricardo da Silva, S.J.

America Magazine



AI161: Photographer of the Year

First Place

Jacob Wiegand

St. Louis Review

Outstanding range of events and emotions. Captures and frames images with high degree

of technical skill. Photos bring subjects to life and say so much about the spiritual events and people captured.

Second Place

Dave Hrbacek

The Catholic Spirit

Wonderful range of photos capturing great emotion and showcasing humanity in the work. Technically excellent photos that invite the viewer in.

Third Place

Lukas Keapproth

Loyola University Chicago

Excellent versatility, skill, and attention-capturing photos.

Honorable Mention

Katie Peterson

Tennessee Register

Honorable Mention

James Ramos

Texas Catholic Herald



AI171: Social Media Professional of the Year

First Place

Shay Ryan

Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange

With a reach of more than 600,000 people,

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange has shown continual growth on all social media channels and high audience engagement. All platforms have consistent messaging and visually aligns with the idea of engagement. The various platforms inform and entertain through well-produced and curated visual content. Often, the message is simple yet effective. The visuals are stunning and capture the energy of the community. Well done on creating a consistent and creative visual platform!

Second Place

Andre Escalera, Jr.

Denver Catholic

The Denver Diocese has done a tremendous job growing their social media channels and sustaining a strong community of faith. Mr. Escalera has increased audience engagement across multiple platforms in double digits. What makes this entry stand out, however, is the effective messaging. The campaign to bring awareness to the pro-life movement are effectively aligned across all platforms with the Diocese’s community. The visuals and graphics throughout are high quality and engage the reader to continue the discussion. Overall, a very strong platform presence.

Third Place

Katherine Laguna

Diocese of Orlando

The Diocese of Orlando stands out in its ability to inspire through imagery. Ms. Laguna’s talent to create strong visuals as a powerful message is consistent throughout the social media platforms. From graphics to photos and short/long form stories, the overall narrative is to inspire and engage. In addition, the use of point of view narrative is a powerful technique to motivate the target audience. Ms. Laguna’s effective outreach and strong call to action has resulted in continual growth across all platforms.

Honorable Mention

Dustin Etheridge

The Tablet

Honorable Mention

Joshua Schipper

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend



AI175a: Writer of the Year (English)

First Place

Kerry Weber

America Magazine

These essays are exceptionally detailed and beautifully written, incorporating the

author’s relatable experiences supplemented with knowledgeable interviews. They have compelling structure and memorable endings. Each was a joy to read.

Second Place

Laura Ieraci

ONE Magazine

The writer has unusual range, producing high-quality features, news stories and audio reports. Her coverage of the war on Ukraine highlights the effects on churches and seminarians, adding a new dimension to readers’ understanding of the conflict.

Third Place

Don Clemmer

U.S. Catholic

The writer demonstrates a depth of knowledge and a well-structured, accessible style that provide information and insight on timely topics, such as labor rights during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Honorable Mention

Peter Finney Jr.

Clarion Herald

Honorable Mention

Laura Kosta

St. Louis Review



AI175b: Writer of the Year (Spanish)

First Place

Giovana Soria

Misioneros

The three pieces in this collection of articles are vividly and eloquently written. On their own,

the topics covered are compelling. The attention to details and the thorough reporting bring the subject to such life that you are left feeling that you know them personally.

Second Place

Violeta Rocha

North Texas Catholic

The writer has chosen compelling stories and has told them in an engaging manner. The variety of topics give a great sense of the diversity of the publication's audience and of the writer's ample range.



AI181: Videographer/Video Producer of the Year

First Place

Chris Tran

Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange

The image of a global Church set in southern California comes alive in these videos. First images of colorful dancers, music ministers, dress representing multiple cultures speaks of faith



AW331: Best Illustration with Graphic Design or Art

live, well and thriving. The videos represent the traditional in clips of the Knights of Columbus and procession as well as contemporary expressions of faith in dance and candle ceremonies. The backdrop of beautiful Southern California weather and the Christ Cathedral are hard to beat.

Second Place

Gregory Smith

Ave Maria Press

These videos are creative and picturesque. Accompanying narrative is theologically sound and compelling. The focus on persons, places and sacramental symbols and signs speak for traditional and contemporary experiences of faith. Loved the captivating images and insightful dialogue. WOW!

Third Place

Jeff Witherow

Catholic Courier

This series of videos is timely and poignant. With a focus on the reverent and colorful liturgy of the Ukrainian Catholic Church is informative, the videographer captures the age-old tradition placed in the contemporary setting of the diocese. The school's video is creative and fun.

Honorable Mention

Margaret Swensen

The Catholic Telegraph

Honorable Mention

Josh Long

Grotto Network



AI191: Podcaster of the Year

First Place

Maggi Van Dorn

America Magazine

To say that this podcast host, writer, and producer is a creative mastermind of excellent reporting is an understatement.

Maggi Van Dorn's podcast includes such a variety of topics, professionally researched, and executed. The impactful interviews, exquisite sound quality and mixing, and descriptive explanations of ideas and information make this a podcast to be

reckoned with! Maggi proves how much passion and effort she puts into each episode.

Second Place

Chaz Muth

Catholic News Service

This podcast host is incredibly professional and produces intriguing content that easily engages listeners. The podcast episodes challenge listeners with difficult but necessary topics. The variety of interviews, creatively cut together like pieces of a puzzle, gives listeners a well-rounded perspective on pertinent information about the faith, the community, and the world.

Third Place

Dan Allen

FaithND

This podcast host is friendly, learned, and easy to listen to. He makes his guests feel comfortable and helps them open up with casual conversation about impactful topics.

Honorable Mention

Jonah McKeown

Catholic News Agency

Honorable Mention

Taylor Henry, Producer; Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Executive Producer

Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

AW331: Best Illustration with Graphic Design or Art

First Place

CCUSA Immigration Microsite Watercolor Illustrations

Catholic Charities USA, Gisela Goppel, Watercolorist; Sheena L. Crews, Senior Creative Director; Julie Bourbon, Sr. Writer; Bill Gangluff, Chief Communications and Marketing Officer

These are lovely watercolor illustrations for a story in which photographs might have been too intrusive. It adds an element of gentleness to a difficult subject.

Second Place

Vin Scully
Angelus, Jim Thompson
An accomplished, eye-catching portrait that gives the reader a strong sense of the subject's personality.

Third Place

Inflation wallops parishes and schools
Catholic Review, Gabriella Ferraro O'Brien
This is a bold, striking, straightforward illustration that drives the reader immediately into the story.

Honorable Mention

Shroud of Turin and the Science of Resurrection
Grotto Network, Blake Cale and Becky Rogers

Honorable Mention

Thanks to the Workers Building Skyscrapers
Grotto Network, Andela Janković and Becky Rogers

AW345: Best Photo Gallery or Slide Show

First Place

Afghan refugees
Catholic Review, Kevin J. Parks
The slide show contained images that were poignant, and visually stunning. The photos told their own story and words were not required. Powerful.

Second Place

Hundreds march in Rochester in support of Ukraine
Catholic Courier, Jeff Witherow
The color and shot variation in this photo essay were stunning. Excellent work that spoke volumes, even without the captions.

Third Place

New priest ordained for the Diocese of Rochester
Catholic Courier, Jeff Witherow
Beautiful photos with an impressive shot variety that made me feel like I was in the church watching along with the family members.

Honorable Mention

Cardinal Wilton Gregory ordains 10 new priests for The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington
Catholic Standard, Andrew Biraj

AW351a: Best Freestanding Presentation of Online Video - Feature

First Place

This historic Catholic parish fought to stay open – and won
America Magazine, Deniz Demirer, Director and Editor; Sebastian Gomes, Executive Producer; Erika Rasmussen, Producer; Kevin Jackson, Assistant Director and Colorist
A compelling story that takes you inside a historic Black Catholic's parish in east Cleveland and their fight to stay open. What makes this entry stand out is how the producer was able to visually document the history of the parish and its future. The strong visuals carry the narrative throughout. All the characters in the film are beautiful gems you can't stop watching. The high-quality production is a must watch for the Catholic Community and is a memorable lesson about the power of faith.

Second Place

Father Kapaun Comes Home
Spirit Juice Studios, Rob Kaczmark, Seneca Lester, Branden J. Stanley, Danielle Conklin, Haley Rossi
A visually stunning and emotional journey of late war hero Fr. Kapaun's return home from Hawaii to Wichita, Kansas after more than 70 years. What makes this project stand out is the producer's ability to capture every moment of the journey from Hawaii to Kansas in real time. From the final flight home to the family welcome ceremony in Kansas, the viewer is there for every memorable moment. The interviews are very strong and support with the narrative throughout. A moving and inspiring tribute to Fr. Kapaun and his legacy.

Third Place

Beats – The Symbol – Brandon Morel, Bringing Hip-Hop to Catholic Faith
Shalom Media USA INC., Robin Varghese, Producer; Jeev T. Varghese, Creative Producer; Zach Martinez, Director of Photography; Arun Antony, Editor

A fun and lively profile of youth minister and artist Brandon "Beats" Morel. Morel's energy and personality bring his story with many layers to life. Morel and his inspirational message of faith and hope are a powerful lesson in storytelling.

Honorable Mention

CCUSA From Disaster to Disaster Relief: An Afghan's Journey
Catholic Charities USA, Ryan Blaske, Video Producer; Sheena L. Crews, Senior Creative Director; Bill Gangluff, Chief Communications and Marketing Officer; Susan Montalvo-Gesser, Director of Catholic Charities Owensboro

Honorable Mention

Priest Ordination 2022
The Catholic Telegraph, Margaret Swensen

AW351b: Best Freestanding Presentation of Online Video - News

First Place

Why Pope Francis will visit Canada to apologize to Indigenous Peoples
America Magazine, Sebastian Gomes, Executive Producer; Ricardo da Silva, S.J., Producer; Kevin Jackson, Producer and Editor
Such an important topic and a valuable amount of content, insight, and humanity. Great production value that transcends zoom-style production. Timely, interesting and important.

Second Place

SPECIAL COVERAGE: THE CHRISM MASS
The Tablet, The Currents News & Tablet Team
Fascinating episode honoring the Chrism Mass and breaking the subway shooting news at the same time. Incredible production value and impressive newsgathering.

Third Place

"A Christmas Miracle" feat. Deacon Kevin Orth
Diocese of Lansing, Matt Riedl
A truly inspirational story, character, and video. Very impressive production value, great pace, and great storytelling.

Honorable Mention

Auburn community rallies for Ukraine
Catholic Courier, Jeff Witherow

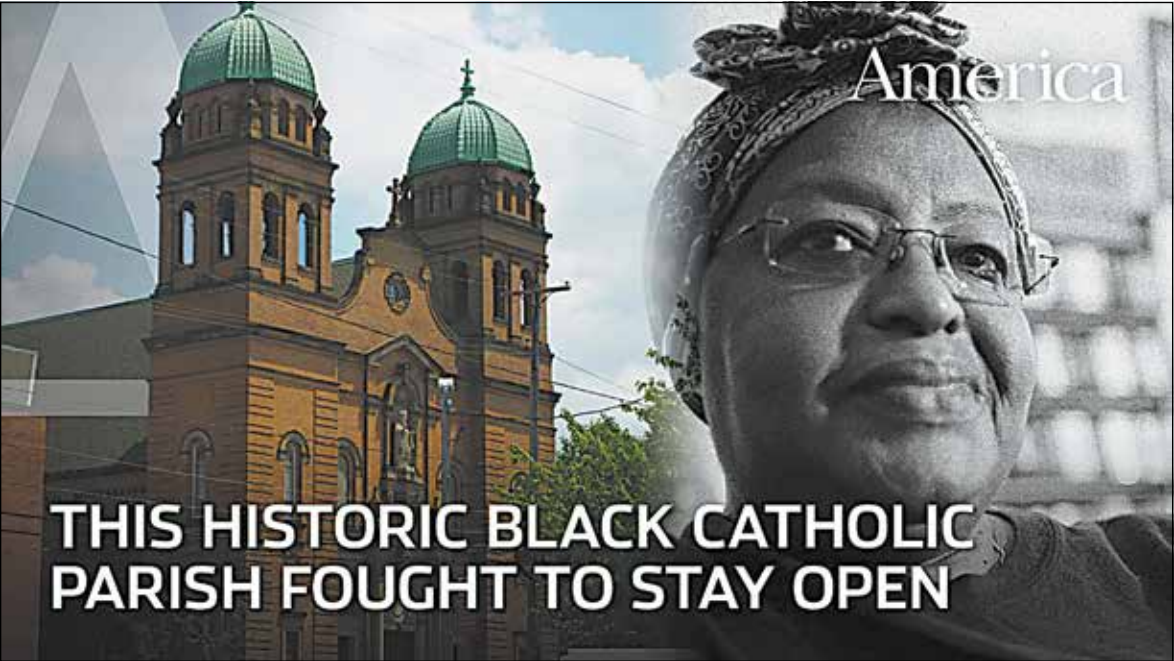
Honorable Mention

Should Catholicism have big-tent approach?
Catholic News Service, Chaz Muth

AW351c: Best Freestanding Presentation of Online Video - Pro Life Activities

First Place

Aid for Women: Gina's Story
Spirit Juice Studios, Rob Kaczmark, Seneca Lester, Branden J. Stanley, Danielle Conklin, Christopher Weingart
The technical quality of this film is unmatched, and its captivating story does what many nonprofit organization's videos fail to do – subordinate the nonprofit's placement and center the client's story



AW351a: Best Freestanding Presentation of Online Video - Feature

through their own voice. An exceptional film.

Second Place

GIFT: Amilyn Thomas: Tribute to Her Brother

Shalom Media USA INC., Robin Varghese, Producer; Felix Varghese, Creative Producer; Fino Francis, Editor; Zachariea Martinez, Camera

While the technical quality of this film is outstanding, it also merits this placement for the excellence with which it portrays the challenges, triumphs, and routines of a family caring for a child with special needs.

Third Place

Ice Cream Minivan

Grotto Network, Tara Kelly, Josh Long, Kevin DeCloedt, Jane O'Connor

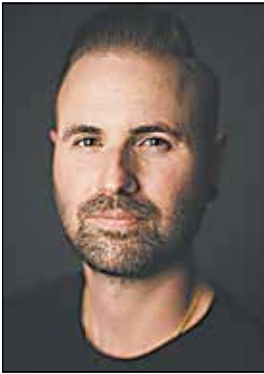
This is a charming and well-made story that merits recognition for its technical quality and slice-of-life storytelling.

Honorable Mention

Pro-life Priest Says Parish “Won’t Wave a White Flag” to Protestors Over Monthly Witness for Life Marches

The Tablet, Raquel DeLuca, Christine Persichette, Katie Engesser

This merits recognition for the tension in its conversation and its gripping imagery.



AW351d: Best Freestanding Presentation of Online Video - Depiction of Religious Life

First Place

Fairfield Carmelites: To Last 1000 Years

Spirit Juice Studios, Rob Kaczmark, Seneca Lester, Branden J. Stanley, Victoria McEachern, Haley Rossi

This mini-documentary is marked by gorgeous cinematography and a fascinating story. It excels particularly at working around the creative limitation of not being film the cloistered nuns at the heart of its story.

Second Place

Think Like A Jesuit: How Catholics can overcome the liturgy wars

America Magazine, America Media video team staff; Sebastian Gomes, Executive Producer; Kevin Jackson, Producer and Editor; Deniz Demirer, Director of Photography; Ricardo da Silva, S.J., Producer

This well-polished video embellishes the traditional talking-head format with unique camera views and creative graphics. The topic couldn’t be timelier for a pilot episode.

Third Place

Dominican House of Studies: Student Brother Tour

Spirit Juice Studios, Rob Kaczmark, Seneca Lester, Branden J. Stanley, Haley Rossi, Marissa Van Kley

This well-polished video embellishes the traditional talking-head format with unique camera views and creative graphics. The topic couldn’t be timelier for a pilot episode.



AW351e: Best Freestanding Presentation of Online Video – Social Justice Issues

Honorable Mention

Vowed- Life of Dominican Sisters of Mary Immaculate Province

Shalom Media USA INC., Mesmin Santhosh, Producer; Felix Varghese, Creative Producer; Zachary James Martinez, Director of Photography; Ranjith Jimmy, Editor

This entry merits recognition for its unique approach among the other submissions, featuring limited cuts (edited to look like one long cut) and a rapid-fire interview.

Honorable Mention

The Gift of The Child: A Christmas Choral Celebration

Diocese of Nashville, Diocese of Nashville Office of Media & Evangelization

AW351e: Best Freestanding Presentation of Online Video – Social Justice Issues

First Place

Innovative Housing Service Is Transforming Lives

Catholic Charities USA, Ryan Blaske, Senior Producer; Jeremy Mines, Videographer, CCUSA; Bill Gangluff, Chief Communications and Marketing Officer, CCUSA; Jennielynn Holmes, CEO, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa; John Pavik, Director of Communications and Public Relations, CC Santa Rosa

The cinematography in this piece is stunning! Even simple visuals are used effectively to weave this story of change and redemption. A feeling of home and comfort is portrayed with excellent lighting and clever camera work. The project covered in this video is exciting, heartwarming, and very much needed. You can see the passion and commitment to it in the interviewees. For such a short video, this piece had a lasting impression.

Second Place

Into the Light – Bridges to Life

Shalom Media USA INC., Mesmin Santhosh, Producer; Robin Varghese, Creative Producer; Zachary Martinez, Director of Photography; Ranjith Jimmy, Editor

This piece is professionally shot. It has high production value with lots of emotional visuals. The story is touching, and the movie-like images paint a beautiful narrative.

Third Place

Black Lives Matter and the Church

Catholic News Service, Chaz Muth

This piece is so important and impactful! The sound mixing, visuals, variety of interviewees, and editing all make this video a beautiful and creative artwork. The topic is necessary, and the discussion is thought-provoking.

Honorable Mention

Beyond the Page: Adaptive Sacramental Preparation

The Catholic Telegraph, Margaret Swensen

Honorable Mention

Songs of Hope for Ukraine

Spirit Juice Studios, Rob Kaczmark, Seneca Lester, Branden J. Stanley, David Naglieri, Haley Rossi

AW351f: Best Freestanding Presentation of Online Video – Explainer

First Place

Catholic Social Teaching in Two Minutes

Busted Halo, The Busted Halo Staff

This is the most thorough, fun, and informative video! The graphics and animation are adorable and eye-catching. The music really sets the tone of learning important facts in an entertaining way, and the colors create a truly remarkable visual. It’s clear a lot of time and effort was put into this piece. This video explanation of the Catholic Social Teaching is perfect for all ages!

Second Place

Word on Fire: Liturgy of the Hours

Spirit Juice Studios, Rob Kaczmark, Seneca Lester, Branden Stanley, Danielle Conklin, Daniel Gebert

This video has movie-like quality, professional editing, and amazing visuals. It’s a truly creative love letter to the Liturgy of the Hours. The lighting and various subjects work together to evoke a sense of unity and passion.

Third Place

How the Herald is made

Arlington Catholic Herald, Ana Lucia Batista

This is a really cool behind-the-scenes look into the printing process of the newspaper. It's a thorough explanation with great visuals and narration of the steps.

Honorable Mention

Reinterment Re-Examined: The Day Venerable Nelson Baker Came Home
OLV Charities, OLV Charities' Creative Team



AW351g: Best Freestanding Presentation of Online Video - The Clergy

First Place
Bishop Hanchon reflects on a lifetime of service to God

Archdiocese of Detroit, Andrew Kleczek, Producer and Director; Rick Giffin, Co-Producer
This well-polished and well-edited film succeeds in being both charming and deeply personal - a rare occurrence which merits recognition.

Second Place

Meet Fr. Vincent Ferrer Bagan, O.P., Cathedral of St. Thomas More Music Director
Arlington Catholic Herald, Kerry Nevins and Hannah Camerota
A fascinating look at a unique calling. This piece stands out for its technical polish and handsome cinematography.

Third Place

Holy Thursday Eucharistic Procession with Father Joe Krupp
Diocese of Lansing, Matt Riedl
A beautifully filmed and unique entry, notable for the distinctive way it approaches the topic of Eucharistic devotion.

Honorable Mention

Diocese of Lansing Priestly Ordinations 2022
Diocese of Lansing, Matt Riedl

Honorable Mention

Why Christ's Resurrection Can Help You During Grieving Stage by Fr. Paul Houlis
Archdiocese of Newark Department of Communications, Maxim Almenas

AW351h: Best Freestanding Presentation of Online Video - Panel Discussion

First Place

Who was Rutilio Grande, S.J., priest and martyr?
America Magazine, America Media video team; Ricardo da Silva, S.J., Producer; Kevin Jackson, Studio Operator; Sebastian Gomes, Executive Producer; Keara Hanlon, Editor
This panel video excels in the technical quality of its production and the gripping nature of its historical subject, fully explored via its expert panelists.

Second Place

Kidnapping of Sister Suellen Tennyson
Clarion Herald, Peter Finney Jr.
This panel video merits recognition for the personal scope of its content, interviewing two sisters about their personal experiences with and knowledge of the kidnapped subject.

AW351i: Best Freestanding Presentation of Online Video - Catechesis

First Place

La Eucaristía: Fuente de Nuestra Sanación y Esperanza
Spirit Juice Studios, Rob Kaczmark, Seneca Lester, Branden J. Stanley, David Naglieri, Marissa Van Kley
This expertly edited documentary merits its placement not only for its filmography, but for its approach of interviews and storytelling to communicate the value of the Eucharist to the lay person.

Second Place

Knights Coordinate Eucharistic Processions
Spirit Juice Studios, Rob Kaczmark, Seneca Lester, Branden J. Stanley, David Naglieri, Marissa Van Kley
This excellently edited video excels at capturing the beauty and significance of a timely topic, the Eucharist, at a time of strategic revival.

Third Place

Happy Birthday, Blessed Mother!
Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange, Shay Ryan, Chris Tran, Fr. Duy Le
This Reel merits recognition for its technical quality, strong editing, and the interest it generates — catechizing through storytelling rather than exposition.

Honorable Mention

Our Lady of Guadalupe: Woman of the Eucharist
Spirit Juice Studios, Rob Kaczmark, David Naglieri, Branden Stanley, Seneca Lester, Marissa Van Kley

AW352: Best Video – Hot Topic – The Dobbs decision

Honorable Mention

Archbishop Bernard Hebda's Statement Regarding Dobbs Ruling by U.S. Supreme Court
Zach Jansen, Tom Halden, Zach Jansen
AW361a: Best Multimedia Package – Feature

First Place

Sister Saving Sister
Northeast Ohio Catholic, Deacon Jim Armstrong, Kay Colby, Carol Kovach, and Kathy McLain
The video package was beautifully shot, and the story was poignant. The bond these sisters shared was captured in the story and I found the story award worthy.

Some Catholics stress need for dialogue with Black Lives Matter movement

By Carol Zimmermann and Chaz Muth | Catholic News Service | April 5, 2022



Bishop Mark J. Seitz of El Paso, Texas, kneels at El Paso's Memorial Park holding a "Black Lives Matter" sign June 1, 2020. (CNS photo/Fernie Cenicerros, courtesy Diocese of El Paso)

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Black Lives Matter movement is coming up to its 10th anniversary next year, so it's hardly in its beginning stages.

It remains a work in progress and many Catholics see it as something that the church should be willing to look at, talk about and even collaborate where it can, to take a hard look at racism and attempt to find a path forward.

Second Place

CCUSA Immigration Microsite: And They Shall Know Us by Our Love

Catholic Charities USA, Julie Bourbon, Senior Writer, CCUSA; Sheena L. Crews, Senior Creative Director, CCUSA; Bill Gangluff, Chief Communications and Marketing Officer, CCUSA; Ryan Blaske, Video Producer; Dustin Maust, Video Producer

This microsite was so impressive. I loved the design of the migrant stories. The combination of compelling writing and artwork made this a winner.

Third Place

Closer to the People

ONE Magazine, Anna Nekrasova-Wilson, Laura Ieraci, Konstantin Chernichkin, David Bratnick

The text and video package complimented each other without replicating each other. The photographs were beautiful and enhanced the overall project.

Honorable Mention

“Can’t not do it,” says Sister Prejean of her fight to end death penalty

Catholic News Service, Chaz Muth and Carol Zimmermann

Honorable Mention

The Courage to Say Hello

Grotto Network, Chuck Fry, Josh Long, Jessie McCartney, Becky Rogers, Gustavo Pedrosa

AW361b: Best Multimedia Package – News

First Place

Some Catholics stress need for dialogue with Black Lives Matter movement

Catholic News Service, Chaz Muth and Carol Zimmermann

The authors told the story of race and religion by focusing on the BLM movement. The text, video package, and audio elements worked so well together and created a powerful story that was expertly reported.

Second Place

Florida Prayer Vigils for Ukraine

Florida Catholic (Orlando), Jean Gonzalez and Florida Catholic Media staff

This story was told through video, text, a photo slide show, and a map. These elements all complimented each other and provided the reader with a well-rounded, journalistic experience. Very impressive.

Third Place

Georgetown officials say amends for slavery past are ongoing and long term

Catholic News Service, Chaz Muth and Carol Zimmermann

The visuals and audio elements in this story work together.

Honorable Mention

The House that Love Built

North Texas Catholic, Joan Kurkowski-Gillen, Reporter; Juan Guajardo, Photographer; Alex Rosales and Michael Kelly, Videographer; Joseph Barringhaus, Photographer; Ben Torres, Photographer

AW361c: Best Multimedia Package – Pro-Life Activities

First Place

Link between death penalty and racism can’t be ignored, advocates say

Catholic News Service, Chaz Muth and Carol Zimmermann

Catholic News Service tackled an issue that is often overlooked or not discussed in Catholic circles. The multimedia elements of a short, introductory video, professionally written text, and a beautifully produced podcast made this entry a shining star.

Second Place

March For Life Strong as Ever After Pandemic-Forced Hiatus

The Tablet, Dustin Etheridge, John Lavenburg, Christine Persichette

The package in this piece was excellent as it included a live shot from the March for Life in Washington DC and the footage was beautifully shot. The video element complimented the text piece, which was also very well written.

Third Place

She Heard a Calling to Help Immigrants Find Dignity – ‘It Was So Clear’

Grotto Network, Mike Jordan Laskey, Josh Noem, Becky Rogers, Grotto video team

AW361d: Best Multimedia Package – Depiction of Religious Life

First Place

Called to Serve: Deacon Ordination 2022

Catholic Courier, Gina Capellazzi and Jeff Witherow

The Catholic Courier tells a simple yet visually engaging and cohesive narrative. Covering the Deacons’ Orientation, the team captures the emotions of a powerful moment. The story takes the reader through a well-constructed beginning, middle and end with thorough interviews and visuals that complement the narrative throughout. A good example of how a well written story and visuals can come together to tell a powerful story.

Second Place

Catholic Courier highlights the diocese’s newest priest

Catholic Courier, Mike Latona, Jeff Witherow, Gina Capellazzi

A beautiful depiction of a day in the life of a Deacon Aaron Kelly. What makes this entry truly memorable is the enterprising narrative. The author takes the reader on Deacon’s Kelly journey of faith and hope. From his days as a seminary student to Deacon Kelly’s first mass, the author takes you inside each memorable moment of the Deacon’s life via a visual storybook. The project is incredibly well done from start to finish and captures what makes every Deacon’s calling special. This is more than a story, it’s an experience of witnessing a wonderful man of faith and his journey with God.

Third Place

Oils Blessed, Clergy Renew Vows at Chrism Mass

The Tablet, The Tablet and Currents News Staff

A wonderful tribute to the St. Joseph Chrism Mass. Photos and video capture the emotional day of more than 300 clergymen gathered in full attendance to celebrate since the covid pandemic began.

Honorable Mention

Oblate Sisters say Mother Lange’s courage, resilience is model for today

Catholic News Service, Chaz Muth and Carol Zimmermann

Honorable Mention

Mass for deceased clergy celebrates their impact on communities and future vocations

Maria Margiotta, Maxim Almenas

AW361e: Best Multimedia Package – Social Justice Issues

First Place

CCUSA Immigration Microsite: And They Shall Know Us by Our Love

Catholic Charities USA, Julie Bourbon, Senior Writer, CCUSA; Sheena L. Crews, Senior Creative Director, CCUSA; Bill Gangluff, Chief Communications and Marketing Officer, CCUSA; Ryan Blaske, Video Producer; Dustin Maust, Video Producer

A powerful, visual story that gives a voice to a vulnerable population. The Catholic Charities team highlights the importance of serving migrants who need our help and compassion. What makes this entry stand out is the team’s powerful message — And They Shall Know Us By Our Love. The team delivers this message through a compelling visual narrative that is engaging and relevant to the Catholic community.

Second Place

Catholic–Jewish Dialogue Group Visits Important Civil Rights Sites

The Georgia Bulletin, Allen Kinzly, Samantha Smith, Johnathon Kelso

Representatives of the United States Council of Catholic Bishops and the National Council of Synagogues participated in a 3-day journey in Georgia and Alabama as they visited major Civil Rights memorials. What makes this entry stand out are the visuals and well-produced video that documents the journey. Seeing each member visit the various sites and hearing their commentary in the moment makes this multimedia project memorable.

Third Place

A Bright Spot

ONE Magazine, Gohar Abrahamyan, Nazik Armenakyan, Laura Ieraci, David Bratnick

A Bright Spot is a wonderful profile of the “Little Prince Center” located in the heart of Artashat. The author helps you bring the stories of the children and their families to life through compelling interviews and a well-told story. The story is beautifully told through compelling visuals and gives you a close-up view of the daily life of the families. A n inspirational narrative of faith and hope.

Honorable Mention

Students’ race discussion transforms Catholic school’s culture

Catholic News Service, Chaz Muth and Carol Zimmermann

Honorable Mention

White involvement in racial justice work is key, Catholic leaders say

Catholic News Service, Chaz Muth and Carol Zimmermann

AW361f: Best Multimedia Package – Seasonal Issue

First Place

Advent Calendar 2022

Catholic Courier, Gina Capellazzi and Jeff Witherow

This calendar is creative, with both visual and audial components. It provides a compelling way to enter into the spirit and activity of Advent using creative interactive tech to invite users to engage in Advent practices that are globally and locally centered.

Second Place

2022 Catholic Courier Lenten Guide

Catholic Courier, Gina Capellazzi

Third Place

Restore, Lent 2022

Ave Maria Press, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, Author; Valerie Delgado, Illustrator; Gregory Smith, Video Production; Kate Rice, Campaign Graphics; Katie Prejean McGrady, Ave Explores: Lent; Erin Pierce, Parish Resources

Restore is a wonderful, creative beautiful guide to the season of Lent. Sister Miriam breaks all preconceived notions of observing Lent with a realistic and helpful way to reflect on the graces of the Lenten season through prayer, reflection, and journaling. The invitation to delve into a deeper faith and grapple with hurt and pain in one's own experience makes this submission stand out! The video is well lit and has good quality visuals in the setting before an altar. The accompanying materials in book form offer content and reflection questions that are high quality and theologically sound. This is a useful resource for one person or for a group setting.

Honorable Mention

Behold, Advent 2022

Ave Maria Press, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, Author; Josiah Henley, Illustrator; Video Production by Gregory Smith; Campaign Graphics by Kate Rice; Ave Explores: Advent 2022 with Katie Prejean McGrady; Parish Resources by Erin Pierce

Behold is a wonderful, creative beautiful guide to the season of Advent. Sister Miriam breaks all preconceived notions of observing Advent with a realistic and helpful way to reflect on the Holy Family...and one's own journey with family of origin. The invitation to delve into a deeper faith and connection to life experience makes this submission stand out! Well done!

Honorable Mention

Hark! – Carol of the Bells

America Magazine, The America Media Audio Team Staff; Jim McDermott, S.J. - author of article; Maggi Van Dorn - writer and producer of podcast episode; Ricardo da Silva, S.J. - producer of podcast episode; Jim Bilodeau - sound engineer of podcast episode; Cristobal Spielmann - production assistant; Jill Rice - production assistant; Christopher Parker - production assistant; Sebastian Gomes - executive producer

AW361g: Best Multimedia Package – Violence in Our Communities

First Place

Church leaders urged to be trailblazers in addressing systemic racism

Catholic News Service, Chaz Muth and Carol Zimmermann

The topic of racism within the Catholic Church is an important, yet overlooked topic, so I applaud the authors for tackling this issue. The short video was a simple single camera shot, but very powerful. The podcast included several different perspectives and was professional in quality. I found the entire multimedia package fascinating and well done.

Second Place

History can foster understanding of present racial unrest, scholars say

Catholic News Service, Chaz Muth and Carol Zimmermann

This piece looked at societal racism and challenged people to examine history to understand how issues of today are connected to issues of the past. The video was well done and included some archival footage. The podcast was a strong addition to the text piece, which included multiple voices. Excellent on all counts.

Third Place

Man Charged with Hate Crime Following Vandalism Arrest at Catholic Church in Flushing

The Tablet, Dustin Etheridge, Bill Miller, Christine Persichette

AW371: Best Multimedia Package Series

First Place

Church and Race: A path to healing and justice

Catholic News Service, Chaz Muth and Carol Zimmermann

I was blown away by the depth of coverage Chaz and Carol did on the racial divide in the Church and in America in general. The videos and text were excellent, simply excellent. But the podcasts set this entry apart from the others as they were so comprehensive and covered several aspects of systemic racism that permeate our world from a variety of perspectives. I cannot give enough praise to this entry. BRAVO!

Second Place

Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Juan Diego Image Enthronement and Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral

The Good Newsroom, The Good Newsroom Staff
The social media presence for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass was by far the best I have seen in any category. I was very impressed with the number of posts and the quality of the posts. That is how you gain viewership and spread the word. The number of videos and photo slide shows also made this entry an example of multimedia excellence.

Third Place

Immigration/Welcoming the Asylum Seeker Catholic Charities New York

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York,

John-Mark de Palma, Peter Feuerher

The images of asylum seekers captured by Catholic Charities of New York were haunting yet provided hope for the future. The articles outlined the hardships faced by the families seeking help and the photography and social media outreach was superb.

AW381a: Best Use of Video on Social Media – Diocesan Communications

First Place

Diocese of Lansing Priestly Ordinations 2022

Diocese of Lansing, Matt Riedl

This video has incredibly moving visuals! The lighting, music, and overall videography is stunning! It has superb engagement on Facebook. The subject is portrayed with such care and passion that it draws in viewers effortlessly.

Second Place

Northeast Ohio Catholic Report

Northeast Ohio Catholic, Deacon Jim Armstrong, Kay Colby, Carol Kovach, and Jeff Stutzman

This video has amazing lighting, editing, and sound. It has great engagement on Facebook. The news stories are relevant and reported thoroughly with excellent visuals.

Third Place

Father Gordon Reigle's Heavenly Inspiration

Diocese of Lansing, David Kerr, Matt Riedl

This video was a perfect call-to-action on social media. The speaker was engaging, and the videography was professional. Using lovely visuals and a well-written script, this video delivered an impactful message. The Facebook community flocked to this video!

Honorable Mention

Hail Holy Queen – FIAT 2022

Catholic Diocese of Arlington, Mary Brodeur, Kerry Nevins, Hannah Camerota

Honorable Mention

Faith magazine teaser December 2022

Catholic Diocese of Erie, Vince Dragone

AW381b: Best Use of Video on Social Media – News Organization

First Place

Catholic Review Sports Saturday

Catholic Review, Kevin J. Parks

This video was so fun, exciting, and great for sharing on social media! It had an awesome combination of photos, videos, interviews, and text. The editing was modern, professional, and attention-grabbing.

Second Place

How the Herald is made

Arlington Catholic Herald, Ana Lucia Batista

This piece is interesting, informative, and perfect for social media. It is a fascinating behind-the-scenes video, which is a genre people gravitate to on social media platforms.

Third Place

Live Coverage: The Chrism Mass

The Tablet, The Currents News & Tablet Team
This live Facebook video had great audience engagement and covered a variety of newsworthy topics.

AW511: Best Social Media Campaign

First Place

I AM HERE

Archdiocese of Detroit, Emily Mentock, Creative Director; Edmundo Reyes, Director of Communications and Marketing; Leah Butalid, Content Coordinator
The “I Am Here” campaign is a powerful example of good storytelling and clear, concise messaging. Through a simple yet effective technique of seeing and hearing the community in their own words with visually striking black and white photographs, the social media team produced an effective message that resonated with their audience. The testimonies are the highlight of the social media campaign and are effective across Facebook, Tik Tok and Instagram. Most of the testimonies are simple yet memorable ideas of faith and hope. The audience responded to the campaign in impressive numbers, more than 180,000 users total.

Second Place

#GrottoVoices

Grotto Network, Adrienne Garalde, Grotto Network team
The Grotto Network team's Grotto Voices series is an enterprising and effective campaign. By reaching out to disaffiliated young adults between 18-35, the campaign gives these underrepresented voices a platform to be heard. The campaign asked their respondents to complete a series of simple yet thoughtful statements. The responses were powerful and revealing. The campaign garnered more than 100,000 impressions and solid audience engagement rate.

Third Place

12 Days of Christmas Challenge – Catholic Charities New York

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York, John-Mark dePalma, Danielle Fontanez
The 12 days of Christmas social media campaign goes a step beyond the traditional and sometimes predictable seasonable approach. Instead, the Catholic Charities social media team launched a 13-day consecutive call to action and challenge on Facebook and Instagram. Using highly produced visuals that align with the theme and a consistent clean look, the team's creative campaign secured a high engagement rate and overall effective outreach.

Honorable Mention

CalledToHope Ignatian Heritage Month Campaign

Loyola University Chicago, Elizabeth Shea

Honorable Mention

A Minute With Bishop Brennan

The Tablet, Dustin Etheridge and Vito Formica

AW541: Best Use of Social Media for Breaking News

First Place

Coverage of Pope Benedict XVI's Death on IG

Catholic News Agency, Francesca Pollio Fenton
This series of Instagram posts on Pope Benedict XVI's death kept the audience informed with frequent updates and a strong combination of text and photography. The eye-catching design plays to the strengths of the platform.

Second Place

Feed my sheep: A memorial tribute

Ann Marie Welsh, Elizabeth Butterfield, Rich Papalia, Anne-Marie Welsh, Sheila Grove
These Facebook posts and microsite reporting on the death of Bishop Emeritus Donald W. Trautman provide comprehensive coverage for a local audience, using text, photos, and video to communicate both news and context.

AW551: Best Use of Photos in Social Media

First Place

Atlantic City Boardwalk Candlelight Procession opening the National Eucharistic Revival in the Diocese of Camden

Diocese of Camden, Communications Department, David Hernandez and Maria Tocci D'Antonio
Compelling images that bring the viewer to the event. Great use of night photography, perspective, and space.

Second Place

I AM HERE

Archdiocese of Detroit, Emily Mentock, Creative Director; Edmundo Reyes, Director of Communications and Marketing; Valaurian Waller, Photographer; Marek Dziekonski, Photographer
Excellent use of black and white photography. Great characters, evoking an important sense of the humanity of each one. Engaging images.

Third Place

Our Lady of Guadalupe on Instagram

Catholic Courier, Heidi Huntington and Jeff Witherow

Honorable Mention

Ash Wednesday on Instagram

Catholic Courier, Heidi Huntington and Jeff Witherow

AW552: Best Use of Graphics in Social Media

First Place

Priests vs. Seminarians Basketball Game

Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange, Shay Ryan, Patrick Gulpo, Jazmin de Guzman, Chris Tran
High-quality, fun and engaging video and graphics advertised a priests vs. seminarians basketball game. The well-designed graphics certainly increased interest and excitement around the event.

Second Place

Grotto edition art

Grotto Network, Becky Rogers, Allison Whitehead, Kadna Anda, Kiley Loesch Stromberg



AW552: Best Use of Graphics in Social Media

Beautiful, colorful and artistic images, each paired with a short essay, draw attention to the publication's issue theme.

Third Place

Best Use of Graphics in Social Media – Catholic Charities New York

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York, John-Mark dePalma, Karen Knox-Bruce
Bold, informative graphics and images counteract harmful myths about immigration and explain how Catholic Charities New York is helping asylum seekers. The clear explanations and concise wording contributed to strong audience engagement.

Honorable Mention

Busted Halo

Busted Halo, Mary Kate Polanin

AW561a: Best Podcast - Topical News

First Place

The Francis Effect

National Catholic Reporter, Heidi Schlumpf, Fr. Daniel P. Horan, David Dault
This podcast covers relevant and important topics with multiple perspectives. The speakers have intelligent and passionate conversations with well-rounded and well-researched viewpoints. Their voices portray their love of these topics and compassion for those they're discussing. This podcast is professional and engaging.

Second Place

Inside the Vatican: Pope Francis visits Canada to apologize to Indigenous peoples

America Magazine, The America Media Audio Team
This single podcast episode covers an incredibly important topic. It contains emotional interviews from a variety of perspectives. There is good sound mixing and thorough reporting. The story is heartbreaking but is necessary to be told truthfully and with sorrow and compassion. This podcast episode is artfully done!

Third Place

What the Faith, Miami?

Florida Catholic (Miami), Rocío Granados, Cristina Cabrera Jarro, Ana Rodríguez-Soto
This podcast has enthusiastic speakers and great sound quality. You can tell the guest speakers and interviewers are comfortable, casual, and having fun. This podcast is interesting and covers unique topics.

Honorable Mention

The Walk Humbly Podcast

Catholic Diocese of Arlington, Bishop Michael F. Burbidge and Billy Atwell

AW561b: Best Podcast - Social Justice Issues

First Place

Church and Race

Catholic News Service, Chaz Muth and Carol Zimmermann

These podcast episodes cover the necessary topic of racial bias and injustice in the world and how it involves the Catholic Church. Using heartbreaking and touching interviews and a variety of perspectives, this podcast delivers a truly engaging discussion about inclusion, justice, and the challenges Black Catholics still face even in their own churches and schools. These episodes are a remarkable and professional production that is sure to draw in listeners from every background!

Second Place

Hark!: The Huron Carol (‘Twas in the Moon of Wintertime)

America Magazine, Maggi Van Dorn, Writer and Producer; Ricardo da Silva, S.J., Writer and Producer; The America Media Audio Team Staff
This podcast episode covered the intriguing topic of indigenous influence in Catholic music. The amazing sound editing provided an immersive experience for listeners. It sounded like an audiobook! The story was fascinating and unique. The host had a soothing voice, combined with well-researched knowledge and a professionally written script. Listeners will benefit from learning the historical significance and cultural intricacy of the song discussed in this episode.

Third Place

FaithND’s Everyday Holiness Podcast

FaithND, Dan Allen, Associate Director of Spirituality and Service
These podcast episodes covered unique topics in interesting ways. The podcast host was easy to listen to and his guests were well-spoken and passionate about the topics they were discussing. These talks were thoroughly informative, while being casual and comfortable.

Honorable Mention

The Busted Halo Show with Father Dave Dwyer

Busted Halo, Father Dave Dwyer, CSP; Brett Siddell; Krista LePard

Honorable Mention

Voting Catholic: How should Catholics judge candidates on abortion after Roe?

America Magazine, Maggi Van Dorn, Sebastian Gomes, The America Media audio team

AW561c: Best Podcast - Expression of Faith

First Place

I AM HERE Podcast

Archdiocese of Detroit, Emily Mentock (Creative Director), Edmundo Reyes (Director of Communications and Marketing), Ron Pangborn (Producer), Leah Butalid (co-host), Fr. Mario Amore (co-host)

The “I Am Here” podcast is a powerful first-person account of how God works in our everyday lives. Hearing each person recount how God has helped them through a unique turning point in their lives makes each story more real. The inspirational stories of each person’s strength and purpose is relayed through their own testimonial. Even though some of the topics can be quite serious, the hosts do a good job keeping the conversation light and the tone, pacing of the broadcast flows smoothly throughout each episode. A wonderfully produced series and a great representation of the power of faith.

Second Place

Hawaii Catholic Herald Highlights

Hawaii Catholic Herald, Anna Weaver
The small staff of the Hawaii Catholic Herald has created a gem with their fairly new podcast series. Even though the production team doesn’t have a sound studio and very few sources, the team does a commendable job at creating a strong series. The interviews are well done, and the conversations are energetic, entertaining and informative.

Third Place

Who Ya Gonna Call...for Prayers? Call the Hotline

Catholic News Agency, Jonah McKeown and Kate Olivera
A powerful collection of faith and hope. The host walks the audience through enterprising and compelling topics that are essential to the global conversation. Although the podcast consists primarily of summaries of previous episodes, the highlights are compelling listening. The first-person account of Maria, a Ukrainian refugee who prays for those who attack her country is a somber yet powerful revelation. The approach to each topic is unique and provides an interesting and refreshing perspective on faith and conflict.

Honorable Mention

Catholic Review Radio

Catholic Review, Christopher Gunty and George Matysek Jr.

Honorable Mention

FaithND’s Everyday Holiness Podcast

FaithND, Dan Allen, Associate Director of Spirituality and Service

AW571: Best Use of Live Video in Social Media

First Place

Father Dave Answers Your Questions of Faith

Busted Halo, Father Dave Dwyer, CSP, and Mary Kate Polanin
The live Q & A with Fr. Dave and host Mary Kate is a lively discussion that keeps your attention from beginning to end. The Facebook live discussion lasts a little over 50 minutes, but the conversational tone feels like you are listening to two friends in your living room. The discussion covers topics like “My fiancé isn’t Catholic and I know we can’t get married in the Church, but can a priest still marry us?” What makes the conversation work is the energy and engaging banter between host and interviewee. During the talk, dozens of questions and responses were addressed in real-time. A truly engaging and enjoyable discussion.

Second Place

Ordination Procession June 18, 2022

The Evangelist, Kathy Barrans, Emily Hampton, Mark Anthony Vogel

The live video celebrates the addition of two new priests but what makes this entry really stand out is the overwhelming engagement with the community. More than 170,000 people viewed the video and more than 800 comments were noted throughout the timely and noteworthy event.

Third Place

PLAM Dobbs Decision Rally

Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, Zach Jansen

Honorable Mention

Diocese of Camden Annual Blue Mass

Diocese of Camden, Communications Department, John Kalitz, Michael Walsh, Maria Tocci D’Antonio

AW711a: Best Blog – Topical News

First Place

Alyssa Murphy Blog

National Catholic Register, Alyssa Murphy
Alyssa Murphy’s unique approach and tone makes her blog a first-place winner. From Ms. Murphy’s selection of enterprising yet controversial topics like the impact of the ongoing Ukraine war on children to the primal wounds of divorce, each topic is written in a conversational and relatable way that makes the audience think after the last line. The website layout is clean and easy to navigate for the reader. Strong Images support the theme and aligns with the writer’s engaging narrative.

Second Place

The CNEWA Blog

ONE Magazine, Michael J.L. La Civita, Laura Ieraci, Rosabel Crean
The CNEWA blog has something for everyone. With more than 3,000 posts, the blog covers many issues important to the catholic community. The strong images are the highlight of the blog and engage the reader in a variety of subjects.

AW711b: Best Blog - Social Justice Issues

Second Place

Grotto “Heal” and “Transform” articles

Grotto Network, Grotto Network team and freelancers
The Grotto Network Blog has a unique approach to story that is worthy of recognition. From honest first-person accounts on the power of healing to creating a space for women’s mental health, the blog’s common theme is the encouragement of meaningful dialogue on some of the most important issues facing Catholics today.

AW711c: Best Blog - Expression of Faith

First Place

Grotto “Transform” and “Belief” articles

Grotto Network, Grotto Network team and freelancers
What makes this blog stand out are the fun, lively and refreshing topics that engage the reader. The blog does a fantastic job at integrating the unpredictable

with more traditional ways of thinking what faith means to us. What is most noteworthy is the blog explores the interesting questions about faith and the unknown. Overall, the blog is a refreshing conversation starter that asks all the right questions.

Second Place

Busted Halo

Busted Halo, Busted Halo
The Busted Halo Blog does a good job in engaging their audience through a consistent thought-provoking discussion The blog challenges the audience to think about what it means to be a person in faith during life’s most challenging moments.

Third Place

Let’s Talk

Florida Catholic, Archdiocese of Miami, Father Matthew Gomez; Father Eduardo Barrios, S.J.; Dan Gonzalez; Dolores McDiarmid; Father Jose Luis Hernando
“Let’s talk” is a valuable blog series that provides a practical outlook through everyday experience. The blog is an informative and engaging conversation that doesn’t assume too much of the reader. The greatest strength of the blog is the ability to meet the reader where they are.

Honorable Mention

Open Window

Catholic Review, Rita Buettner

Honorable Mention

Pencil Preaching

National Catholic Reporter, Pat Marrin

AW731a: Best Online Content Not Published in Print - Photo Content

First Place

Photos: Holy oils for coming year blessed at chrism Mass
The Central Minnesota Catholic, Dianne Towalski
The compelling photos come together to tell a clear, cohesive story. Through a series of close-up shots at just the right moment, the photographer does a good job at capturing various details that we often overlook during the celebrated event.

Second Place

Two Crosiers profess solemn vows in Onamia

The Central Minnesota Catholic, Dianne Towalski
The high-quality photos capture the celebration of two Crosiers and the profession of their vows. The small selection of photos reflects a joyful day of faith. The different angles of various moments of the ceremony makes the reader feel they were in the church at that very moment.

Third Place

A Letter From India: Church Groups Face Resource Shortage
ONE Magazine, Sajeendran V.S.
Even though there are a limited number of photos in the feature story titled “A letter from India”, the images complement the narrative and overall theme. The photos are well positioned within the article and perfectly capture the important work of a community with limited resources.

AW731b: Best Online Content Not Published in Print - Feature

First Place

Catholic Relief Services campaign aims to engage US Catholics on climate change
National Catholic Reporter, Brian Roewe, Soli Salgado, Damian Costello, David E. DeCosse, Aleja Hertzler-McCain
These online posts echo the challenging hopes and values of Laudato Si. Climate, solar energy, food scarcity, precious and necessary water are topics which engage readers through text and powerful visuals. Grounded in clear human-interest stories, Scripture, papal documents, science, and relevant interviews the package of postings informs, challenges, and inspires providing both depth and breadth to the topic.

Second Place

CCUSA Ministry Feature Stories
Catholic Charities USA, Julie Bourbon, Senior Writer, CCUSA; Maura Sullivan Hill, Writer; Elias Kontogiannis, Senior Graphic Designer, CCUSA; Sheena L. Crews, Senior Creative Director, CCUSA; Marketing Communications Team, Catholic Charities USA
These November postings feature attractive and engaging formats using dynamic scrolling content to add interest. The photos are stunning, full of vibrant hues and interesting subjects from colorfully dressed people to inanimate items like fruits, vegetables, gardens, etc., Text is pithy and spare telling the stories simply and directly yet conveying the importance and urgency necessary to capture readers’ and viewers’ attention.

Third Place

Cries of Hunger: Global Crises Threaten Millions in Ethiopia
ONE Magazine, Olivia Poust, Elias D. Mallon, Michael J.L. La Civita, Laura Ieraci
This series of posts conveys the urgency of several compelling challenges faced across the globe: drought, hunger, housing, refugee crisis, and the plight of the Ukrainian church and people. The stories include facts, human interest, scripture connections and references to papal documents. Captivating photos tell stories in themselves.

Honorable Mention

Global Sisters Report – War in Ukraine
Global Sisters Report, Chris Herlinger

Honorable Mention

United By Christmas
DeSales Media Group, Geony Ayyad, JT Beissel, Len Camporeale, Israel Ochoa, Kristina Valente

AW731c: Best Online Content Not Published in Print – News

First Place

War on Ukraine
ONE Magazine, Michael J.L. La Civita, Laura Ieraci, Rosabel Crean
War news is paired with great human-interest focus delivering timely content with a human face.

Second Place

Celebrating a Native saint and a Northwest miracle
Northwest Catholic, Jean Parietti, Nathan Whalen,

Mary Louise Van Dyke
The cultural and ethnic diversity of the faithful population is evident in this series of stories. Through spare and short, the stories convey the human news accompanied by good photos.

Third Place

Online-only News
Catholic Review, George P. Matysek Jr.
This series of local updates informs readers of current situations involving people and places.

AW751a: Best Website - Diocesan

First Place

Archbalt.org
Catholic Review, Gerry Jackson
The archbalt.org website brings together various multimedia elements in a clear, cohesive manner. The visuals are the highlight of the website. The high-quality images along with the well positioned videos make the site easy to navigate. The content throughout the site is also tailored to a strong call to action. Story placement is also worth noting as its clear the website’s team knows their target audience. Bravo to the team on a well-produced, user friendly and visually appealing website.

Second Place

camdendiocese.org
Diocese of Camden, Communications Department, Michael Walsh, Maria Tocci D’Antonio, Adam Falchetta
The Diocese of Camden’s recently redesigned and relaunched their website by their in-house team. Overall, the site is clean and user friendly but what makes the platform stand out is the strong and consistent call to action. Every photo, video, and article encourage audience engagement. The images are well produced and complement the overall narrative of the site. Overall, the site is a visual invitation grow in faith.

Third Place

milarch.org
Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, Meg Betit, Webmaster; Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Publisher
Milarch.org brings together military families from all of the globe and recognizes the importance of community in a digital age. The site is easy to navigate and accurately describes their approach as faith formation content that additionally, doesn’t overwhelm the reader and invites further discussion and reflection. The clean background and strong imagery align with the website’s theme and mission.

Honorable Mention

thegoodnewsroom.org
The Good Newsroom, Rachel Sheehan

Honorable Mention

evangelist.org
The Evangelist, Kathy Barrans, Emily Hampton, Mark Anthony Vogel

AW751b: Best Website - General Publisher

First Place

CNEWA.org
ONE Magazine, David Aquije, CNEWA Staff
What makes this entry stand out is its simplicity.

The CNEWA website has an easy to navigate layout for its readers. The strong visuals pop off the page and complement the text throughout. Each story has a strong call to action to engage the viewer and continue the conversation.

Second Place

Aleteia.org
Aleteia.org, Aleteia.org Staff
The Aleteia website offers a variety of content tailored for their target audience in seven languages. Even though the homepage's layout has a great deal of content, the site is easy to navigate for the reader. The stories are of varying lengths but are enjoyable reads throughout. The use of multimedia elements complements the theme of the site and aligns with the text.

Third Place

bustedhalo.com
Busted Halo, The Busted Halo Staff

AW751c: Best Website – Magazine or Newsletter

First Place

uscatholic.org
U.S. Catholic, U.S. Catholic editors
Standout winner in the category. Everything is working here. Sharp, clean layout. Content is accessible and the page flows. The headlines are engaging. Thoughtful pieces with fresh vantages are plentiful. Full stable of writers. Professional political coverage and multimedia too. First class work on all fronts.

Second Place

AngelusNews.com
Angelus, Angelus Staff
Maybe the best layout in the category. The uniform color scheme here is perfectly done. It holds everything together and gives the site an easily-identifiable, unified fingerprint. The images are strong, even when played at varying sizes. Same with the text and font. The story ID structure — headline / date / author / hook — is very, very strong. This is a mess in more websites than you think. Top of the line work.

Third Place

maryknollmagazine.org
Maryknoll, Maryknoll Magazine Staff
They have more high-quality, touching and resonant images than anyone on the planet. They also have (too) many fascinating stories and some of the writing is exceptional. Maryknoll has as much potential as anyone and there's abundant treasure in this trove.

Honorable Mention

cnewa.org/magazine
ONE Magazine, CNEWA Staff

Honorable Mention

americamagazine.org
America Magazine, America Media Staff

AW751d: Best Website - Newspaper

First Place

thefloridacatholic.org

Florida Catholic (Palm Beach), Florida Catholic Media Staff
There's a lot of material here and it is incredibly easy to access. The designers are adept at clean white space and the story summaries are perfectly presented. The content is varied and thoughtful. International, national and local news. Sports, trending pieces, video, even trivia. The longer I looked at it, the more I liked it.

Second Place

NCRonline.org
National Catholic Reporter, National Catholic Reporter Staff
The layout is quite nice. It has a unified feel and also a unique flavor. The fingerprint is distinct and the content is easy to access. A little too heavy on Pope news at the top. But the secondary material is quite strong — and in many ways actually stronger. The second half is really where the site takes off. The graphic designers mix fonts adeptly. They also utilize multiple shades of blue, then shift to green for eco news and purple for women's news. And the content just keeps going. Overall: an excellent news source, with a deep reservoir of content and the graphic design required to present it all.

Third Place

thedialog.org
The Dialog, Joseph P. Owens, Mike Lang, Virginia Durkin O'Shea, Erica Harmer
Clean layout; using photos as frames (with text superimposed) is a nice calling card. Best use of ads in the competition. They're used to break up the page and to showcase organizations and individuals — do it right and your readers can even see themselves in the ads. A very sharp and professional site with a fresh look.

Honorable Mention

cathstan.org
Catholic Standard, Catholic Standard Staff

Honorable Mention

georgiabulletin.org
The Georgia Bulletin, The Staff of The Georgia Bulletin

AW751e: Best Website - Spanish Publication

First Place

misionerosmaryknoll.org
Misioneros, Misioneros Staff
This is a wonderful, intuitive website, easy to navigate intuitively, whose quality of design matches the high quality of its content.

AW771: Best Web and Print Package

First Place

Broken, Not Crushed
ONE Magazine, Hikma A. Abdulmejid, Abenezer Israel, Laura Ieraci, David Bratnick
Powerful story and well told. The writing is superb. The images are memorable and impactful. Quite inspiring to read and see and listen to. Beautiful work. Such a beautiful woman, well captured.

Second Place

Closer to the People
ONE Magazine, Anna Nekrasova-Wilson, Laura

Ieraci, Konstantin Chernichkin, David Bratnick
Great pieces. Very interesting, well told story. Didn't want to stop reading. Fascinating topic and creative, straight forward story telling. Very good.

Third Place

Emerging Generation
ONE Magazine, Judith Sudilovsky, George Jaraiseh, Josephus
Great piece. Quite interesting and very timely. Well done.

Honorable Mention

The Young Church
The Catholic Accent, John Zylka, Robin Mull, Jennifer Miele, Jordan Whiteko, Beth Tallentire, Mary Seamans, Cliff Gorski, Val Rodell, Nancy Balfe, Bishop Larry J. Kulick, Monsignor Raymond E. Riffle.

Honorable Mention

A Place to Call Home
ONE Magazine, Laura Ieraci, David Bratnick

AW772: Best Electronic Newsletter

First Place

Monday Morning Update
The Central Minnesota Catholic, Joe Towalski and Barbara Simon-Johnson
Terrific visual presence in compelling bright and clear photos and well written teasers sweep readers into the accompanying website. The consistent opening page bulletin inserts immediately provides a helpful tool for parishes. Two column design format with photos and heads draw readers into content that is local, community, and global addressing life and faith in diverse settings. It is hard not to click in!

Second Place

Arlington Catholic Herald
Arlington Catholic Herald, Ana Lucia Batista and Editorial Staff
Attractive and inviting photos capture reader attention. The newsletter includes a variety of stories appealing to age and ethnic groups. Local and global features connect readers to a wider Church perspective. A viewer would want to read more.

Third Place

Busted Halo
Busted Halo, The Busted Halo Staff
Down to earth spirituality with dozens of helpful hints for living and growing in faith make up this online presence. The design is crisp and visually attractive with a consistent pattern. Clearly the appeal is to a younger audience, but an audience that other outlets struggle to serve. Photo and word teasers launch readers to full articles, podcasts, and videos.

Honorable Mention

EarthBeat Weekly
National Catholic Reporter, Stephanie Clary

Honorable Mention

Zacchaeus, the Grumblers and LGBTQ People
Outreach, James Martin, S.J.

Communication Awards

C301: Best Diocesan Printed Fundraising Appeal – Produced by a Communication Department Staff

First Place

Sharing Our Gifts: Diocesan Lenten Appeal
The Catholic Accent, John Zylka, Robin Mull, Beth Tallentire, Cliff Gorski, Jordan Whiteko, Jennifer Miele, Mary Seamans, Paul Puleo, Mike Lucotch, Monsignor Raymond E. Riffle, Bishop Larry J. Kulick
The complexity and insightful design and roll out of this appeal made it stand above the rest.

Second Place

Unity in Faith
Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington, Diocese of Burlington Communication and Development Staff
The design and layout of the appeal brought the message and the need to light. This qualitative piece made the appeal stand out.

Third Place

Bright Christmas
DeSales Media Group, John Alexander, Geony Ayyad, JT Beissel, Len Camporeale, Damayanti Charavarty, Vito Formica, Israel Ochoa, Kristina Valente
A concise and direct appeal adjusted appropriately for different mediums made this submission stand out.

Honorable Mention

Bishop’s Annual Appeal 2022
Diocese of St. Cloud, Barbara Simon-Johnson and staff

C302: Best Diocesan Video Fundraising Appeal – Produced by Communication Department Staff

First Place

2022 Bishop’s Annual Appeal – Call to Share: Kick-off video | Diocese of Salina
Catholic Diocese of Salina, Matea Gregg, Katie Hamel



C302: Best Diocesan Video Fundraising Appeal – Produced by Communication Department Staff

Second Place

Catholic Ministries Appeal
The Catholic Telegraph, Margaret Swensen

Third Place

Catholic Sharing Appeal 2022
Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, Sharmane Adams, Director of Communications

Honorable Mention

Importance of Rural Outreach – Dcn. Michael Loeffler
Diocese of Tulsa, Adam Minihan, Daniel McCay, Renata Copsey

Honorable Mention

The Eucharist – The Sacrament of Charity
Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

C305a: Best Diocesan Pastoral Message – Audio or Video

First Place

Safe from all distress | #ArlingtonWC22
Catholic Diocese of Arlington, Kerry Nevins and Hannah Camerota
Something about showing the audience how they can connect to the message, showing them in action, showing them in prayer makes this submission very intimate — reverberating the message deeply. Wonderful use of drone work and personalized content.

Second Place

Christmas Message 2022
The Catholic Miscellany, Juanita Bustamante, Mark Kwolek
The artful use of videography reflected the beauty of the message. A stunning video.

Third Place

Archbishop Hebda’s Invitation to Read the Pastoral Letter
Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, Communications Department of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis
The singular focus on the message clearly connected to the want and need of that community made this submission stand out.

Honorable Mention

Consecrating Russia & Ukraine to the

Immaculate Heart of Mary
Diocese of Nashville, Bishop Spalding, Bill Staley, & Jayce Boynton

C305b: Best Diocesan Pastoral Message – Letter

First Place

Donum Libertatis: The Gift of Freedom
The Catholic Accent, Bishop Larry J. Kulick, Monsignor Raymond E. Riffle, Cliff Gorski, Jennifer Miele, Mary Seamans, Jordan Whiteko, Robin Mull, John Zylka
Such a beautiful position articulated so clearly to instruct believers in how to formulate political decisions as opposed to what positions to hold. The ability to support the process and not a candidate in elections is the power of this piece.

Second Place

Creating a Culture of Life
Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington, Bishop Christopher Coyne
A carefully thought-out message focused on the humanity beyond the politics made this piece of reflection and insight stand out.

Third Place

Catechists A Credit To The Love Of Faith, Church
Diocese of Camden, Communications Department, Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan, Bishop of Camden
The focus of this piece was unique to the other submissions which made it stand out. It dug surprisingly deep despite its brevity too.



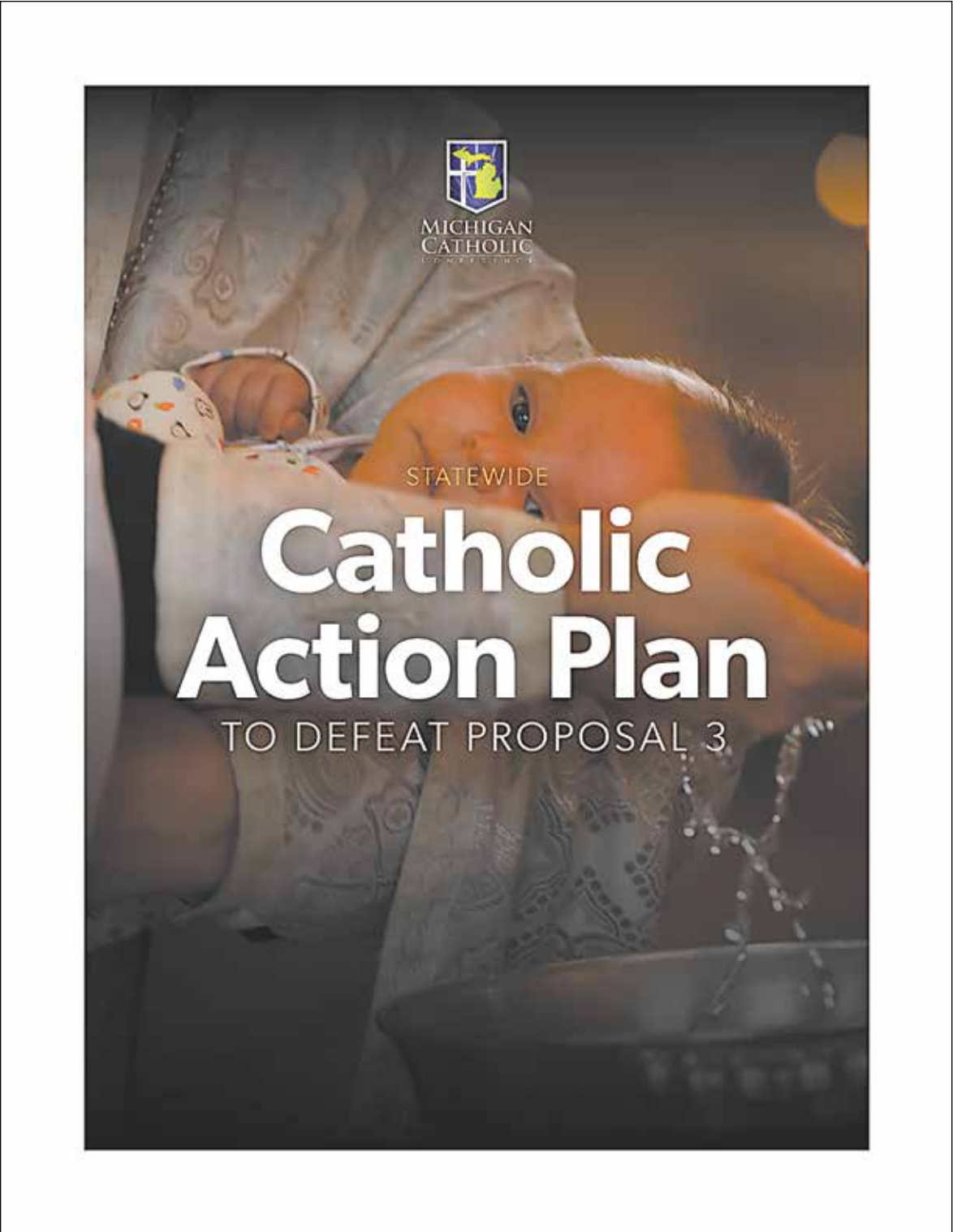
C315: Best Initiative or Campaign – Package

First Place

I AM HERE
Archdiocese of Detroit, Emily Mentock, Creative Director Edmundo Reyes, Director of Communications and Marketing
What a marvelous example of the power of a simple message: I am here. We encounter three major issues in life, being fired, dealing with a son dismissed from school because of fighting and a pregnancy, all presented in a video where no words are spoken and where none are needed. And the first of a series of stories focuses on a woman whose husband is dying. How does she cope? Treat him as if he were Jesus. The overall objective is to show people who found healing and transformation through an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist. The objective was met.

Second Place

The Gift of the Child: An Advent Celebration of the Family
Tennessee Register, Diocese of Nashville, Office of Media and Evangelization, Diocese of Nashville; Office of Faith Formation, Diocese of Nashville



C317: Best Package – Political Issues

Family. Fathers. Mothers. Baby Jesus. That pretty much sums up the importance of the Christmas season and outstanding videos, all narrated by a young boy, bring them together in thoughtful and relaxed ways. Family: love them no matter what. Fathers: They tell bad jokes but make sure we are safe. And the supreme Father, the one in heaven: He will help, just ask. Mothers: They take care of everything and make it look easy. Jesus: He came into this world a baby not as Superman. Yet angels sang at his birth. These videos form the centerpiece of a well-planned effort to bring people closer during Christmas with the hope that the togetherness will last a lifetime.

Third Place

“Heroes of the Ignatian Tradition” Advent Series

Jesuit Conference, Jesuit Conference Staff
Thoughts for each of the 25 days of Advent are presented simply and powerfully by various authors who say so much in so few words. The beauty of these sermons is their brevity. For example, the first dwells on the idea of we are what we eat, but the author points out that this consumption deals not only with food for our bellies, but food for thought and for reflection. So we feed both our bodies and our souls. And the concluding message, of course, is about Christmas and Jesus and how we manifest

Christ in our lives, concluding with the idea that Advent is a way to help us remember who we are and that Christ dwells in each of us and that we should bear witness of Christ. Outstanding project.

Honorable Mention

The Synod on Synodality in the Archdiocese of Newark
Archdiocese of Newark Department of Communications, The Archdiocese of Newark Staff

Honorable Mention

Statewide Catholic Action Plan to Defeat Proposal 3
Michigan Catholic Conference, MCC Staff

C316: Hot Topic – The Dobbs Decision

First Place

We Need More Love, More Life!
Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda, Zach Jansen, Tom Halden
The focus here is not congratulations after the Supreme Court overturned the right to abortion, but

a refreshing thank you for those who have helped women deal with a crisis pregnancy and a plea to redouble those efforts of being the feet, hands and heart of Jesus. The plea is from Archbishop Bernard Hebda of St. Paul and Minneapolis, who skillfully combines praise for work already done on behalf of the unborn and their mothers with new marching orders to help women who feel isolated and tempted to resort to an abortion. He also asks for prayers that Minnesota will end its continued support for abortion. Well thought out and forcefully presented.

Second Place

Special Report: Dobbs v Jackson
Diocese of Gary, Diocese of Gary Communications Staff
The focus after the Supreme Court Dobbs decision should now be to foster a culture of love that assists those most vulnerable and that includes increasing assistance to mothers. This thoughtful and timely message to remain a people of peace and love comes from the Diocese of Gary Bishop Robert McClory. And another forceful and useful bit of wisdom: Instead of focusing on those who support abortion, keep your focus on the Lord. Well-presented message of love and service.

Third Place

Column: Defense of life, support of mothers didn’t end with Roe – and it won’t end with Dobbs
Michigan Catholic Conference, Jacob Kanclerz
Written before the Dobbs decision, this well thought out piece goes beyond any decision, whatever it may be, and focuses more on what needs to be done by those who oppose abortion. That includes praying for decision makers and those directly impacted by abortion, mainly mothers. That includes opposing efforts to overturn an old Michigan law prohibiting abortion. A strong appeal to continue the fight against abortion while continuing the effort to help mothers and families.

C317: Best Package – Political Issues

First Place

Statewide Catholic Action Plan to Defeat Proposal 3
Michigan Catholic Conference, MCC Staff

Second Place

World Catholic Education Day
Office International de l’Enseignement Catholique, Quentin Wodon and Philippe Richard
The international sources and stories from across the globe made this a winning entry. The photography, combined with the messaging and global impact was powerful.

C321: Best Press Release

First Place

AMS Chancellor Reflects on Need for Support
Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, Taylor Henry, Writer; Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Publisher
The text of this press release puts a human face on a fund appeal with short vignettes embedded in factual realities. It is a very effective approach.

Second Place

Dobbs Statement: Catholic Bishops in Michigan Celebrate Life, Reaffirm Support for Mothers in Need
Michigan Catholic Conference, Jacob Kanclerz, David Maluchnik

Third Place

U.S. locations of boarding schools for Native students administered by the Jesuits
Jesuit Conference, MegAnne Liebsch, Fr. Ted Penton, S.J.
This release efficiently and honestly addresses the harsh reality of the history of Native American students in Jesuit sponsored schools head on.

Honorable Mention

Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly Completes Second Visit to Ukraine and Poland
Knights of Columbus, Knights of Columbus Corporate Communications Staff

Honorable Mention

Diocese of Youngstown announces The Catholic Echo
Roman Catholic Diocese of Youngstown, Justin Huyck, Katie Wagner

C325a: Best Interview – Audio

First Place

Black Catholic Nuns
Catholic Review, George Matysek Jr.
The content of this podcast was a topic that is overlooked and underreported. The conversation was insightful and informative.

Second Place

Welcoming Ukrainian Refugees to Poland with Fr. Damian Czerniak, SJ
Jesuit Conference, MegAnne Liebsch
This topic is timely and so important. The interview with Fr. Damien was poignant and provided insight into the Ukrainian conflict.

Third Place

Interview with Archbishop Lori
Catholic Review, Christopher Gunty

C325b: Best Interview – Video

First Place

Joyful Disciples – The Gift of the Eucharist
Diocese of Camden, Communications Department, Donna Ottaviano-Britt, Dr. Lee DelleMonache, John Kalitz, Michael Walsh
Really polished interviewer. Compelling interview, at times inspiring. Also, a nice intro. Relevant information overall.

Second Place

50 Years of Marriage Advice: Jean and Ronald
Catholic Diocese of Arlington, Kerry Nevins, Hannah Camerota, Pedro Lopez

Third Place

Becoming Bishop
The Catholic Telegraph, Margaret Swensen

C331: Best Podcast Program

First Place

Diocese of Orange Podcasts
Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange, Jim Governale
A simply produced and highly compelling podcast with great pacing and storytelling. I was riveted by the episode featuring a local priest sharing his life experiences.

Second Place

Tulsa Time with Bishop Konderla
Diocese of Tulsa, Adam Minihan, Daniel McCay, Renata Copsey, Dante Schmitz
This high-quality podcast covers topics that are timely and relevant for local Catholics in an accessible, conversational style.

Third Place

I AM HERE Podcast
Archdiocese of Detroit, Emily Mentock, Creative Director; Edmundo Reyes, Director of Communications and Marketing; Ron Pangborn, Producer; Leah Butalid, Co-Host; Fr. Mario Amore, Co-Host
This podcast, which shares the testimonies of local Catholics, feels intimate and allows people to express their vulnerabilities. The stories are relatable and inspiring.

Honorable Mention

Catholic Military Life
Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, Taylor Henry, Producer; Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Executive Producer

C332: Best Podcast Series

First Place

Three Bald Guys Podcast series
Catholic Diocese of Salina, Matea Gregg, Geoff Andrews, Bill Meagher, Fr. Jarett Konrade
These casual, friendly podcast hosts present a unique series where they discuss important topics in life, the Church, and the world. Each episode has multiple segments to create variety and consistency. The enthusiasm, comedy, and warmth of the hosts as they have heartfelt conversations engages listeners. It's refreshing to hear them learn and grow together.

Second Place

Faith & Justice
Jesuit Conference, MegAnne Liebsch, Eric Clayton, Mike Jordan Laskey, Marcus Bleech, Becky Sindelar
This podcast series covers a variety of interesting and important topics. It features incredible guests and professional hosts who thoroughly discuss challenging issues. It is sure to engage and intrigue a wide audience.

Third Place

Catholic Military Life
Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, Taylor Henry, Producer; Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Executive Producer
This podcast series is unique and highly informative. The interviews are casual, yet each guest speaker has an important story to share. The host has a clear passion for knowledge and sharing testimonies of God's work in Catholic military personnel.

Honorable Mention

"9 Days for Life Novena" A Special "Am I Not Here" Mini-Series
Diocese of Metuchen, Diocese of Metuchen Office of Communications and Public Relations; Gerald Wutkowski, Jr., Assistant Director

C341: Best External E-newsletter

First Place

I AM HERE Newsletter
Archdiocese of Detroit, Emily Mentock, Creative Director; Edmundo Reyes, Director of Communications and Marketing; Leah Butalid, Content Coordinator
This gorgeously designed newsletter excels not just in its aesthetics, combining beautiful photography and modern colors and typography with a thoughtful layout, but its singular focus. It's easy for a newsletter to become a scattered hodge-podge of miscellany, but it's tight focus on drawing people to the Eucharist strengthens the effectiveness of its messaging.

Second Place

Weekly Newsletter
Archdiocese of Detroit, Emily Mentock, Creative Director; Edmundo Reyes, Director of Communications and Marketing; Leah Butalid, Content Coordinator



C325b: Best Interview – Video

A pleasing, colorful, and original design, coupled with the variety of its news and faith formation pieces recommends this entry for placement.

Third Place

Bishop's Friday Memo

Diocese of Lansing, Bishop Earl Boyea, David Kerr
Unique among the newsletters, the centerpiece of this newsletter is a long, pastoral message to area Catholics challenging them in their faith. The addition of several long articles after that message dilutes the effectiveness of the newsletter, which could be more singularly focused on the bishop's challenge. An attractive, classic design.

Honorable Mention

Gulf Coast Catholic Wednesday Wave

GulfCoastCatholic.org, The Gulf Coast Catholic Staff

Honorable Mention

Praenotanda, Newsletter of the Office of Liturgy and Music

Diocese of Orlando, Kimberley Arguello, Graphic Designer
This newsletter, while attractive, compromises some fundamental principles of email newsletters. It's not good practice to place essential information in photographs, which don't load by default in many email platforms.

C351a: Best Twitter Account – Diocesan Bishop

First Place

@BishopBoyea

Diocese of Lansing, Bishop Earl Boyea, David Kerr
This account excels on several fronts - when it celebrates the victories and mourns the sorrows of local Catholics, when it illuminates the bishop's own personal and family life, and when it uses its platform to speak out for justice. Overall, it positions the bishop as personally engaged with and supportive of his diocesan community.

Second Place

Bishop Daniel E. Flores

The Valley Catholic (TX), Bishop Daniel E. Flores
This account, which effectively provides daily, bilingual meditations on daily readings, shines when it documents the bishop's personal life and encounters with local communities.

Third Place

Bishop Michael F. Burbidge

Catholic Diocese of Arlington, Bishop Michael F. Burbidge
This account demonstrates a consistent voice and engenders a consistent community of commenters.

C351c: Best Facebook Account – Diocesan Bishop

First Place

Bishop Robert Brennan's Facebook

DeSales Media Group, Rev. Christopher R. Heanue, Adriana Rodriguez, John Quaglione
This entry shines on several fronts. The account principally documents the bishop's daily activities. The copy often avoids the generic "Enjoyed being here!/Thanks for having me" copy of so many accounts, offering context for why the event he's at is meaningful, or calling his audience to some kind of spiritual action. The high frequency with which the bishop posts demonstrably increases the regular engagement and reach of his posts, keeping his posts in front of people and positioning him as a cleric active and concerned among his flock. Though the technical quality of the media isn't the highest, the frequency of videos of the bishop speaking to the camera means he is far more actively present on his account than most other applicants in this category.

Second Place

Facebook Social Media Account

Diocese of St. Petersburg, Bishop Gregory Parkes
This applicant stands out for the posts that position him as active and interested in his community, particularly the regular short video interviews he hosts with locals of interest to the local Church.

Third Place

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades Facebook

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Joshua Schipper
Though somewhat lacking in personality, this entry stands out for its strategic focus, using the account to teach about and inspire people to closer devotion in the Eucharist.

C352: Best Use of Social Media

First Place

Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee Office of Communications, Sharmane Adams and Derek Diamond
Lots of engagement, multiple platforms with a variety of videos, podcasts, photos, and outreach. All-encompassing.

Second Place

Diocese of Lansing social media

Diocese of Lansing, David Kerr
This entry has a social media presence across channels. The engagement was some of the highest I have seen, which was very impressive.

Third Place

Jesuit Conference Social Media

Jesuit Conference, Becky Sindelar, MegAnne Liebsch, Eric Clayton, Marcus Bleech, Mike Jordan Laskey

Honorable Mention

Archbalt Social Media

Catholic Review, Mitzy Deras

Honorable Mention

Archdiocese of Detroit Social Media Accounts

Archdiocese of Detroit, Emily Mentock, Creative Director; Edmundo Reyes, Director of Communications and Marketing; Leah Butalid, Content Coordinator

C361: Best New Website

First Place

Diocese of Orange New Website

Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange, Shay Ryan
This great-looking site succeeds in the very complicated task of arranging a great deal of information into a relatively simple navigation. It shows real attention to fonts, imagery, and the arrangement of content.

Second Place

I AM HERE

Archdiocese of Detroit, Emily Mentock, Creative Director; Edmundo Reyes, Director of Communications and Marketing; Philip Hetue, Art Director / Web Developer
A gorgeous, well-designed website with excellent and focused content, hampered by some misleading menu headings and arrangements. that confuse navigation.

Third Place

Diocese of Austin 75th Anniversary Website

Diocese of Austin - Office of Communications, Andres Almendarez, Shelley Metcalf, Camille Garcia, Very Reverend James Misko
An attractive and simple site that is straightforward to navigate across devices.

Honorable Mention

CCNY Best New Website – Catholic Charities New York

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York, John-Mark de Palma and Joe Keenan
This website merits recognition for its attention to certain accessibility issues for its users.



C351c: Best Facebook Account – Diocesan Bishop

Magazine Division

GM111a: Magazine of the Year – National General Interest Magazines

First Place

U.S. Catholic

U.S. Catholic, U.S. Catholic Staff

U.S. Catholic demonstrates its commitment to “faith in real life” through its exceptional ability to report stories that deeply affect its readers. From a beautifully written reflection on the death of a child, to the moral conundrum of financial planning, to the challenges of being overweight in a critical culture, the magazine meets Catholics where they are. We are introduced to everyday Catholics living their faith at their jobs, on their farms, and at their parishes. Reporting on social issues is strong, and poetry and art is highlighted. U.S. Catholic is to be commended for its ability to fulfill its mission through a magazine that is highly readable and always interesting.

Second Place

America Magazine

America Magazine, America Media Staff

America, the Jesuit Review of Faith and Culture, continues to excel at digging deep into the social, political and spiritual landscape of the American Catholic Church. Through in-depth articles on everything from the post-Trump era to the future of Catholic education to racial unrest, America remains dedicated to observing and thinking critically about our rapidly changing world. America introduces its readers to individuals making a difference in the lives of others, who serve as inspiration and motivation to do the same. Its critics reviews of books, music and movies offer readers opportunities to best discern how to spend their limited reading and viewing time.

Third Place

Columbia

Columbia, Alton Pelowski, Editor

As the magazine of the Knights of Columbus Columbia serves the dual purpose of highlighting the work of the Knights throughout the world and reporting on issues that affect the Catholic Church. On issues like the value of work, the war in Ukraine, and the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, America is timely and precise in its reporting. Highlighting the ways in which the organization’s members spend their time and talent in the aid of others is a great tool to liven the Knights and to publicize its good work.

Honorable Mention

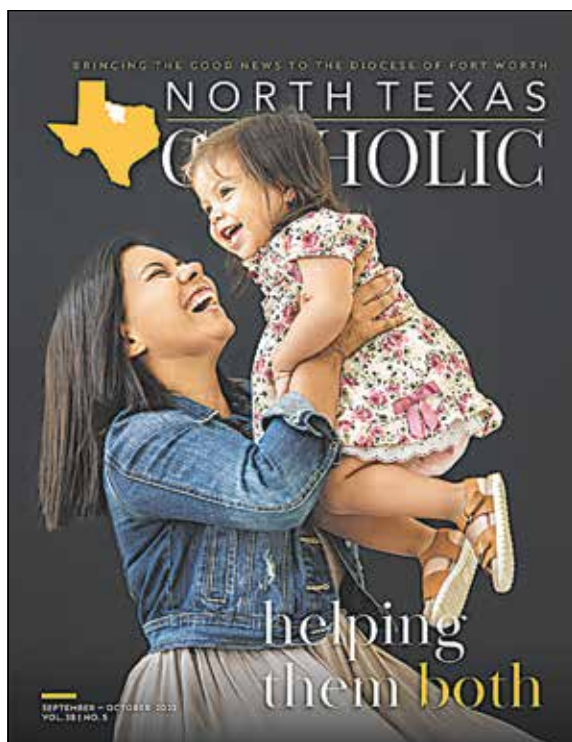
St. Anthony Messenger

Franciscan Media, Christopher Heffron; Susan Hines-Brigger; Pat McCloskey, OFM; Daniel Imwalke; Mary Catherine Kozusko

Honorable Mention

Living City magazine June, July, August/September, October

Living City Magazine, The Living City staff



GM111b: Magazine of the Year - Diocesan Magazines

GM111b: Magazine of the Year – Diocesan Magazines

First Place

Magazine of the Year: North Texas Catholic

North Texas Catholic, Bishop Michael Olson, Publisher; Pat Svacina, Communications Director; Juan Guajardo, Editor; Susan Moses, Associate Editor; Rosa Rosales, Editorial Assistant

North Texas Catholic is an outstanding example of what the very best of diocesan magazines can offer: its readers feel as though they understand the faith community that is the Diocese of Fort Worth. I learned of the commitment the Catholics of North Texas have to abolishing the death penalty and eradicating their community of poverty. I know they stand with the people of Ukraine, and venture into reasoned and valuable commentary on the culture wars and divisiveness that pervade our social discourse. Attention is given to the priests, school leadership, and people in the pews by a writing staff that is exceptional.

Second Place

Vermont Catholic Magazine

Vermont Catholic, Vermont Catholic Staff

Vermont Catholic proclaims on its cover to be “Serving all of God’s people.” The magazine demonstrates its commitment to “big tent” Catholicism. Articles emphasize the good works carried out daily by the Catholic community of the Diocese of Burlington, from feeding the hungry to providing aid to migrants. From its pictures of Catholic Vermonters that are stunning and expressive to a design that is beautiful, Vermont Catholic sets the bar for excellence.

Third Place

The Monitor

The Monitor, The Monitor Staff and Freelance Partners

The Monitor Magazine celebrates the mystery and beauty of the Catholic Church. We are invited to experience the Triduum, visit Trenton’s Catholic schools, and meet its priests through words and pictures which fully tell the story of the diocese of Trenton, N.J. There is a mix of “local” stories from Monitor staff, as well as good use of some articles from the Catholic News Service that help readers



GM111c: Magazine of the Year – Mission Magazines (Overseas and Home)

to better understand the Church’s commitment to mission and evangelization.

Honorable Mention

Parable

Parable Magazine, Kathy Marchock, Rosemary Ford and Gary Bouchard

Honorable Mention

The Catholic Telegraph

The Catholic Telegraph, Jessica Rinaudo, Emma Cassani, Margaret Swensen

GM111c: Magazine of the Year – Mission Magazines (Overseas and Home)

First Place

ONE Magazine

ONE Magazine, The ONE Magazine Editorial Team
Excellent, well-written, in-depth coverage of breadth of relevant topics. Exceptional design and layout of content and accompanying art.

Second Place

Comboni Missions Magazine

Comboni Missions Magazine, Kathleen M. Carroll, Lindsay Braud, Heather Kaufman

Excellent extensive and comprehensive coverage of mission’s challenges and accomplishments. Diverse mix of content presents meaningful news and insights on current-day issues as well as relevant historic context and perspective.

Third Place

Extension

Extension Magazine, The Catholic Extension Staff
Excellent comprehensive coverage. Writing and art, together and separately, tell engaging, compelling relevant stories.

Honorable Mention

The Josephite Harvest

The Josephite Harvest, Pantea Amin Tofangchi; Father Donald Fest, SSJ; Daniel Medinger; George Matysek Jr.



GM111d: Magazine/Newsletter of the Year – Religious Order Magazines and Print Newsletters

Honorable Mention**Glenmary Challenge**

Glenmary Challenge, Omar Cabrera, John Feister, Cassie Magnotta, John Stegeman

GM111d: Magazine/Newsletter of the Year – Religious Order Magazines and Print Newsletters
First Place**Jesuits Midwest Magazine**

Jesuits Midwest Magazine, Quentin Maguire, Grace Rice

Riveting, inspiring, exuberant. Excellent writing, art, design and layout for relevant and diverse array of content.

Second Place**Saint Vincent Monks**

Saint Vincent Monks, Kim Metzgar

Solid depth of coverage on the order's work, reach and accomplishments.

GM111e: Magazine of the Year – Professional and Special-Interest Magazines, including Clergy Religious, Prayer and Spiritual Magazines
First Place**Health Progress**

Health Progress, Betsy Taylor, Charlotte Kelley, Norma Klingsick, Les Stock

Excellent visual and written-word presentations. Graphics effectively tie together related content. Accompanying art helps tell the stories. Exceptional writing. Clean presentation eases access.

Second Place**Connection Magazine**

Connection (NETWORK), Don Clemmer

Highly relevant content presented in a clean, crisp, informative, and actionable format. Well written and well-illustrated. Vibrant, engaging layout.

Third Place**Embodied**

Embodied, Ann Gundlach, Editor; Christina Ries, Senior Editor

Excellent and engaging writing, design, layout, art, photography.

Honorable Mention**Shalom Tidings, Shalom Media USA**

Shalom Media USA INC., Shalom Tidings, Shalom Media

Honorable Mention**Ecumenical Trends 51.1-5 2022**

Ecumenical Trends - Graymoor, James Loughran, SA, Editor; Dr. Aaron Hollander, Associate Editor

GS111: Spanish Publication of the Year
First Place**Diálogo para poner fin al racismo**

El Pregonero, Staff

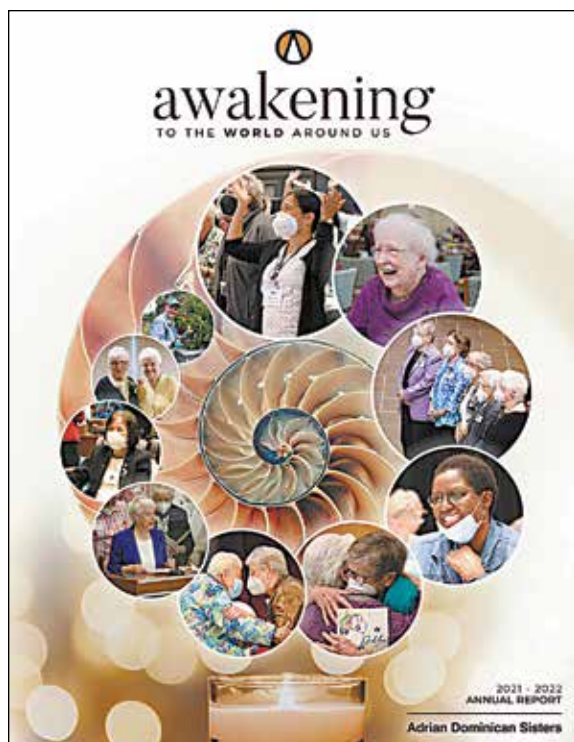
"Diálogo para poner fin al racismo" takes us through an important conversation with Cardinal Wilton Gregory which is easy to understand and connects to our Catholic faith. To accomplish effective change, we must pray and have sincere dialogue to guide us towards reconciliation so everyone can treat each other as brothers and sisters! The huge issue in our country is logically explained and worded in a way that leaves us inspired and yearning to find that peace of treating all ethnic groups as our equals.

Second Place**Abril, Mayo, Junio 2022**

La Voz Católica, Emilio de Armas, Manolo Villaverde, Rocío Granados, Ana Rodríguez-Soto, Maritza Álvarez

La Voz Católica is clearly a representation of a vitally strong Archdiocese of Miami. The stories are reflective of our current world, in particular the concerns in Miami — for example, the suffering

M323: Best Ad Copywriting



M321b: Best Annual Report – Catholic Nonprofit Organization

of the people of Venezuela but linked to positivity of miracles attributed to Blessed Jose Gregorio Hernandez. Archbishop Thomas Wenski covers engaging topics with a Catholic angle and overall, the articles are educational without being complicated. I found myself completely immersed with the beautiful activities and helpful resources available in the archdiocese.

Third Place

Nuestra Voz

The Tablet, Michelle Powers, Fabiola Rodriguez, Vito Formica

Nuestra Voz demonstrates captivating covers which make me want to open it up and read more! In particular, the cover with Bishop Brennan, distributing to the less fortunate is very heartwarming. This newspaper does an outstanding job of featuring a good combination of regular and diocesan news, along with important resources.

Honorable Mention

Dos décadas ofreciendo ayuda a mujeres expectantes y con niños pequeños,

El Católico de Rhode Island, Silvio Cuellar, Rick Snizek, Laura Kilgus, Bishop Thomas J. Tobin

"Dos décadas ofreciendo ayuda a mujeres expectantes" is a heartwarming article with beautiful services. The story of Marissa Kelly who spearheads this project of offering services to pregnant mothers and those with small children, while evangelizing is simply miraculous!

M321b: Best Annual Report – Catholic Nonprofit Organization

First Place

Awakening to the World Around Us: Adrian Dominican Sisters 2021-2022 Annual Report
VOICES in Mission and Ministry, Communications and Development Co-workers

An excellent annual report that goes beyond the balance sheet to showcase interesting tidbits, easy-to-read articles, and quotes from those involved in the efforts. I also loved the way that the symbolism of the front cover is explained on the back cover — that was another nice touch!

Second Place

Maryknoll-Impact Report 2021

Maryknoll, Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers
A strong and well-organized annual report that reflects powerful impacts around the globe. The visual consistency and facts provided make it easy for readers to understand the organization's contributions.

Third Place

Vermont Catholic Community Foundation

Vermont Catholic, Diocese of Burlington
Communication and Development Staff
A nice annual report that makes good use of callouts to highlight the impacts the organization is making to the community.

M323: Best Ad Copywriting

First Place

CDU: A Global Catholic University

Salute, Jo Ann Redmond, Editor; Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Publisher
This submission demonstrates competent composition, an awareness of its audience's concerns, and a multipronged approach to persuading readers, including student testimonials.

Second Place

Pathway of Honor

Salute, Jo Ann Redmond, Editor; Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Publisher
This submission succeeds in communicating its request with brevity.

M325: Best Promotional House Ad

First Place

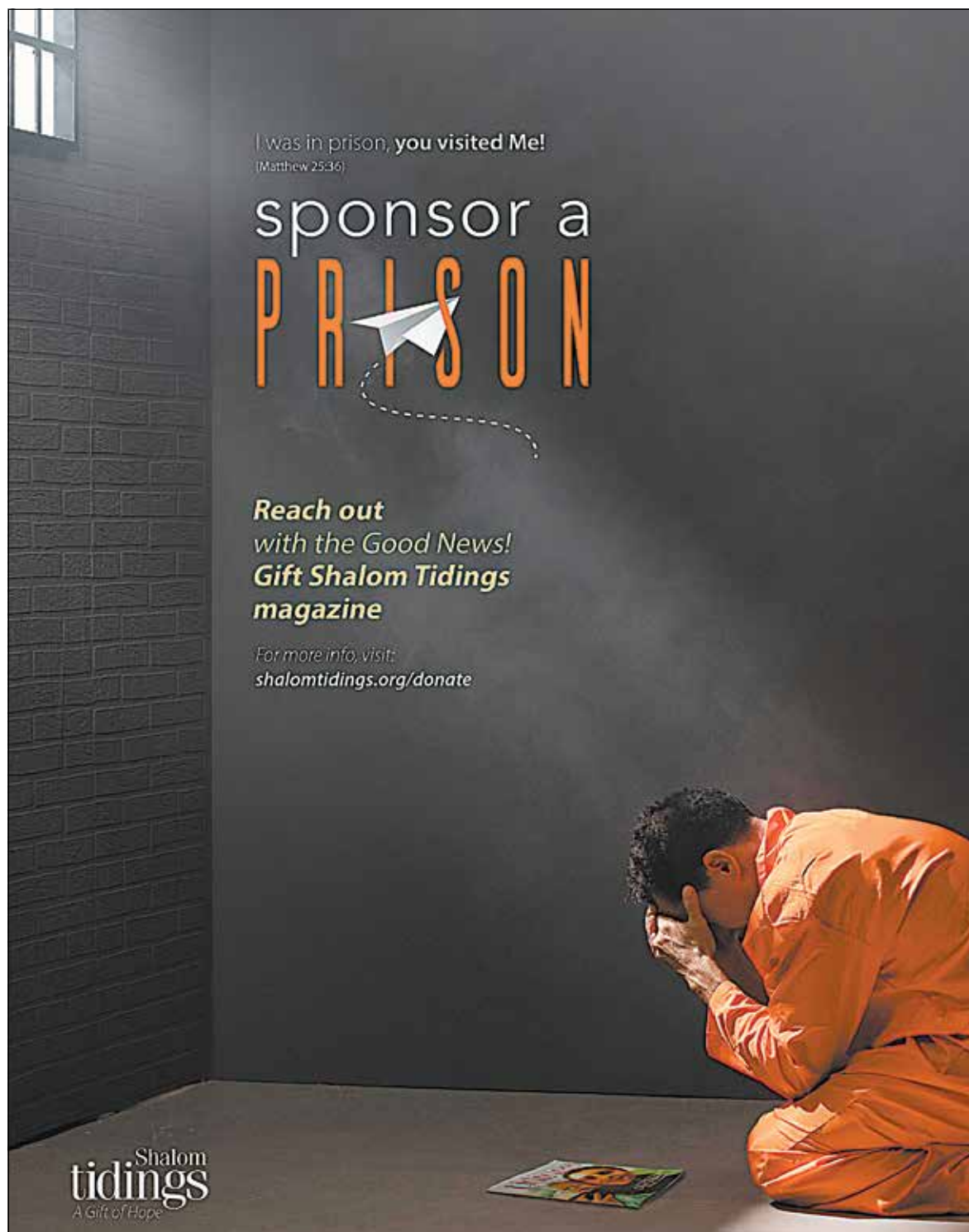
Sponsor a Prison

Shalom Media USA INC., Shalom Tidings, Shalom Media
This ad is gorgeously designed and features powerful photography, but where it really succeeds is its centerpiece letter from an inmate — representative of many inmates - who has benefited from his magazine subscription. It is a powerful, dramatic, and emotional letter that should move even the coldest heart to action. Incredible job.

Second Place

Making of a Saint

The Josephite Harvest, Pantea Amin Tofangchi and Daniel Medinger
This entry stands out for the way it links its products to areas of historical interest in the life of the American Church.



M325: Best Promotional House Ad

Third Place

NWCatholic.org Classifieds

Northwest Catholic, Keri Hake, Joan Patterson
This entry has a charming color palette.

M335: Best Single Ad Campaign with Publication

First Place

Catholic Charities St Nicholas Raffle Event

Southwest Michigan Catholic, Terry Hageman
This ad has a cute and festive holiday-themed design. The inclusion of a QR code, as well as a web address, makes this ad more effective and the information accessible. This ad has an eye-catching and heart-warming design and presents enough information to interest readers.

Second Place

Is God Calling You?

Northwest Catholic, Keri Hake, Nicole Eckenrode, Janis Olson
This ad has clear text, design, and message. It includes a QR code to provide easy access to more information! The color red and the image give the piece a reverent feeling.

Third Place

Leave a Tree-mendous Legacy

Faith Erie Magazine, Elizabeth Butterfield
This ad has a simple and modern design so it's easy to read. The text gives a clear message. The image gives a sense of family and nostalgia.

M341: Best Example of Effective Advertising Promotion Originating with the Publication or Publication's Website

First Place

Driving Evangelization: Bishop's Summer Car Cruise

The Catholic Accent, John Zylka, Robin Mull, Beth Tallentire, Cliff Gorski, Jordan Whiteko, Jennifer Miele, Mary Seamans, Paul Puleo, Mike Lucotch, Monsignor Raymond E. Riffle, Bishop Larry J. Kulick

M351a: Best Layout of Article or Column – Diocesan Magazine

First Place

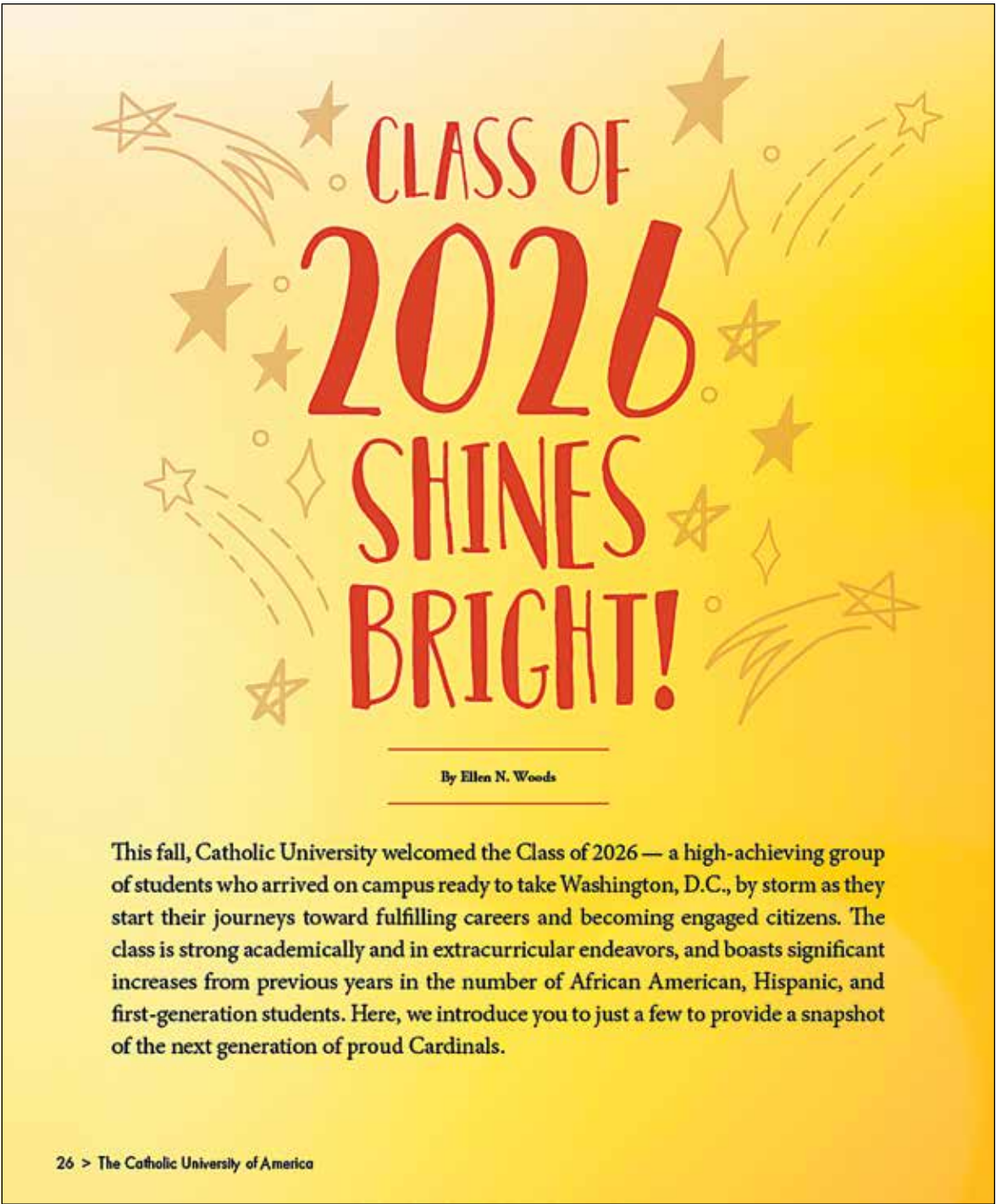
Peace & Alzheimer's

Catholic Review, Gabriella Ferraro O'Brien
Brilliant. The use of all graphics from the depth of the photography to the pull-out quotes to the use of Kevin's note moves the reader and lets the reader see and feel the family. The peaceful color palette helps the reader absorb the images without fear, but with adoration. A wonderful example of using everything in the toolbox to create one glorious story.

Second Place

Welcome to Lourdes

Salute, Jo Ann Redmond, Editor; Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Publisher
Great images mix well with the typography and the color schemes. Reader gets views of the vistas of Lourdes and the visitors. Layout and design leads readers. Too often, design and layout is done for its own sake and not the readers. There is a good



M351c: Best Layout or Article Column – National General Interest Magazine

mix of the religious and service aspects here. And mixing the military and the Church is often not easy.

Third Place

Faith West Tennessee: Restoring the Cathedral for Future Generations

FAITH West Tennessee, The Catholic Diocese of Memphis
Good use of up close, medium and distance images and heads and subheads. Color use enhances the overall vision.

Honorable Mention

Show me the honey

Catholic Review, Gabriella Ferraro O'Brien

Honorable Mention

The Bee's Knees

The Catholic Telegraph, Emma Cassani, Margaret Swensen

M351b: Best Layout of Article or Column – Mission Magazine (Overseas and Home)

First Place

Reassuring Presence

ONE Magazine, Paul Grillo

This winning layout displays photography to maximum effect by using closeups for emphasis and by integrating graphic elements with the photographs. The words flow on the page and welcome the reader.

Second Place

Helping Survivors Survive

Maryknoll, Michael Calvente
A classic layout makes the text easy to read and effectively displays the fine photographic elements.

Third Place

A Bright Spot

ONE Magazine, Paul Grillo
This layout makes wise, effective use of the evocative photography. The reader is forced to stop and spend time with the photographs, which eloquently enhance the text.

Honorable Mention

Restoring Trafficked Victims to Life

Maryknoll, Regina Gelfer

Honorable Mention

Josephites launch vocation plan

The Josephite Harvest, Pantea Amin Tofangchi and Daniel Medinger

M351c: Best Layout of Article or Column – National General Interest Magazine

First Place

Class of 2026 Shines Bright!
CatholicU Magazine, Kristin Reavey
This is a delightful layout that reflects the spirit of the graduates with originality and energy. The portraits of the students are lovely, and the accompanying illustrations just make you smile.

Second Place

Solidarity with Ukraine
Columbia, Alton Pelowski
This layout excels for the quality of the coverage and the depth of content. It focuses on a difficult, complex situation and provides a multifaceted view.

Third Place

John Garvey: A Transformational Presidency
CatholicU Magazine, Kristin Reavey
The layout provides a wonderful range of photos and allows readers to move easily from one section to the next. Breaking up the text into more than one story gives readers the opportunity to enter at various points at their convenience.

Honorable Mention

Perched on the Hill
CatholicU Magazine, Kristin Reavey

Honorable Mention

Pitching With a Higher Power
Columbia, Alton Pelowski

M351d: Best Layout of Article or Column – Professional and Special Interest Magazines, Including Clergy and Religious

First Place

63106: Not Just a Number, But a Barrier to Health and Economic Equity
Health Progress, Norma Klingsick, Designer
This layout stands out for several reasons: bold and effective use of typographical elements, strong photography, a superior lead illustration. Everything comes together in perfect harmony with the editorial content.

Second Place

5 Steps to Stick to Your Lenten Resolutions
Shalom Media USA INC., Angela Johnson, Shalom Tidings
The bold colors and crisp, friendly illustration make this layout extremely appealing. The eye moves smoothly around the pages as the easy arrangement of elements welcomes in the reader.

Third Place

Five Saints, One Canonization
Jesuits Midwest Magazine, Kurt Metzler
This is a clean, fluid layout that allows the reader to navigate the page easily.

M352: Hot Topic – The Dobbs decision

First Place

A Crucial Moment for Life
Columbia, Patrick E. Kelly, Tim Saccoccia, Columbia staff
Comprehensive coverage of important breaking news. Provides reader with very informative set of stories.

Second Place

A new beginning: What the end of Roe v. Wade means
Angelus, Natalie Romano, Pablo Kay, Charlie Camosy, Angelus Staff
Nice collection of reporting, photos and some opinion/analysis of an important breaking news event and issue.

M361a: Best Cover for Color – Small

First Place

Catholic Missions In Canada Magazine – Fall Issue
Catholic Missions In Canada Magazine, Fr. David Reilander, Stephanie Reilander
Brilliant cover. The font is a little big and thick; a lighter sparser one would amplify the message. But everything else is fantastic. It all starts with a sense of setting and place; it looks very much like where it comes from. But at the same time, the core image also tells a story — and even has an engaging element of mystery. The photo is beautiful too; the light is atmospheric. It literally paints itself across the page. It's even splashed a little abstract in the upper corner. The subtle lines in the image also guide the reader around and tell a story while doing it. It has a natural vertical grid and the colors in the image even match the overall layout and design. Everything here is well done, and the combined package is fantastic.

Second Place

All God's Children
Maryknoll, Regina Gelfer, Gregg Brekke
A rare gem of a photo. The type only Maryknoll can produce consistently (and even at whim). The coloration is quite beautiful; red, pink, white and purple – all in unison. Really draws attention, too, which is the first criterion.

Third Place

Salute Fall 2022 Edition
Salute, Jo Ann Redmond, Editor; Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Publisher
The handshake and headline text align. Great convergence. Classic papal image is eye-catching and tells its own story. Artistically, there is a strong black/white split in the coloration too.

M361b: Best Cover for Color – Large

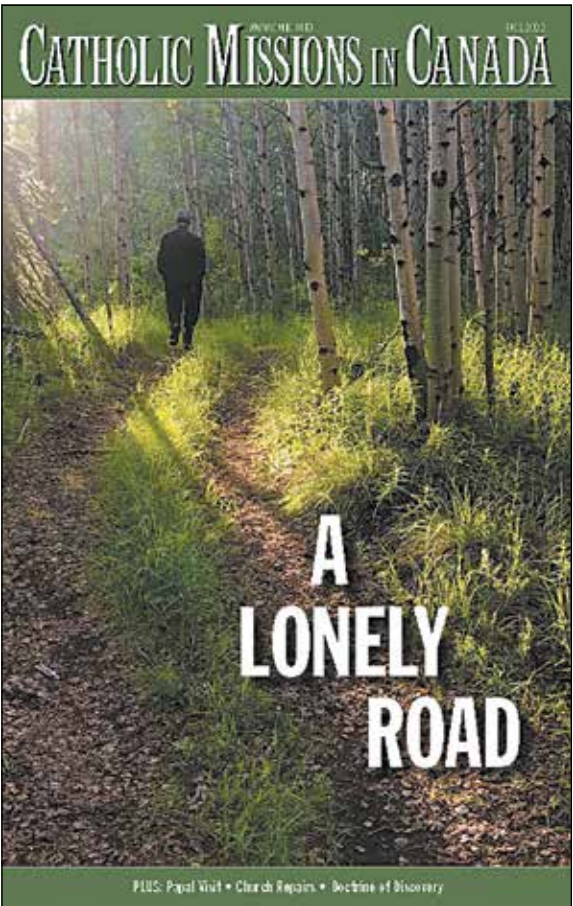
First Place

Ukraine: Compassion during a crisis
Catholic Times (IL), Carole Flaherty
This is so beautiful. There are so many layers here, but it all seems so simple. It's basically a collage, which uses different colors to tell stories on top of stories. For instance, it's bathed in blue and yellow, which are the colors of Ukraine's flag. And then

everything crumbles to red damage, destruction, and chaos (and communism?) at the bottom. It's also the rare piece of graphic design to make effective use of the fading tool. It's in rough thirds (on a grid). The original layout is never lost. And the central image is a subtle Madonna. Brilliant work on all fronts.

Second Place

February 2022: The Apostolic Mindset
Denver Catholic, Patrick Finegan
This is gorgeous — and in large part because it is so simple. The whole thing is done in black and white — raw chiaroscuro — with minimalist touches of red. The design is built around an incredibly strong graphic element ... and a profile portrait. Then it radiates outwards. And when it bounces back, it hits nothing but empty space. Then your eye moves back to the start. It's a gorgeous cycle. The layers are really beautifully done; just a delicate graceful touch, like fading mountain mists. It tells



M361a: Best Cover for Color – Small



M361b: Best Cover for Color – Large

M513a: Best Regular Column – Arts, Leisure, Culture and Food

First Place

Culture: Films

Franciscan Media, Sister Rose Pacatte, FSP
The author made the content fun and enjoyable. The layout complemented the content nicely.

Second Place

John Mulderig Movie Reviews

Catholic Review, John Mulderig
This piece stood out for both its ability to write clear overviews of plot, and demonstrates a keen understanding of his audience.

M513b: Best Regular Column – Bishop’s Column in a Diocesan Magazine

First Place

Bishop’s Message

Parable Magazine, Bishop Peter A. Libasci
Wonderfully creative and engaging writing that can use novelty such as going for a walk to bring readers into deeper content.



Second Place

From the Bishop

The Central Minnesota Catholic, Bishop Donald J. Kettler
The consistency of message, tone and voice coupled with the insightful content makes this column stand out.

Third Place

The Bishop’s Perspective

Southwest Michigan Catholic, Bishop Paul J. Bradley
The author’s use of message to season brings a framework for the reader’s expectations allowing them to immerse in the message more directly. Well written and thoughtful.

M513c: Best Regular Column – Family Life

First Place

Marriage and Family Life

Parable Magazine, Simcha Fisher
The author’s ability to frame her own experiences within a larger topic builds an intimacy with the reader as they navigate family issues seemingly together.



Second Place

Through their eyes

U.S. Catholic, Don Clemmer, Teresa Coda
More than anything, the approach this author used the predicate her themes through the lens of children made this piece stand out.

Third Place

With Grace

Angelus, Dr. Grazie Pozo Christie
The quality of the rhetoric, the author’s artful articulation made this piece stand out.

M513d: Best Regular Column – General Commentary

First Place

Health Equity for Immigrants: Expanding Where Health Happens

Health Progress, Rachelle Reyes Wenger, Kathy Curran, Dennis Gonzales, Fr. Charles Bouchard, OP, STD
Exceedingly well written set of opinion pieces on a strong variety of important timely topics.

Second Place

Of Many Things: Columns by Matt Malone, S.J.

America Magazine, Matt Malone, S.J.
A broad range of topics are analyzed and written about with great care and expertise in this set of opinion pieces.

Third Place

Robert David Sullivan on U.S. politics

America Magazine, Robert David Sullivan
Very interesting set of opinion writing that provides important insight into a range of timely topics.

Honorable Mention

From the President

Glenmary Challenge, Father Dan Dorsey

Honorable Mention

A Closer Look

The Catholic Telegraph, Dr. Kenneth Craycraft

M513e: Best Regular Column – Religious Life

First Place

Spirited Sisters

Connection (NETWORK), Sr. Erin Zubal, OSU; Sr. Emily TeKolste, SP; Sr. Eilis McCulloh, HM
This set of opinion pieces really stands out for tackling important emerging issues with strong evidence-based writing and depth of analysis.

Second Place

7 Days a Pastor: Reflections from Father Andrew Nelson

Parable Magazine, Father Andrew Nelson
Fresh perspectives and interesting set of opinion writing.

Third Place

That All May Be One: Bishop David Bonnar, The Priest magazine

The Priest, Bishop David J. Bonnar
A well-written, interesting set of opinion pieces.

Honorable Mention

Deacon to Deacon: Deacon Dominic Cerrato, The Deacon magazine

The Deacon, Deacon Dominic Cerrato

Honorable Mention

The Catholic Culturalist

Denver Catholic, Dr. Jared Staudt

M513f: Best Regular Column – Spiritual Life

First Place

Let Us Pray

Franciscan Media, Christopher Heffron, Stephen Copeland, Deacon Art Miller, Carol Ann Morrow
The Spiritual Life is shared and examined and celebrated in the “Let Us Pray” column in St. Anthony Messenger. The topics range from a newborn son to sixth-grade English, Thanksgiving and how a mother banned her children from using Polaroid film and cameras since they were used in South Africa during apartheid. Great writing and a pleasure to read.

Second Place

Arise!

U.S. Catholic, Emily Sanna, Rebecca Bratten Weiss, Father Tom McGann, C.M.F.
“The Examined Life” column for U.S. Catholic is a wonderful mix of thoughts and ideas on life mixing the publication’s editors and other commentators such as Father Tom McGann. It has quality and contrast and fine writing.

Third Place

I didn’t want to forgive

Northwest Catholic, Shemaiah Gonzalez
Shemaiah Gonzalez writes with sparkle and style and is a treat for readers in the “God In The Ordinary” column for Northwest Catholic.

Honorable Mention

Faith West Tennessee: Whatever is True, Good, and Beautiful

FAITH West Tennessee, The Catholic Diocese of Memphis

Honorable Mention

Feed your spirit

Horizon, Journal of the Natl. Religious Vocation Conference, Carol Schuck Scheiber, Editor and Brother Timothy Smyth, C.F.C.

M521b: Best Coverage – Immigration

First Place

Reporting on migrants and refugees

America Magazine, J.D. Long-García
The key here is J.D. Long-Garcia. Keeping him on the beat has multiple effects — and all of them are good. With each new story he researches and writes, he adds to his own expertise and rises higher above the big picture. It also prevents repetition and makes referencing background easier. He’s a strong enough reporter and writer to tackle multiple jobs at once — reporting on legislation and hard statistics, while also addressing themes like trauma, loss, and grief. What’s nice here is that the stories also aren’t ‘just’ immigrants — they’re the people directly affected by immigrants and working with them too. Lawyers, psychologists, parishioners, etc.



M521b: Best Coverage – Immigration

Second Place

Extending a Hand of Hospitality

Maryknoll, Lynn F. Monahan, Deirdre Cornell, Janet Alberti, Genie C. Natividad, M.M.

A beautiful series of personality features. By focusing on ministers and workers and helping hands, a single message is consistently repeated in multiple ways — how simple it is to help, how many ways there are to help and what inspiring rewards come with helping, too.

M521e: Best Coverage – Disaster or Crises

First Place

War in Ukraine

ONE Magazine, Anna Nekrasova-Wilson, Laura Ieraci, Michael J.L. La Civita and Archbishop Borys Gudziak; Photos and Video by Konstantin Chernichkin, Craig Ruttle, David Bratnick, Oleh Hryb and Michael J.L. La Civita

Outstanding and heartbreaking coverage of the war in Ukraine. The authors create compelling stories that give insight into the atrocities using vivid detail, powerful quotes, and historical context.

Second Place

Stay or go? The road ahead for families under siege in Ukraine

Angelus, Ann Rodgers, Pablo Kay, John L. Allen Jr. *Powerful articles on the war in Ukraine that range from global political and religious implications to one family's decision to remain in Ukraine. Great work.*

Third Place

Everything is in God's Hands

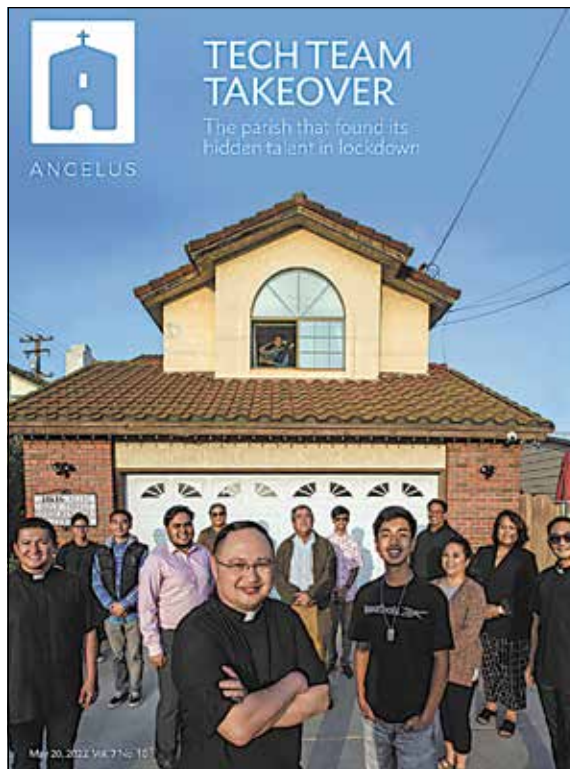
Faith Erie Magazine, Mary Solberg and Anne-Marie Welsh

Nice coverage of how locals are impacted by the war in Ukraine.

Honorable Mention

Eastland Wildfire coverage

North Texas Catholic, Susan Moses, Writer; Violeta Rocha, Writer; Juan Guajardo, Photographer and Videographer; Alex Rosales, Video Editor; Carolina Boelter, Photographer



M521g: Best Coverage – Pandemic

Honorable Mention

Solidarity with Ukraine

Columbia, Columbia staff, Adrian Walczuk, Petro and Oksana Galuga

M521f: Best Coverage – Political Issues

First Place

Voices at the Table

Connection (NETWORK), Congresswoman Veronica Escobar, Mary J. Novak, Joan F. Neal, Melissa Cedillo, Jarrett Smith

Timely subject and thought provoking.

Second Place

Fact & Fiction: on the Separation of Church and State

The Catholic Miscellany, Caroline Funk

Well researched; good insights about what separation of Church and state means.

Third Place

Stopping gun violence and the pro-life agenda, Womb to Tomb: The pro-life continuum, Caring for retired Josephites

The Josephite Harvest, Mary K. Tilghman and George Matysek Jr.

Timely topic. Gives food for thought.

M521g: Best Coverage – Pandemic

First Place

Angelus pandemic coverage

Angelus, Elise Italiano Ureneck, Ann Rodgers, Alison Nastasi, Tom Hoffarth

"Hidden Cross" great mix of anecdotes, research/background, solutions. "Switching" a nice "scoop" in that it reports an unexpected result from starting a studio. "Ancient" a great angle on an unexpected response to the pandemic. "Blessings" a good newsy report.

Second Place

Reducing Stress and Fostering Well-Being Among Health Care Staff

Health Progress, Kelly O'Shea Carney, Aristide Economopoulos, Betsy Taylor, Charlotte Kelley, Joe Randolph, Margaret R. McLean, Erin Archer *Crucial topic that might be underappreciated by readers who don't have close connections to health care workers.*

M521h: Best Coverage – Racial Inequities

First Place

From scarcity into abundance

U.S. Catholic, U.S. Catholic Staff; Patrick Saint-Jean, S.J.; NETWORK staff

This is the deepest dive into race among the three entries. Provides the most insight for readers interested in racial relations.

Second Place

Meaning of Mission

Catholic Missions In Canada Magazine, Fr. David Reilander

Good historical perspective.

Third Place

Catholic Health Care Systems Confront Racism Through 'We Are Called'

Health Progress, Kathy Curran, Dennis Gonzales, M. Therese Lysaught, Sheri Bartlett Browne, Julie Trocchio

Good description of the plan.

M531: Best Editorial

First Place

Roe v. Wade: An End and a Beginning

America Magazine, The Editors of America Magazine

Important to seek to be a leading voice on this issue.

Second Place

Bishops: Be Teachers, Not Judges

Franciscan Media, Susan Hines-Brigger, Author

The strength of the editorial is in its plain-spoken message.

Third Place

Catholic Education on the Margins

America Magazine, The Editors of America Magazine

Editorial serves as a good reminder of the role of Catholic schools.

Honorable Mention

Love This Country

Connection (NETWORK), Mary J. Novak

Important message. Readers might be moved by hearing a faith perspective on the importance of democracy.

Honorable Mention

Faith, Science, and the Spirit

Linacre Quarterly, Barbara Golder

Strong writing.

M533a: Best Essay – Diocesan Magazines

First Place

I was nothing; now I am Catholic

North Texas Catholic, Sean Wright

Exceptional reflection on systemic racism and its extensive, roots. Significantly, the writer underscores that the related, pervasive hypocrisy of centuries ago persists and, then as now, remains unfounded.

Second Place

Who do you meet when you go to jail?

Northwest Catholic, Shannon O'Donnell

Excellent use of multiple but unified voices to reveal the power of serving others, as exemplified in jail visits, specifically. Persuasively shares that acting on the urge or drive to serve others offers unsuspecting, incredible value and rewards to all, those for whom care is extended and those providing such care.

Third Place

Peace comes to the Golden Age

Angelus, Mike Aquilina

Excellent reflection on often distorted recollections of times past as 'golden,' yet the troubling issues that exist today are reminiscent of those that existed 1,700 years ago. Then as now, the writer shares, there are positive, peaceful paths forward.

Honorable Mention

The smile that changed the world (is yours)

Faith Erie Magazine, John Schlimm

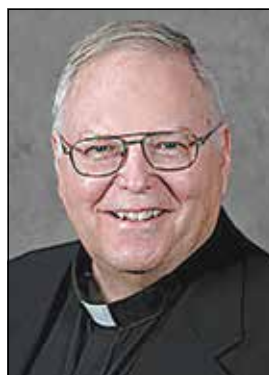
M533b: Best Essay – Mission Magazines (Overseas and Home)

First Place

Gift of the outsiders

Glenmary Challenge, Father Vic Subb

Engaging tale of what it means and feels like to be a so-called outsider. The persuasive plot twist: Everyone is at once an outsider and a gift.



Second Place

Mission Talk

Kairos Global, Dr. Chackochan Njavallil, Joshy Joseph, Tania Rose Josun

Shahreen's telling of her mission story is riveting, personal, persuasive. She shares multiple examples of gifts that manifest from trusting in the reliable, enduring gift of God's constancy and love.

Third Place

In Search of Lakota Spirit

Maryknoll, Scott Giblin

Excellent storytelling with high level of detail that helps transport the reader, makes accessible the writer's experience, and imparts the convincing reflection that every individual is gift.

M533c: Best Essay – National General Interest Magazines

First Place

I'd Like to Say: Stop Weaponizing the

Eucharist

Franciscan Media, Mark Shea, Author; Mary Catherine Kozusko, Designer

Exceptionally well done and superbly written with honesty, forthrightness, integrity. Balanced and comprehensive. Fully respectful of disparate stances, and, thus, effectively persuasive as insights and viewpoints neither condone nor condemn but champion inclusivity.

Second Place

Covid, 9/11, Florida: I tried to find something to blame for a Jesuit's death. Nothing stuck.

America Magazine, Joe Hoover, S.J.

Excellent, human reflection on death and living, or, rather, on living well. Accessible; an honest, down-to-earth message expressed so well as to be effortlessly embraced.

Third Place

Tears & Ashes: Three ways of looking at recent wildfires in the West

Vincent Miller, Vincent J. Miller

Powerful information, insights, perspectives. Thoughtful, well documented and, importantly, well explained.

Honorable Mention

'Why Does God Hate Me?' A response to a frequently Googled question

America Magazine, Jim McDermott, S.J.

Excellent, creative, genuine response to an honest, heartfelt, frequently asked question.

Honorable Mention

Have Catholics been praying the Our Father all wrong?

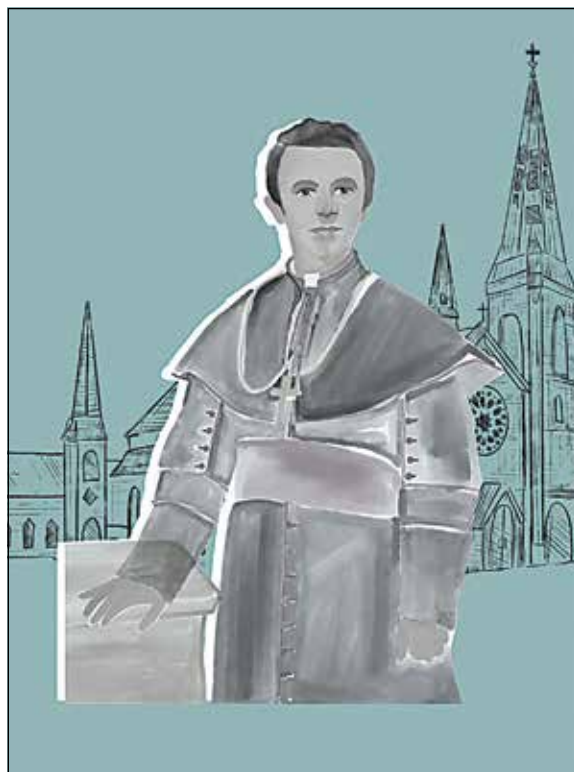
America Magazine, Nathan Schneider

M533e: Best Essay – Professional & Special-Interest Magazines, Including Clergy and Religious

First Place

When God threw me a Curve Ball

Shalom Media USA INC., Ellen Hogarty, Writer, Shalom Tidings



M533a: Best Essay – Diocesan Magazines

The writer offers a very intense and personal account of a life-changing leap of faith. Well-written piece. Kept my interest throughout.

Second Place

Reflection: I've Got a Secret: Everyone Loves Secrets, But Today They Are Killing Us

Health Progress, Fr. Charles Bouchard, O.P.

A topical, thought-out essay on an important and destructive issue that is plaguing our society - the blind acceptance of conspiracy theories. Writer does a good job of presenting the issue and the dangers.

Third Place

As Public's Response to Pandemic Saps Inner Reserves, God Is with Me

Health Progress, Jennifer Stanley, M.D.

Well-crafted essay that lays bare the significant toll the COVID-19 pandemic exacted, especially those on the front lines in medical field, who went from heroes to villains in the eyes of some. I could feel the writer's exhaustion through her words.

M533g: Best Essay – Scholarly Magazines

First Place

The Journey Within

Linacre Quarterly, Ana Maria Dumitru, M.D., Ph.D.

Very well-written and understandable essay filled with examples of the challenges that face Catholic physicians who practice medicine as a vocation. Found the essay highly enlightening and educational.

Second Place

Assisted Reproductive Technology and Natural Law: How Seven Years as an Embryologist Revealed IVF's Disordered Approach to Patient Care

Linacre Quarterly, Craig Turczynski, Ph.D., Alexa Dodd, M.A., and Mary Anne Urlakis, Ph.D.

This essay goes into great detail in telling the story of the struggles of a cradle Catholic who pursued a career in the field of Assisted Reproductive Technology. The writing is deep and spells out the author's crisis of conscience. The reader can feel



M533e: Best Essay – Professional & Special-Interest Magazines, Including Clergy and Religious

fully the weight of author's emotions and struggles through the writing.

Third Place

Is Self-Amputation for Survival Morally Justifiable?

Linacre Quarterly, Nicanor Pier Giorgio Austriaco, OP

Very interesting topic addressed by the author of this essay-Are acts of self-amputation for survival morally justifiable in the Catholic tradition? The author goes to great lengths to provide the reader with an understanding of the topic and a defense for the position taken.

M537a: Best Feature Article – Diocesan Magazines

First Place

No Greater Love

Parable Magazine, Paul McAvoy

A beautifully written and empathetic feature about people who are raising their grandchildren because their children are struggling with addiction. The story has a great mix of interviews and provides thoughtful context.

Second Place

Mary’s Timeless Messages

North Texas Catholic, Jerry Circelli

This well-structured and descriptive feature connects each example of an apparition of Mary with a specific person who is devoted to that vision. The piece weaves together anecdotes and history to become both informative and memorable.

Third Place

Fitness, Fellowship and Faith

Catholic St. Louis Magazine, Laura Kosta

This thoroughly reported story about a men’s faith and fitness network incorporates a wide range of insightful interviews and vivid scenes.

Honorable Mention

Faith West Tennessee: Radio Resurreccion: Bringing Faith Communities Together

FAITH West Tennessee, The Catholic Diocese of Memphis

Honorable Mention

Jesus is waiting for you

Northwest Catholic, Jean Parietti, Morningstar Stevenson

M537b: Best Feature Article – Mission Magazines (Overseas and Home)

First Place

Cries of Hunger

ONE Magazine, Olivia Poust

The writer uses gripping firsthand accounts to show how drought and violence are causing people to starve in Ethiopia. The story offers valuable context, and the writing is well-structured and memorable.

Second Place

A Bright Spot

ONE Magazine, Gohar Abrahamyan

This is an unexpectedly moving feature describing



M537a: Best Feature Article – Diocesan Magazines



M537d: Best Feature Article – Print Newsletters

how a children's day center improves the lives of children whose families have few resources to help them thrive. The best quotes are from the parents, who explain how they are seeing their children change and grow as they receive better food and more social interaction.

Third Place

No Longer Cursed

ONE Magazine, Maria Gerth-Niculescu

The thoughtful, descriptive writing and memorable scenes in this story show how blind students in Ethiopia are receiving an education that helps them become independent. The story is vivid, specific, and well-balanced.

M537c: Best Feature Article – National General Interest Magazines

First Place

Hope Has an Address

Franciscan Media, Maria Luisa Torres, Author;

Mary Catherine Kozusko, Designer

The anecdotes are fantastic, and the featured subject is truly one of a kind ('the world's largest gang-intervention, rehabilitation, and reentry program.'). The writer does an admirable job of boiling down all the research and interviews and reproducing this incredible story in a digestible size — it could easily be a book (or several books). "The whole place is soaked with the marrow of the Gospel; that's all you get here. It's part of the air you breathe."

Second Place

Pow! The Knights Behind a Comic Book Revival

Columbia, Philip Kosloski

What an awesome story. And with the rise of Marvel in the hands of Disney (following Stan Lee's death) it is more relevant than ever. Fictional superheroes are everywhere today, and this is a sweet counterbalance. This piece is well put together. It is just structurally strong. The hypothetical lead pulls you in and the subjects' incredible life stories do the rest. Plenty of research and reporting — it's an informative read — and there's still space for reflection on the current modern situation (plus great images). 'You can keep people's attention longer with visuals.' The graphic designers even used comic fonts in the headline.

Third Place

We traveled to four Catholic parishes across the country to make a documentary. These are their stories.

America Magazine, Kevin Jackson; Ricardo da Silva, S.J.

We traveled to four Catholic parishes across the country ... through our experiences with these Catholics, and through the stories of their parishes, we hope to paint a portrait of Catholic parish life in the U.S. today. Seems like too big a task to bite off. That was my first thought when I read that mission statement. But I was pleasantly surprised. To be fair, they're not really painting a portrait with these brief features so much as taking snapshots. But that's fine and a larger portrait gradually emerges with each new snapshot they take and you read. The subjects truly make it come alive and the stories are great. The writers also do an exemplary job of capturing different voices and vantages and letting them speak for themselves. Here's hoping they visit more parishes.

Honorable Mention

The church forbids 'human composting' at death. But what about 'green' burials?

America Magazine, Collin Price

The lead is buried a little. But this is very forward thinking.

Honorable Mention

Band of Brothers

Columbia, Zoey Maraist

M537d: Best Feature Article – Print Newsletters

First Place

Becoming a Wounded Healer (Christopher News Notes)

The Christophers, Tony Rossi, Mary Ellen Robinson, Jeff Thurau

An important, uncomfortable topic. A good conversational writing style, with evocative anecdotes.

Second Place

Your Extraordinary, Ordinary Days
(Christopher News Notes)

The Christophers, Tony Rossi, Mary Ellen Robinson, Jeff Thureau

A good conversational writing style, with evocative anecdotes.

M537f: Best Feature Article – Professional and Special-Interest, Including Clergy and Religious

First Place

We Bought a Farm

Embodied, Christina Ries

Asceticism a surprising topic. Q&A format makes for easy reading. Felt like we really got to know these people. Helpful sidebar.

Second Place

The Power of Teamwork: Nonprofit Changes Lives Through Free Surgery Model

Health Progress, Robin Roenker

Nice deep dive into an important topic, given gaps in health care.

Third Place

Jump in!

Embodied, Kathleen M. Basi, Author; Shanna-Kaye Fancher, Photography

Good competition in this category. Very much liked taking the approach of Why I Like My Body, as opposed to a more typical approach describing how people struggle with body image.

M541: Best Title and Lead-In

First Place

When Duty Turns to Grace

ONE Magazine, Laura Ieraci

The title is dramatic and appealing and appropriate. Two very active ideas — grace and duty are sewn together, and the reader is pulled in.

Second Place

A Fighter for God

Columbia, Ed Langlois, Columbia Staff

The words “fighter and God” don’t often appear together, but here they dare the reader to come in and inspect this dramatic piece. The juxtaposition of the colors also and typefaces also enhances.

Third Place

No Longer Cursed

ONE Magazine, Maria Gerth-Niculescu

Cursed is a very strong and active word and when you tell in the headline that the subject is being released... it makes for a very strong statement. The subheads and photo complete a great package.

Honorable Mention

Drops, Turns, Dips and Climbs

ONE Magazine, Michael J.L. La Civita

Honorable Mention

Cries of Hunger

ONE Magazine, Olivia Poust



M537f: Best Feature Article – Professional and Special-Interest, Including Clergy and Religious

M545: Best Interview

First Place

Exclusive: Pope Francis discusses Ukraine, U.S. bishops and more

America Magazine, The Editors of America Media
Excellent interview — this one is a winner not just because it was an interview with Pope Francis, but because of the thoughtful questions posed on the most important issues facing American Catholics today.

Second Place

The Whistleblower

Franciscan Media, Peter Feuerherd, Author; Mary Catherine Kozusko, Designer

Excellent interview that uses detail and strong writing to keep readers engaged.

Third Place

Shaped by Love: Chaplain Service at Children’s Hospital Strengthened Fr. Mike Paraniuk’s Faith

The Catholic Telegraph, Eileen Connelly, OSU

A hopeful, uplifting interview that includes strong use of quotes. The author does a nice job of creating that hopeful tone despite dealing with the heartbreaking topic of terminally ill children.

Honorable Mention

Special Interview with Leah Darrow: From Top Model to Role Model

Shalom Media USA INC., Shalom Tidings, Shalom Media

Honorable Mention

Can we let candidates bring their whole selves to community?

Horizon, Journal of the Natl. Religious Vocation Conference, Father Joseph Brown, S.J. and Carol Schuck Scheiber

M551: Best Explanation of Marriage

First Place

My Body Is Hers, His Body is Ours

Columbia, Tom Hoopes, Damon Owens, Joseph Pearce

This article is brief but impactful. Readers can empathize with the author through his descriptive and scriptural writing. It touches the heart of the reader while it paints a beautiful picture of love, unity, and sacrifice.

Second Place

Cleft of the Rock, SAFEGUARDING PRICELESS, You Raise Me Up

Kairos Global, Anil Israel, Prof George, VM; Sr. Sherin, CSN; Dr. Chackochan Njavallil; Joshy Joseph; Tania Rose Josun

This article features a fascinating anecdote about marital struggles and reconciliation. It thoroughly explains how relationships with others can affect the relationship with each other in a marriage. It offers great visuals and formatting for easy understanding and application to the lives of readers.

M571b: Personality Profiles – Laity

First Place

Chasing Gold

Columbia, John Burger

A fine, inspirational profile. Lots of attention to detail and we understand this athlete’s determination and faith.

Second Place

Holy Spirit at the heart of Mora man’s card ministry

The Central Minnesota Catholic, Dianne Towalski

A very sweet read. Hit all the right notes - we learned about this kind man and the reason he writes these compassionate letters.

Third Place

Fun-sized lessons: For 42 years and counting, Sandy Townsend builds character, community, and joy at St. Andrew School

North Texas Catholic, Susan Moses

A very nicely executed piece on a hero in our midst. We don’t hear enough about people like this teacher, and this piece was a great celebration of her work and faith.

shed in Armenia and the help held out to them by the Little Prince Center, run by Caritas Armenia, whose focus is to attempt to give purpose, information, and training, in addition to warm food, to families staggered by poverty. The story offers outstanding insight into one family and to the larger goals of the center. Lush pictures help us see the struggles of both the family and of the center.



M579b: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues – Care for God’s Creation

Second Place

When Duty Turns to Grace

ONE Magazine, Laura Ieraci
Good Samaritans bind up the wounds of the needy and that’s just what the owners of a guest house in Hungary and volunteers with a diocesan center did for refugees from Ukraine, just 40 miles away. Carefully paced, this timely and well-presented story — complete with photos that illustrate the issues - take us to individuals fleeing with essentially no belongings and to the volunteers who quickly offered the basics at the border — hot tea, blankets and sandwiches - and later meals and safe and warm shelter.

Third Place

A story of adoption – richly blessed by faith and family

The Catholic Compass, Sharmane Adams, Editor
Adoption from the prospective of the child, now grown up, of the adoptive family and of the older unwed mother of one who offered her daughter for adoption are skillfully woven into a warm mixture of love and understanding. The bond between adopted child and new parents is obvious, but later when the child communicates with her birth mother, we also sense her clear and compassionate understanding. Pictures, both historical and current, invite us into the story.

Honorable Mention

The Floating Church of Cambodia
Jesuits Midwest Magazine, Michael Austin

Honorable Mention

Family, the building block
North Texas Catholic, Susan Moses

M579b: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues – Care for God’s Creation

First Place

Listening to the Voice of Creation

Maryknoll, Margaret Vámosy
Farmers would not select the mountains of El Salvador as ideal for raising crops, but people live there and people need food, so smart, scientific approaches help sustain residents. That approach is led by Maryknoll lay missionaries who help residents see the downside to chemicals and throwaway dishes and the upside of recycling and selective seed use. And it’s all tied to what the author calls a faith journey — good agriculture decision, eating better and providing a sustainable future for children all wrapped up in a well written and photographed piece entitled Listening to the Voice of Creation. Outstanding combination of science and faith designed to honor God and those who worship him and his creations.

Second Place

Tools to Overcome Environmental Injustice

Health Progress, Indu Spugnardi
Environmental injustice — how climate change affects non-white communities - is superbly presented here in this detailed look at the issue along with plans for reform and where to go to get help. This piece pulls the issues together by calling for a united front of health care groups and environmental organizations to create change. We also are reminded that systemic racism has limited non-white power, so health care groups need to work with influential leaders to bring about environmental justice. In other words, this well

Editors' note: The names of the students have been changed to protect their privacy.

Meseret's thin fingers dance effortlessly on a thick white sheet of paper as she reads aloud an excerpt from her art textbook. Her loose braids are tied back. A gray mask covers her face. Seated behind individual wooden desks, four other second-grade students listen carefully as their hands simultaneously decipher the dotted braille relief covering the pages.

Meseret and her younger sister were born blind in Ethiopia's countryside. When their mother heard they could attend a special school, she seized this opportunity — rare in the country — and signed them up. Now the two girls can read and write braille and are taught a full school curriculum.

"Our biggest goal is for them to sustain themselves and not be dependent on others," explains Sister Haregewein Kiflemarium, the school supervisor.

Dressed in a gray habit, she walks calmly through the school premises, occasionally greeting children as she passes by.

"All of our students who have graduated are independent," she says proudly.

St. Raphael Boarding School for the Blind was established by the Daughters of St. Anne in 2002 in response to the poor conditions of children born blind in Ethiopia. It was the first formal boarding school for visually impaired children in the country.

Located in the town of Arzeno, about 16 miles from the city of Gondar, in Ethiopia's northern Amhara region, the area is believed to be home to about 40 percent of

A blind student is accompanied on his walk home to St. Raphael Boarding School by his classmates from the government-run school.

No Longer Cursed
School teaches independence for the blind

Text by Maria Gerth Niculescu
with photographs by Petterik Wiggers

CHILDREN IN NEED

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M579d: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues – Life and Dignity of the Human Person

Blossoming orange trees spread their sweetened scent of spring in Damascus, one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world.

Sitting in the courtyard of an old house, Sister Insaif Shahine of the Congregation of Religious of Jesus and Mary speaks of art and music and their ability to soothe and heal.

"One day I attended a conference about healing through music," she says. "I fell in love with the idea. We were coming out of a 10-year war, every one of us had a wound in our heart and soul."

"When God shed light this way, I thought, 'Why not? Music is educational, which is related directly to our mission.' I told the superior and the sisters and, with the help of many, the Blessed Dina Bélanger Center for Music and Art became a reality."

The center, named for a Canadian member of the congregation who died in 1929, welcomes children from the ages of 7 to 14. In the past year and a half, it has offered drawing and music classes to about 200 children; 75 percent of them attend the courses for free. Parents

Sister Jihane Atallah poses with students during a French class at Al Riaya School, run by the Sisters of Charity of Besançon in Damascus.



Healing Families Devastated by War

text by Arzé Khodr
with photographs by Raghida Skaff

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RESPONDING TO HUMAN NEEDS

M579g: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues – Solidarity

thought out and presented piece presents us with a problem and ideas for solving the problem but makes it clear that others must now take up the challenge.

Third Place

Sovereignty, Sustainability, and Nutrition

Jesuits Midwest Magazine, Delia Nickson

Anyone who questions the ability of one person becoming a major change agent who eases burdens and improves the lives of others should read this inspiring story of a woman whose interest in the outdoors led to bringing local food into school cafeterias, opening a food market, and becoming director of food sovereignty and advocate of Lakota culture. This is an easy, inspiring read, especially for those who hope to improve community health.

M579c: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues – Dignity and Rights of the Workers

First Place

Just Wages for the Workforce: Why Health Care Should Lead the Way

Health Progress, Daniel A. Graff, Kelli Reagan Hickey

The Great Resignation in which millions left their jobs as part of the COVID pandemic should morph into the Great Reckoning argues this well thought out look at the value or lack of value of workers. Yes, great that we deemed largely forgotten workers as essential as opposed to managers who could stay home and not be missed. But not so great because wage disparities remain and that becomes a moral issue, worthy of spiritual discussion. The key is a just wage, defined not just by a number on a paycheck,

but by the level of dignity we give workers. Carefully considered, expertly presented, this article opens the door to further discussion and thought. And, perhaps, prayer.

Second Place

Called (Back) to Work

Columbia, D.C. Schindler

God gave work to man, so work is a blessing. But millions seem to have lost this vision as evident by many who stayed away from work during COVID and enjoyed it so much that they continue to stay away. As this article puts it, they lost their taste for work. Easy in this time of work that seems meaningless. But here we are reminded that work itself is noble. God created man to till the soil. This piece argues convincingly that those who have lost this vision should reexamine their faith, trust in God and re-enshrine work as a God-given opportunity.

M579d: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues – Life and Dignity of the Human Person

First Place

No Longer Cursed

ONE Magazine, Maria Gerth-Niculescu

Maria Gerth-Niculescu is an artist. Readers are immersed into a world they haven't seem. A world where, "Meseret's thin fingers dance effortlessly on a thick white sheet of paper as she reads aloud an excerpt from her art textbook," she says in her article "Cursed No Longer." It is the story of the school for the blind and the Daughters of St. Anne that conduct the program in response to the poor conditions of children born blind in Ethiopia. It is reporting and interviewing and writing in its most shining hour.

Second Place

Helping Children Face Racism

Franciscan Media, Author: Shannon Evans

In "Helping Children Face Racism" Shannon Evans shows and instructs readers. She knows what she is talking about, "Five children whom I would do absolutely anything to help and protect. Five children who are my heart walking outside my body. Five children: four White, one Black. More than an article that is graciously written, it is an instruction manual on how to rear decent kids.

Third Place

All for Life: With Roe v. Wade finally overturned, pro-life apostolates continue serving clients, from conception through the early years and beyond

North Texas Catholic, Joan Kurkowski-Gillen

The article illustrates the people who are thrilled with the overturning of Roe v. Wade, but tells the more important story of what is next. As Dr. Haywood Robinson is quoted, "Our true goal is to do what's necessary, so all people have the right to life." The article informs how the pregnancy and wellness centers are taking the next steps into the future.

Honorable Mention

These Are God's Children

Maryknoll, Gregg Brekke

Honorable Mention

A spiritual awakening – facing the unknown

The Catholic Compass, Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee: Sharmane Adams, Editor

M579e: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues – Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

First Place

No Longer Cursed

ONE Magazine, Maria Gerth-Niculescu
Incredibly well-written and deeply reported story, with rich, descriptive language and use of multiple and important sources to paint a picture for the reader. Clear winner in the category.

Second Place

Franciscans at the Border

Franciscan Media, Daniel Imwalle, Author; Mary Catherine Kozusko, Designer
A compelling account of the humanitarian crisis along the treacherous border between the Mexico and the United States and how Franciscans are responding with faith and compassion. Story is rich with details and examples.

Third Place

‘Go and Do Likewise’

ONE Magazine, Anubha George
The writer paints a clear, concise, and compassionate picture of the special needs school. Colorful wording draws the readers in and makes them feel part of the story, which features several examples of the work being done.

Honorable Mention

Cries of Hunger

ONE Magazine, Olivia Poust

M579f: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues – Rights and Responsibilities

First Place

No Greater Love

Parable Magazine, Paul McAvoy
Great mix of anecdotes and research/background information to bring light to this issue.

Second Place

Action required

Angelus, Steve Lowery
Thorough coverage of an important event.

M579g: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues – Solidarity

First Place

Healing Families Devastated by War

ONE Magazine, Arzé Khodr
Beautifully written with deep details and a variety of voices focused on telling a story of hope and faith for children and their families in a country devastated by war. Great read.

Second Place

When Duty Turns to Grace

ONE Magazine, Laura Ieraci
Strong writing and scene setting. Excellent use of sources to tell a story of solidarity and grace.

Third Place

Solidarity with Ukraine

Columbia, Columbia staff
Deeply reported story with great detail and multiple sources that offers readers a realistic view of what life is like in war-torn Ukraine and the many challenges that exist.

Honorable Mention

Welcome Strangers

Catholic Review, Priscila Gonzalez de Doran

Honorable Mention

An Erie Connection

Connection (NETWORK), Don Clemmer

M581: Best Sports Reporting

First Place

Chasing Gold

Columbia, John Burger
An excellent article on athletics, goals and faith. Great interviews illustrate and educate readers about Matthew Torres. We see the man who set a new world record in the pool at the U.S. Paralympics Swimming National Championships and we learn about Torres. “Everything that I’ve accomplished so far is because God has allowed me to. Without him, none of this is possible.”

Second Place

Faith on the Field

The Catholic Telegraph, Eileen Connelly, OSU
Faith on the Field is a great article on Erin Yenney’s journey in faith and professional soccer. There is quality in the writing and in interviews as readers are invited to share her life.

Third Place

Vin’s greatest inheritance

Angelus, Tom Hoffarth
Readers learn about Hall of Fame broadcaster Vin Scully and his faith through great interviews with his family and friends. Well written with great insights to the man.

Honorable Mention

Pitching With a Higher Power

Columbia, Columbia staff

Honorable Mention

Missioner on the run

Glenmary Challenge, John Feister

M584: Best Reporting on Vocations to Priesthood, Religious Life or Diaconate

First Place

Closer to the People

ONE Magazine, Anna Nekrasova-Wilson, Laura Ieraci
Scene setting pulls you right in. Truly fantastic quotes set it apart. “The priest is to be their pillar. He is to be the spiritual support for those who ... stare every day into the eyes of death.” Everything unfolds so cleanly in the story. It’s well edited and well thought through. But the situation is so unique. Training is so clearly explained, motives are 100% transparent, actors are understood — but it could only exist in a state like this. A perfect snapshot

of the world’s No. 1 crisis, with a personalized face and incredible depth to match.

Second Place

Vocation Basics: Essentials for the vocation journey

VISION Catholic Religious Vocation Discernment Guide, VISION and the National Religious Vocation Conference
Starts with a vocations-thru-the-ages timeline and ends with graphic representations of where vocations can be found. What a fantastic resource. What’s unique and special here is how clean and sparse the writing is and how sharp the layout is. You must have both elements, otherwise a project of this scale will never work. The images are nice too — and there are even quotes. It just keeps coming. Definitions, process, even related prayers. This is so well thought out, it clearly took a great deal of time and was developed by individuals with vast knowledge. Everyone in the Church should have access to this. It’s like the perfect walkway and front door and parlor leading into a beautiful house.

Third Place

Vocations Special Section

Catholic Review, Catholic Review Staff
From page 2 onward, it just kept getting better. And better. And better. It’s like the editors and writers produced it backwards; backing up into the great stories they have. Nonetheless, a full package which is very human, very well-rounded and gets more interesting as you go.

Honorable Mention

Soldier to Servant

Parable Magazine, Cori Urban

Honorable Mention

Gridiron Fathers

Columbia, Columbia Staff

M587: Best Book Review Section

First Place

Spring Literary Review 2022

America Magazine, James T. Keane, Literary Editor, and The America Magazine Staff
Just a well-done edition. The introduction sets the scene. The layout is bright and clean. The reviews are polished and intellectual, thoughtful and always pertinent – and they just keep coming. The piece on Leonard Cohen was beautiful. This is about as good as it gets.

Second Place

Book notes

Horizon, Journal of the Natl. Religious Vocation Conference, Sister Marcia Ziska, O.S.B.; Sister Susan Francois, C.S.J.P.; Sister Juliet Mousseau, R.S.C.J.
A trio of sisters writing thoughtfully on topics that are largely philosophical, but also the lifeblood of the Church going forward – what do vocations mean and why are they important? Various topics are covered, including books to read with discerners, contemporary theology of vowed life and Black lives in our religious communities – but there is a clear common narrative thread and overarching theme. The reflections here are thoughtful and informed and all three women write well.



M587: Best Book Review Section

M588: Best Review

First Place

More than feelings

Angelus, Msgr. Richard Antall

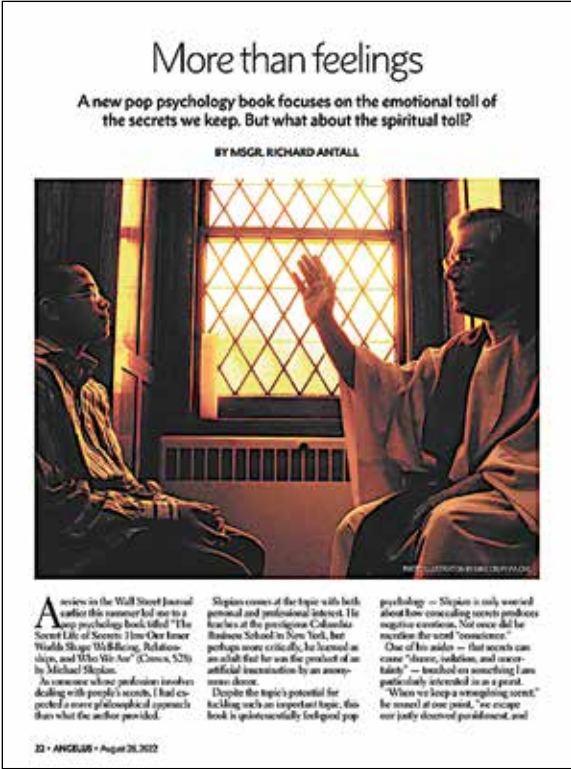
Far and away the best review in the category. An expert reflecting on another expert can be like someone pulling fruit off two different trees with two hands at the same time. I enjoyed both sides. The author speaks with authority and from experience — and shows how these are different things. Insightful from the first word to the end. I learned a great deal in a very short time — and yet the writing is smooth and never hurried or harried. Basically, if you can review a bad book, find the good in it and still make people want to read it — and even show them the right way to do so — you are a king. Just left me wanting more.

Second Place

President Zelensky's love of Ukraine is at the heart of 'Servant of the People'

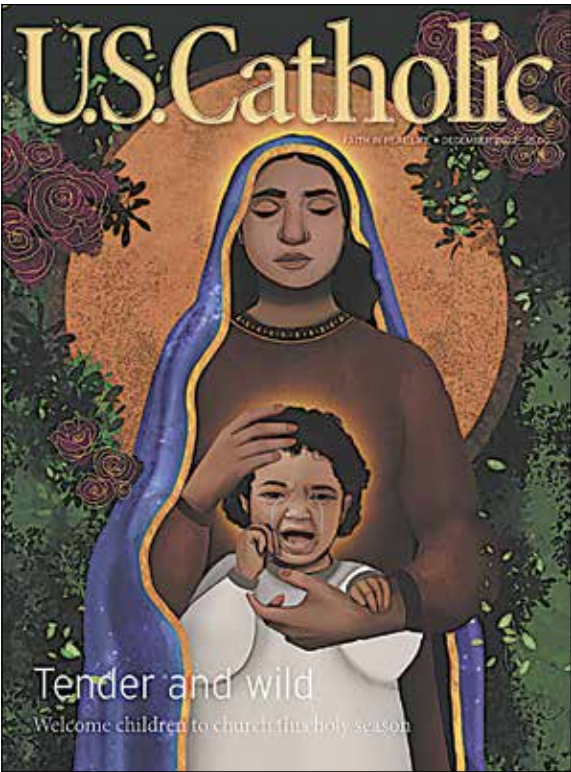
America Magazine, Jim McDermott, S.J.

Review of a TV miniseries, but also so much more. Beautiful textbook scene-setting lead. Smooth use of quotes and a great sense of pace — short sentences, long sentences, then rhythm somewhere in between. What's most beautiful here though, is the juxtaposition. The author just dances



M588: Best Review

back and forth – this is fiction and imaginary, this is reality, and here is where they overlap. Back and forth, back and forth like that. And best of all, the whole thing could not possibly be more relevant right now. "Sometimes simply being in another world becomes a doorway into contemplation."



M591: Best Seasonal Issue or Section

Third Place

A Viking's only way out?

Angelus, Joe Joyce

High language parlayed smoothly and the rare piece worth reading twice. The author turns a nice phrase and uses analogy adeptly. Explores deeper themes, while stylishly recounting a good tale along the way.

Honorable Mention

Soundreply – the Way Back (2020), Soundreply – Coda, Soundreply – Greyhound Kairos Global, Joseph Anthraper, Dr. Chackochan Njavallil, Joshy Joseph, Tania Rose Josun

If this was longer, I would have had it higher.

Honorable Mention

Father Stu Knocks Out Bad Stereotypes of the Priesthood

Denver Catholic, Aaron Lambert

If this was longer, I would have had it higher.

M591: Best Seasonal Issue or Section

First Place

Dec. 1, 2022

U.S. Catholic, U.S. Catholic Staff

A grand selection of articles. The range of the yuletide is especially enticing from how to welcome kids to Church to Christmas presence and to the Prince of Peace having his work cut out for him with the Ukraine invasion.

Second Place

Faith West Tennessee: December 2022

FAITH West Tennessee, The Catholic Diocese of Memphis

The children's Christmas cards entered in the bishop's contest are too adorable to resist.

Third Place

Christmas Gift Guide 2022

Denver Catholic, Michael O'Neill, Filippo Piccone, Simona Fava, Aaron Lambert

A delightful compendium of gifts and thoughts for all levels of faith.

Honorable Mention

Salute Magazine – Easter Edition

Salute, Jo Ann Redmond, Editor; Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Publisher

M596: Best Special Issue

First Place

‘You Welcomed Me’

Franciscan Media, Margaret Carney, OSF; Stephen Copeland; Patrick Carolan; Sister Rose Pacatte, FSP; Susan Hines-Brigger; Daniel Imwalle

Well done and highly relevant. Comprehensive and illuminating, revealing powerful, effective responses to pervasive human issues. Also provides useful readers’ resource information, providing guidance to readers who may seek to step up and help with tackling these challenges.

Second Place

CELEBRATE: The New Shepherd for South Carolina’s Flock

The Catholic Miscellany, The Catholic Miscellany Staff

Engaging complete coverage that captures the man, his origins, his personal journey and accomplishments leading to the call for him to become the 14th bishop for the Diocese of Charleston, using his voice and the voices of family, former parishioners and religious leaders. The comprehensive coverage goes well beyond telling the new bishop’s story by incorporating — and explaining — the myriad religious components that define and guide his journey.

Third Place

Celebrating Sister-Spirit

Connection (NETWORK), NETWORK staff

Excellent collection of facts and anecdotes to capture and detail history of NETWORK. Also provides interesting retrospective while also highlighting the organization’s promising potential for the next 50 years.

M597: Best Special Section

First Place

IN IT TOGETHER- TRINITAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER STAFF IN NEW JERSEY UNITES TO FIGHT OFF PANDEMIC

Health Progress, Aristide Economopoulos, Betsy Taylor, Charlotte Kelley

Exceptional, thorough coverage of life on the front line of the pandemic, as shared by individuals who lived it. Each personal story is riveting, and although each is the story of one individual, the writer seamlessly unspools yet blends them so they flow together as a whole.

Second Place

Finding our way to God

Faith Erie Magazine, Mary Solberg, Parishioners and Clergy of the Diocese of Erie

Excellent, simple, diverse, complete, and inspiring guide for fully living.

Third Place

Solidarity With Ukraine

Columbia, Columbia staff

Excellent presentation of the response to war by aiding its victims. Thorough overview, from a well-documented history of services legacy through to large-scale support efforts as well as compelling

personal stories.

Honorable Mention

Live Liturgically This Year

Southwest Michigan Catholic, Sarah DeMott, Jenny Pomicter, Victoria Cessna

Excellent guide. Encouraging and fun, replete with ideas while spurring creativity beyond its pages, simple (doable) but meaningful activities, and bountiful offering of additional resources.

Honorable Mention

Vocation Basics: Essentials for the vocation journey

VISION Catholic Religious Vocation Discernment Guide, VISION and the National Religious Vocation Conference

Engaging, helpful, succinct yet thorough resource.

M598a: Best Writing – Analysis

First Place

Called to See Clearly: At times it takes a little rehumanizing to see our neighbors with empathy and love

North Texas Catholic, Susan Moses

An excellent analysis of the polarization of our culture. The author does a great job of incorporating real-world examples, interesting quotes, and concrete tips for loving others — all of which makes this stand out as a winner in a very crowded field.

Second Place

The painful, grace-filled and (hopefully) healing process of seeking an annulment

America Magazine, Simcha Fisher

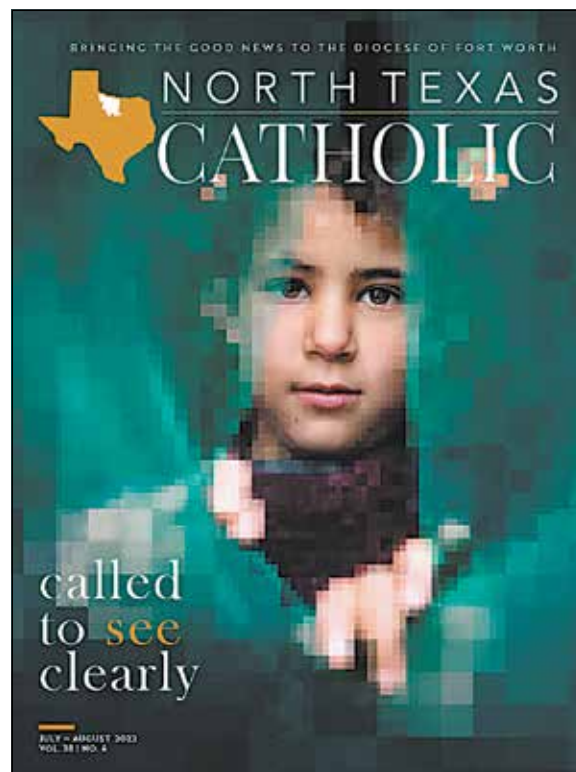
An informative and well-researched analysis that not only explains the complex process of annulment, but also engages readers by immersing them in stories from people who have gone through the process.

Third Place

Sexual diversity--an evolving understanding

Horizon, Journal of the Natl. Religious Vocation Conference, Sister Lynn Levo, C.S.J.

A well-organized analysis that helps readers learn



M598a: Best Writing – Analysis

about sexual diversity, understand key terms, and see how Church teachings relate to these evolving ideas.

Honorable Mention

Can a pro-life and a pro-choice Catholic find common ground? We gave it a shot.

America Magazine, Ashley McKinless, Keara Hanlon

Honorable Mention

Relief Efforts for Ukraine: What to Weigh When Asked for Donations

Health Progress, Rachel Barina, Erica Smith

M598b: Best Writing – In-Depth

First Place

How to save men

Angelus, Elise Italiano Ureneck

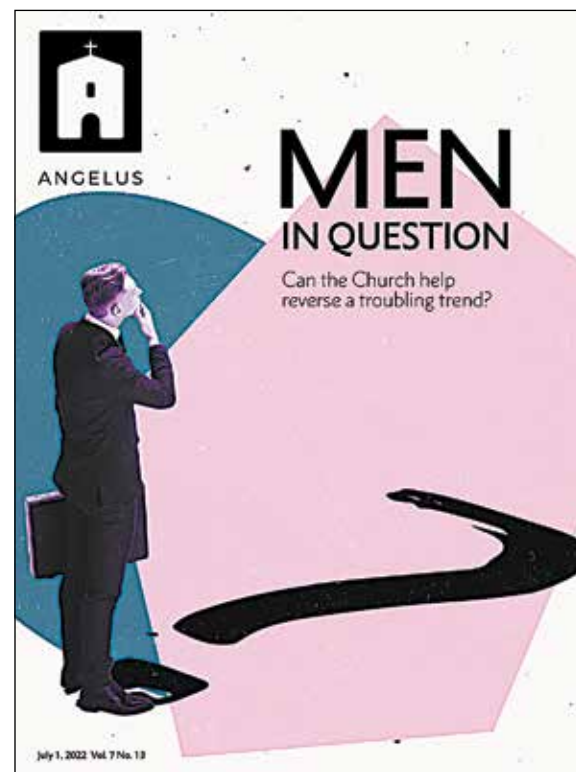
Fantastic. Unbelievable. And a blessing in so many ways. Somebody finally did it. This is a massive wound in western culture and the author examines it like a doctor. No judgment — just symptoms, more symptoms, effects, and antidotes. Effortlessly told, without every losing pace. Smooth transitions, fascinating real-world quotes. It goes on and on and never falters. This piece is like a necklace — a well-rounded collection of perfectly polished gems. Hopefully it becomes a book someday.

Second Place

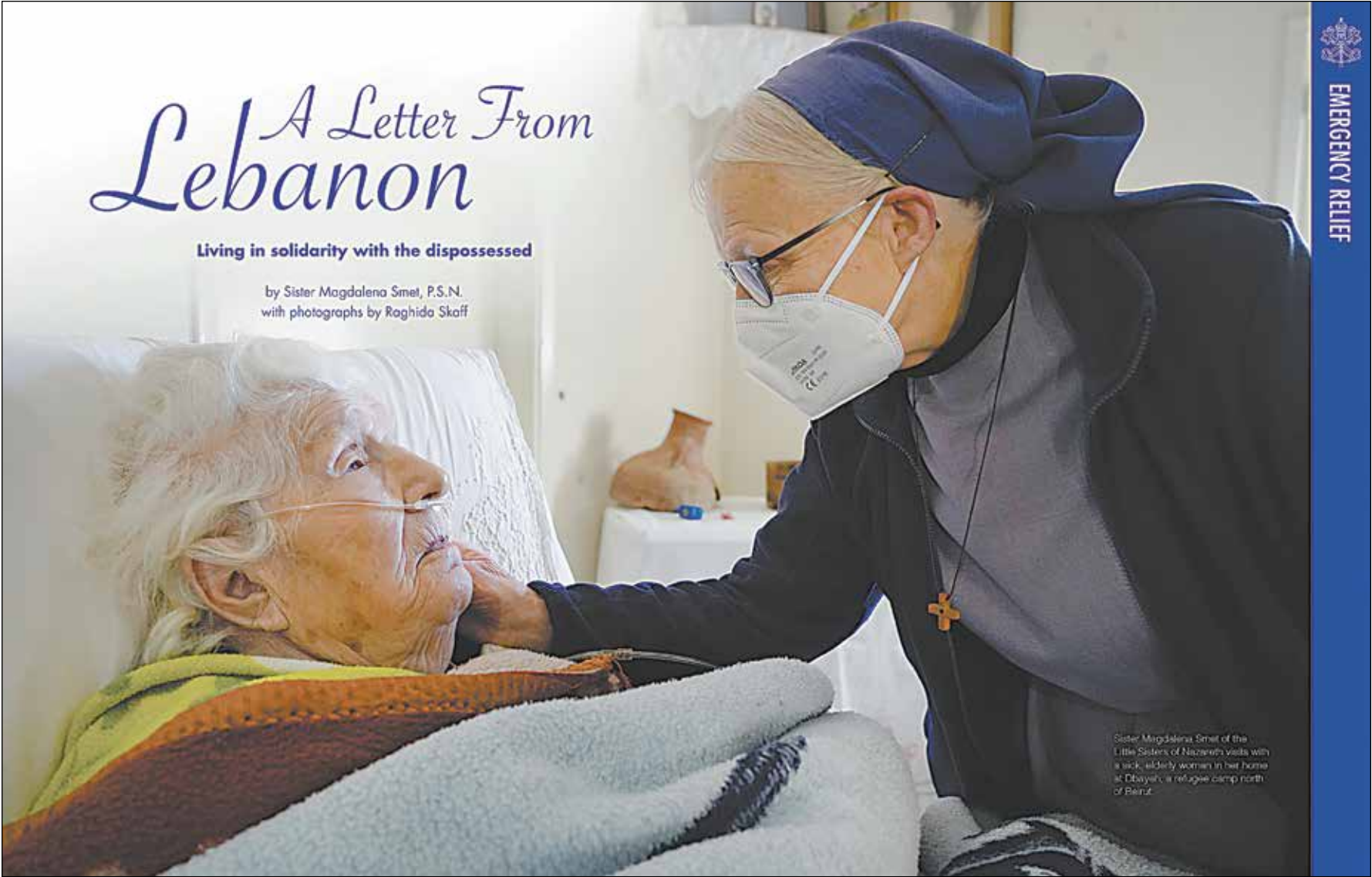
Flexible Catholic workplaces aren’t just good for parents. They’re also good for the church.

America Magazine, Laura Loker

This piece does two things — it looks at an issue historically and also humanizes it at the same time; painting it right here right now. This is much easier said than done. It’s a complex technique. Thoughtful writing, sharp anecdotes, and much useful information. Downside: the first person vantage feels forced and weakens the overall product. It’s also long; a good editor would strip a large chunk out of this. But at the end of the day, this is a real issue and getting larger by the minute. And examining people’s real-life situations is the best way forward.



M598b: Best Writing – In-Depth



M811a: Best Multiple Picture Package – Feature

Third Place

Explainer: Could Pope Francis revoke the 15th-century ‘Doctrine of Discovery’ used to justify colonizing Indigenous peoples?
America Magazine, Ricardo da Silva, S.J.
Strong news lead — this is what happened. Now let’s take it apart. Well-researched; great historical sense. Smooth blend of facts and quotes. Such an important issue; this was the law of the world on every continent for hundreds of years and millions were affected. Gets a little dry and legalistic at times (otherwise it would be higher). The flavor is kind of drained out by the end. Bring it back into what it all means right now in a real way. Nonetheless, an impressive piece of writing on a very real and important matter.

Honorable Mention

Catholic Health Care and AI Ethics: Algorithms for Human Flourishing
Linacre Quarterly, Michael Miller, Jr, MA, HEC-C

Honorable Mention

Next stop: The metaverse
Angelus, Elise Italiano Ureneck

M811a: Best Multiple Picture Package – Feature

First Place

A Letter From Lebanon
ONE Magazine, Raghida Skaff
Each photo represents the theme of the story — compassion faith and healing. A beautiful selection of photographs that accurately captures the emotion of a deeply personal and joyful moments. The photographer’s subtle approach to and respect

for the subject is apparent in each photo and worth noting as a first-place winner.

Second Place

A Letter From Ukraine: A Land of Life, A Land of Mass Graves
ONE Magazine, Oleh Hryb
The beautiful black and white photos reflects the somber yet hopeful tone of a powerful moment. The photographer perfectly captures the emotion of the archbishop walking through the aftermath of the ongoing war in Ukraine. The photographer does a good job in showing the audience the juxtaposition between hope and despair and reminds us of humanity at its worst and best.

Third Place

In Search of Peace and Healing
Columbia, Tamino Petelinšek, Spirit Juice Studios, Photo Lacaze
The photos capture various groups of people in search of peace and healing at various moments in their lives. The framing of each photo doesn’t distract from the narrative but complements the idea. All photos are taken at various times of day, yet the photographer manages to maintain a consistent, clean look.

Honorable Mention

Broken, Not Crushed
ONE Magazine, Abenezzer Israel

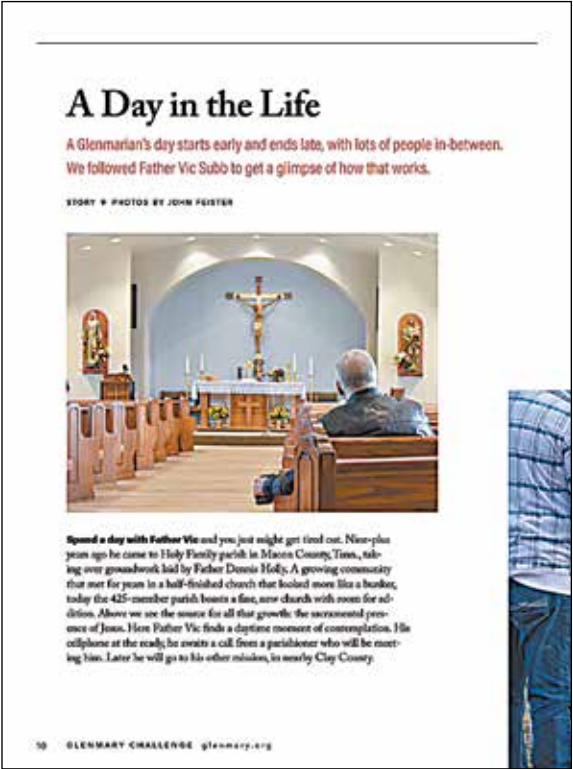
Honorable Mention

Solidarity with Ukraine
Columbia, Columbia Staff

M811b: Best Multiple Picture Package – News

First Place

First Vows
Jesuits Midwest Magazine, Dave Hrbacek and Don Doll, S.J.
These photos of a group of Jesuits pronouncing first vows are well-composed and carefully edited, forming a cohesive package.



M821a: Best Photo Story – Feature



M821a: Best Photo Story – Feature

First Place

A day in the life of Father Vic
Glenmary Challenge, John Feister and Cassie Magnotta
Excellent idea and execution for a photo story that enlivens the subject and interests the reader.

Second Place

Eucharist with Archbishop Etienne
Northwest Catholic, Nicole Eckenrode and Janis Olson
Vibrant colors captured that draw the eye to this interesting photo story.

M821b: Best Photo Story – News

First Place

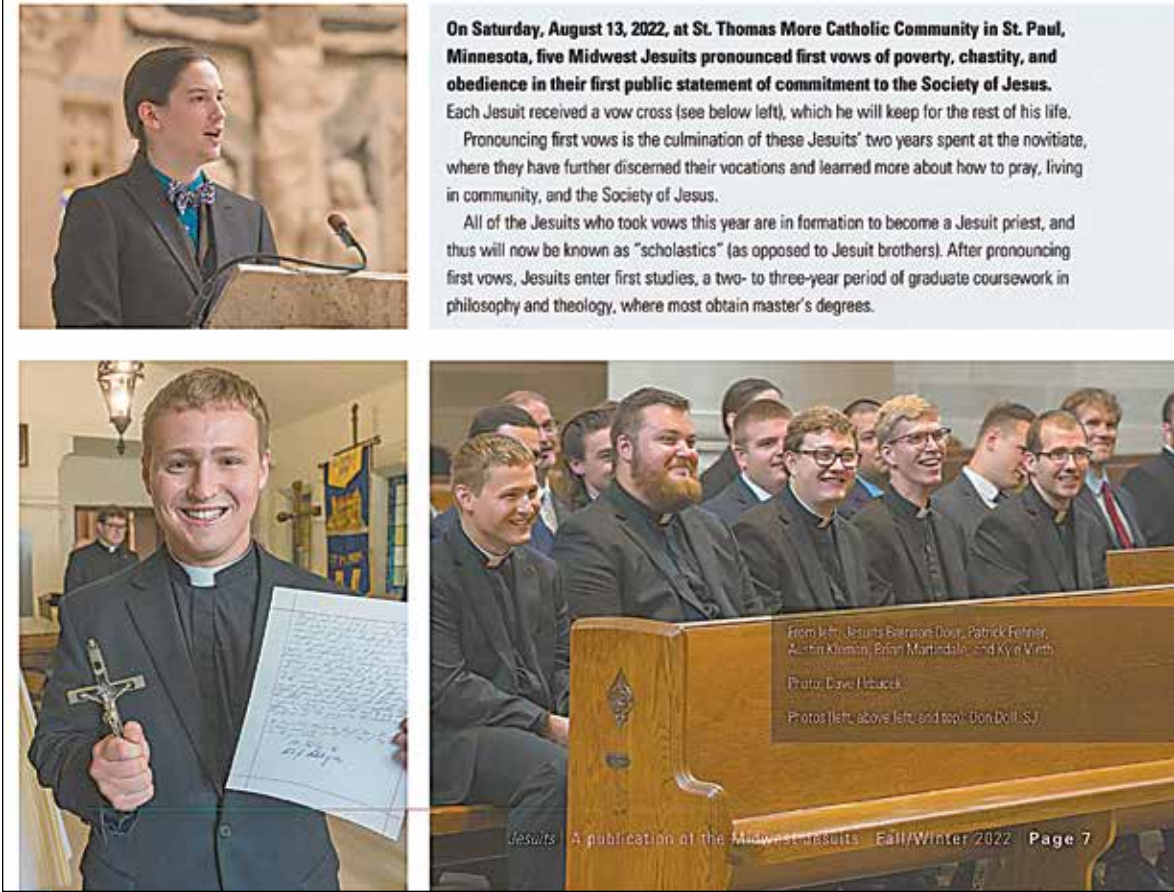
‘Go On!’
Columbia, Andrey Gorb, Sebastian Nycz, Tamino Petelinšek
Excellent story telling using photos that stands out for versatility, high quality, and important subject matter.

Second Place

Ordination 2022
Jesuits Midwest Magazine, Steve Donisch, Jeff Zmania
Important ritual captured in this photo story that reveals great humanity in subjects.

Third Place

Supreme Chaplain Encourages Knights’ Relief Efforts During Pilgrimage to Poland, Ukraine
Columbia, Andrey Gorb, Sebastian Nycz, Tamino Petelinšek
Interest set of photos tells an intriguing story.



M811b: Best Multiple Picture Package – News



M840: Best Photograph – Feature Photo

M811b: Best Multiple Picture Package – News

First Place

‘Step Into the Breach’
Columbia, Matthew Barrick, Jeremy Garza, Tamino Petelinšek
A wide range of photos provides comprehensive coverage of the Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus. The photographers capture individuals in action and in community, and they show creative composition and variety.

Third Place

Forward with Hope
Columbia, Matthew Barrick, Jeffrey Bruno, Spirit Juice Studios
A package of group and individual shots conveys the atmosphere of the March for Life as the Supreme Court was weighing its decision to overturn Roe v. Wade. The photographers capture action and emotion to tell the story of the event.

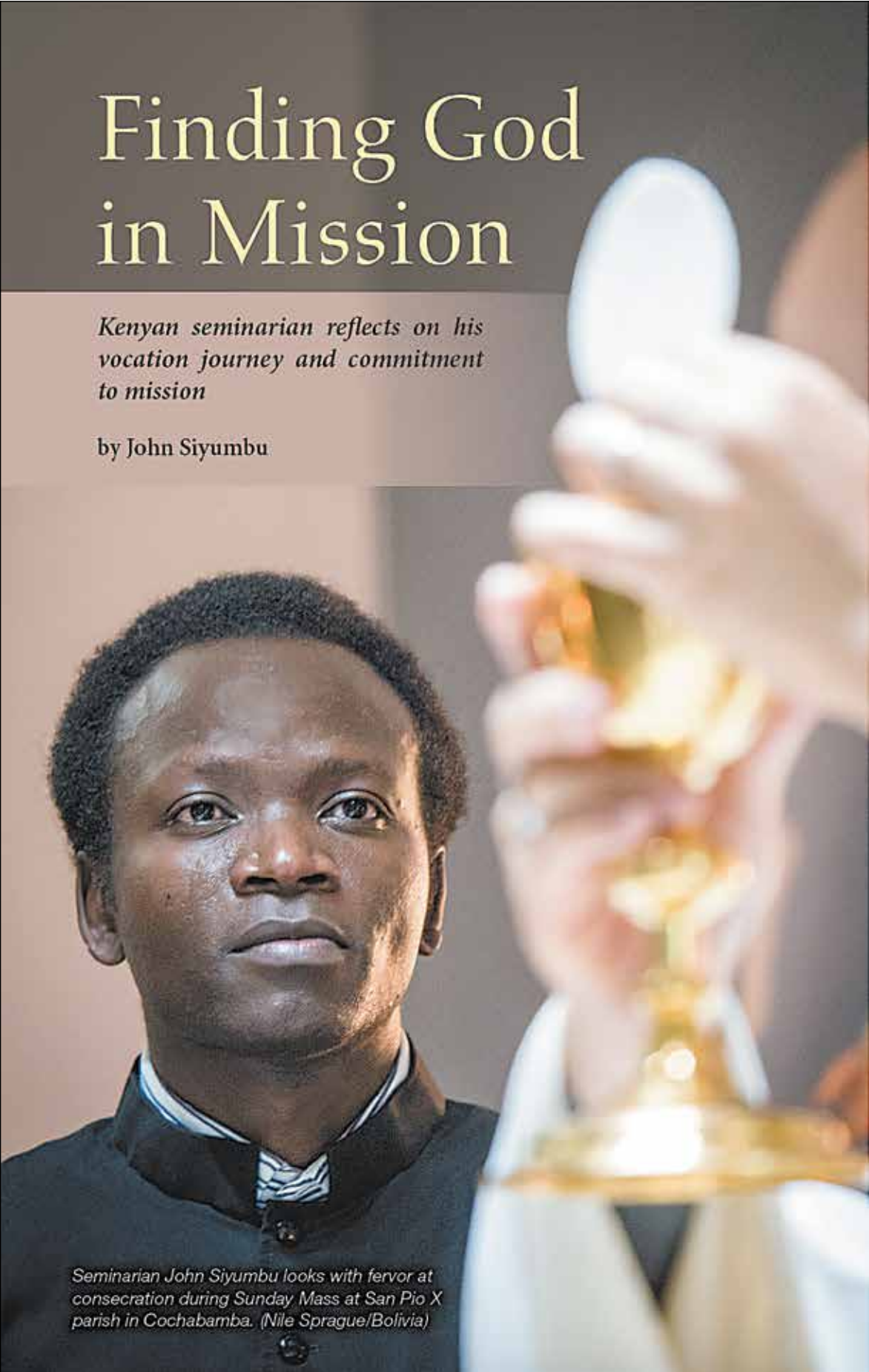
M831a: Best Story and Photo Package – By an individual

First Place

My Own Canticle of the Creatures
Franciscan Media, Story and Photography by: Susie Forrester; Design: Mary Catherine Kozusko
A simple story, with poetic writing and incredible photography ... and then it becomes a personal tale too, even as it blossoms in the light of modern times. Everybody tries to do this type of thing and most fail — but the author/artist here makes it so simple. It has an honest touch which is impossible to replicate. The quality of the photography absolutely sets this entry apart. No two ways about it. It’s more like a photographer writing, than a writer/photographer. It’s so simple and so beautiful both in words and images — and then both inspire you to action and then even that is simple. ‘The song of the divine is always singing.’ COVID is a slick lead here too.

Second Place

Helping Survivors Survive Climate Change
Maryknoll, Gregg Brekke
Two-fisted storytelling. The writing is smooth and graceful. It pulls you in and leads you through a very specific landscape of trial — with little tribulation. The photos are strong enough to stand on their own. You could publish them without words, and they’d still be strong and didactic. The individual standalone



Finding God in Mission

Kenyan seminarian reflects on his vocation journey and commitment to mission

by John Siyumbu

Seminarian John Siyumbu looks with fervor at consecration during Sunday Mass at San Pio X parish in Cochabamba. (Nile Sprague/Bolivia)

M847: Best Photograph – Sacramental

portraits are beautiful. Whoever took those should be commissioned for a larger project. Nice layout overall; high quality images put faces to the story. Climate change gives it a hook. I wish it were a little longer though. It kind of taps out as a snapshot.

Third Place

Hope Shines through in South Sudan

Maryknoll, Paul Jeffrey
What a story. It's a scene most people will never encounter on earth. The photos add to it, but they're almost too humble — in resolution and lighting and placement/sizing too. It's almost desensitizing. The writing also makes the situation sound normal. The story behind the story is staggering. This piece needs to be bigger in every way. It's only three pages, to the detriment of us all.

Honorable Mention

Beautifully Adapted
Embodied, Christina Ries

Honorable Mention

What Physics Could Not Give Me: The Question of Why
Shalom Media USA INC., Shalom Tidings, Shalom Media
It's a nice story and an important one.

M831b: Best Story and Photo Package – By Two Individuals or more

First Place

IN IT TOGETHER- TRINITAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER STAFF IN NEW JERSEY UNITES TO FIGHT OFF PANDEMIC

Health Progress, Aristide Economopoulos, Betsy Taylor, Charlotte Kelley
Great cover photo. It tells a story all by itself. And it is effectively just a warmup. The photos add so much here. It's like walking around at the scene. At the same time, the writing carries a different story – which is beautiful. It looks back, it looks around and it looks in-depth. The lead is great. Punchy and poetic. It just sounds different. Great quotes and pull-out boxes. The whole thing keeps shifting, in a beautiful way. It feels like being at a hospital and seeing 10 interconnected things happen at once. Factual, informative, timely and brilliant.

Second Place

Blessed are those who mourn

North Texas Catholic, Joan Kurkowski-Gillen, Reporter; Juan Guajardo, Photographer
The portraiture is really beautiful here. It has an atmospheric touch. It feels familiar and it carries so many emotions. It really does share things which words cannot. The news writing here is also very strong and the quotes are excellent. It's almost like a tapestry of beautiful quotes. That collection of quotes is no fortuitous accident either. There are so many interviews here and they just add layer after layer to the larger story's depth. The main subject of the interview – grief – is also by nature something most people are reticent to talk about. A piece like this can take weeks to put together. But it is worth it. This is a very vivid and beautiful portrait and an informative and thoughtful reflection; it tackles a very difficult subject and it ultimately brings hope.

Third Place

Solidarity with Ukraine

Columbia, Columbia staff
The photos here are diverse and they are transportive. They take you directly to the scene. They are a rare glimpse into a place that is the center of the world right now and changing very rapidly. All the subjects are just regular people too. They could be you and me. And while the trials they face are otherworldly — that simplicity and humility creates a great sense of empathy. The total package here is intimate and factual, telling, and historic.

Honorable Mention

Sisters to Brother Wolf
Franciscan Media, Story by Stephen Copeland; Photos by Claudia Smith; Design: Mary Catherine Kozusko

Honorable Mention

No Longer Cursed
ONE Magazine, Maria Gerth-Niculescu, Petterik Wiggers

M840: Best Photograph – Feature Photo

First Place

A Metal Box Called Home
ONE Magazine, Nazik Armenakyan



M848: Best Photograph – Vocations to the Priesthood, religious life or Diaconate

This photograph has extraordinary depth in form and content. The colors are richly saturated, and the composition draws you into each individual portrait without putting them in competition. The mood of each individual is clearly captured, and the viewer can feel the concern in the face of the older family members and the innocence of the child smiling in the center. Truly lovely.

Second Place

Hope Shines through in South Sudan

Maryknoll, Paul Jeffrey

There is so much to love about this photograph, from the energy of the composition to the joy reflected in the children's faces, to the poignant irony in the source of their joy: an improvised game over a filthy ditch in the impoverished village. The photo takes you there.

Third Place

A Loving Gaze

ONE Magazine, Raghida Skaff

This beautifully composed photo perfectly captures an intimate moment of love, trust, and compassion.

Honorable Mention

International Military Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Columbia, Tamino Petelinšek

Honorable Mention

Afghan refugees

Catholic Review, Kevin J. Parks

M842: Best Photograph – General News Photo

First Place

Baptism

East Texas Catholic, Karen Gilman

This vibes like an oil painting; the physical posture is so strong, and the colors are so bold. Nonetheless, all the important detail is in very sharp focus. It is both rough and smooth. This shows an expert professional hand, as well as a sensitive artistic touch. It's strong and it's balanced, it tells a complex modern story and yet it has very a timeless feel.

Second Place

Ukraine Border Crossing

Columbia, Tamino Petelinšek

It's so simple and so clean it is desensitizing. It just looks like a parade, or a procession ... and then you realize what it is. This photo exudes quality on all fronts. It has a strong news element, a perfect sense of timing, composure on the spot, perfectly placed focus, action frozen in dozens of subjects (at once) a good sense of spacing, room to breathe and a pristine background. In 100 years, it will be an important piece of history.

Third Place

March for Life

Columbia, Matthew Barrick

A photo that tells a story. Emotion really carries this piece. It is strong in so many good things. Jubilation, cheerfulness and hope — just to start the list. The crisp daylight and the background crowd give it extra life and vibrancy. It has an especially honest touch — which is the first thing you see and the last thing you remember.

Honorable Mention

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly in Ukraine

Columbia, Andrey Gorb

Honorable Mention

Mercy Center

Columbia, Tamino Petelinšek

M844: Best Photograph – Portrait

First Place

First Black US priest journeys toward sainthood

Northwest Catholic, Stephen Brashear

Two portraits in one. Always a difficult thing to do. And yet, it's so clear what's happening here. The ability to tell a story within a story is a great gift. It's a complex effect and yet I can anticipate what's in the article without reading a single word. That is much harder to do than you think. The color is rich and beautiful. It's all one thing. The two faces work together and they just hold you. They work in tandem. I didn't love the background at first — but then, where else could it be? It's hers. She keeps it at her house. This portrait photo just softens and deepens — at the same time — in the best possible way.

Second Place

No Greater Love

Parable Magazine, Jeff Dachowski

Awesome. Just a fantastic portrait of real people. Clearly an expert hand at lighting and technique and focus (anon). Every detail is so crisp you don't notice any of it. The only thing, though, is can it stand alone? I'm not quite sure who I'm looking



M852: Best Photograph – Immigration/Migration

at, exactly. There's no clue. It's missing an in. Give me a hook. All I see is strength and character — though that is also more than enough. This portrait is simple and sharp, atmospheric, and beautiful. It's natural, it's contemporary and it's more colorful than you realize (because it is so personal). Everyone is themselves; standing there together, souls bared for the world.

Third Place

Petro Galuga

Columbia, Andrey Gorb

Brilliant work. Back lit by a sunrise? In a dark, rough landscape? With open arms? In Ukraine? Every line is perfect, and the timing and place capture the rarest of moments.

Honorable Mention

Archbishop Shevchuk

Columbia, Andrey Gorb

Honorable Mention

Father Richard Rocha

Columbia, Spirit Juice Studios

M847: Best Photograph – Sacramental

First Place

Finding God in Mission

Maryknoll, Nile Sprague

This beautiful image expertly uses light, shadows, and focus to produce a telling portrait filled with emotion and reflective of the significance of the moment.

Second Place

Father Schneider, Deacon Schneider, Mrs. Schneider

Vermont Catholic, Cori Fugere Urban

This touching photograph is rich in meaning,

It captures a precise, significant moment and reflects pure joy and the pride of parents over the ordination of their son.

Third Place

Cardinal Wilton Gregory Elevates the Precious Blood

Columbia, Matthew Barrick

The image stands out for the intense facial expressions of the subjects, and for the sharp focus on the chalice and the cardinal's hands, which are the heart of the photo.

Honorable Mention

Ordination 2022

Jesuits Midwest Magazine, Jeff Zmania

Honorable Mention

Eucharistic Procession

Columbia, Spirit Juice Studios

M848: Best Photograph – Vocations to the Priesthood, religious life or Diaconate

First Place

With Rapt Attention

ONE Magazine, Raghida Skaff

The title of this photo is perfect... rapt attention. The student's engagement in this photo is priceless. A definite winner!

Second Place

Catholic Awakenings Magazine

Catholic Awakenings, Diocese of Nashville Office of Media & Evangelization, Liam Farris

Third Place

First Vows

Jesuits Midwest Magazine, Don Doll, S.J.

M851: Best Photograph – Catholic Education

First Place

Happy Graduate

Catholic Review, Kevin J. Parks

This photo exudes joy and pure happiness. The composition is fantastic, and the photographer captured the subject in a natural moment. Beautiful.

Second Place

Marian consecration service at All Souls World Language School

Angelus, Victor Alemán

M852: Best Photograph – Immigration/Migration

First Place

Refugees Receive Emergency Aid in Addis Ababa

ONE Magazine, Argaw Fantu

This photograph shows both a feeling of despair and hope at the same time. The subjects' eyes tell their own story. From a creative perspective, the positioning of the subjects with the bags and the spacing between each person makes this a beautiful photo.

Second Place

Hope Spoken Here

Parable Magazine, Tom Roy

This photo captured a touching moment of what goodbye looks like. The look on everyone's face is priceless. Very poignant.

Third Place

Waiting Out the War

ONE Magazine, David Bratnick

Newspaper Division

GN111a: Best Newspaper – Weekly

First Place

The Tablet

The Tablet, Vito Formica, Michelle Powers, James Harney, Fabiola Rodriguez, Bill Miller, Paula Katinas, John Lavenburg
Some great pieces here. Excellent news coverage and interesting and different. Good layouts. I especially love the “What a Pest.”

Second Place

Florida Catholic Venice

Florida Catholic (Venice), Bob Reddy, Jean Gonzalez, Ann B. Slade, Michael Jimenez and the Florida Catholic Media staff
Overall, very good pieces. Strong content. Good layouts. Excellent coverage.

Third Place

The Pilot

Pilot Staff
Timely and relative stories that evoke emotion. Very strong photos put to good use.

Honorable Mention

Florida Catholic Orlando

Florida Catholic (Orlando), Glenda Meekins, Jean Gonzalez, Ann B. Slade, Michael Jimenez and the Florida Catholic Media staff

Honorable Mention

St. Louis Review

St. Louis Review, St. Louis Review Staff

GN111b: Best Newspaper – Non-Weekly

First Place

Catholic News Herald

Catholic News Herald Staff
Faith and Healing; Home in America; Demonstrating God’s love for 75 years - Strong stories. Wonderful layout. Great pieces. Solid news publication.

Second Place

NWI Catholic Newspaper: Official Newspaper of the Diocese of Gary

Northwest Indiana Catholic, NWI Catholic Staff
Crisp and clean layout makes for easy reading. Very good stories. Timely and interesting.

Third Place

The Compass

The Compass Staff
LOVE Flat Father Paul :)

Honorable Mention

The Georgia Bulletin

The Georgia Bulletin, The Georgia Bulletin

GN111c: Best Newspaper – National/ Wire Service

First Place

National Catholic Register

National Catholic Register, NC Register Staff
Informative. Very timely. Newsy. Good overall use of layout, photos, and graphics. Strong writing. Interesting to read.

Second Place

National Catholic Reporter

National Catholic Reporter, National Catholic Reporter Staff
Very well packaged. Strong writing. Very timely and newsy stories and topics.

Third Place

Catholic Health World

Catholic Health World, Judy VandeWater, Julie Minda, Lisa Eisenhauer, Norma Klingsick
Very well done. Great newsy topics connected with the health theme. Interesting to read through, and a pleasure to look at.

Honorable Mention

The Catholic Register

Catholic Register Staff

Honorable Mention

Our Sunday Visitor Newspaper

Our Sunday Visitor, The Staff of Our Sunday Visitor

N321a: Best Annual Report – (Arch) Diocesan Finances

First Place

Celebrating 50 years: Faith more precious than gold

Catholic News Herald, Tim Faragher and Matt Ferrante
Beautiful cover and the bible quote is perfect. English and Spanish side by side in the intro letter is a nice touch. Relevant financial statistics appear in each section alongside photos and text descriptions. So, it is very easy to process, section by section and ministry by ministry – how much money is there, what it is doing and who it is going to. Very clean and detailed and very well laid out. African American, Hispanic, and Vietnamese outreach ministries – impressive. Human capital is another nice touch. All the relevant numbers are there, and it just keeps going more and more in-depth. A+

Second Place

Diocesan Services Fund Annual Report 2021 – How You Make a Difference

Texas Catholic Herald, Catherine Viola
If this was just a ranking of the most hopeful finances, this entry would win hands down. They really did raise a lot of money — and on every level too. This report is doing a lot of things right. The distribution graphics are nice. The testimonies and photos really put a face to the numbers and give a flavor of who is who and doing what. ‘Let’s look at a hypothetical donation of \$1 and see where it goes’ – this is genius and everyone should do it. Fascinating and digestible statistics – new donors, average gifts, parishes over the goal, total donors, parish rebates, etc. The parish-by-parish breakdown is especially impressive. It’s all there. ‘2021 at a glance’ was nice too; just an effective roll call: sacraments, performed, schools, vowed religious, etc. Well done on every front.

Third Place

Catholic Community Foundation Annual Report

Today’s Catholic, Francie Hogan
There are a lot of good things happening here. The colors are a little funny, but they’re so consistent that they end up really working. “New Funds Established” is a great way to start; open with new growth and new hope. The five-year total assets bar graph (2018-2022) is brilliant. It’s easy to read and brings everything into perspective. It just keeps going – recognizing legacy givers; how to maximize tax benefits; ways to give graphic, etc.

Honorable Mention

Catholic Charities

The Compass, Amy Kawula and Susan Simoens

Honorable Mention

Walking Together: 2021-2022 Annual Report of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver

The B.C. Catholic, Inca Siojo, Graphic Designer; Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver Communications Office, Writing & Editing

N325: Best Promotional House Ad

First Place

Graduation House Ad

The Colorado Catholic Herald, Becki Davis, Dave Kottler
ADORABLE design! These colors and the image are cheerful and draw attention. The text is formatted clearly and provides the right amount of information. What a creative and cute advertisement!

Second Place

Valentine Greetings

The Compass, Susan Simoens
Beautiful and heartwarming design! This piece is eye-catching, sweet, and includes a good amount of information in an organized way. The color is warm and inviting!

Third Place

Best Promotional House Ad – Lenten Traditions

Clarion Herald, Cheryl Dejoie-Methe
This ad includes clear details, an eye-catching design, and readable text. The image looks good enough to eat!

Honorable Mention

Code of Ethics

The Tablet, Vito Formica, Fabiola Rodriguez

Honorable Mention

Good Business Matters – Best Promotional House Ad

Clarion Herald, Cheryl Dejoie-Methe

N331: Best Media Kit 2022

First Place

Catholic Courier Digital Media Kit

Catholic Courier, Matt Saxon
When buying ad space, the first thing I want is immediate and cognizant answers. The Catholic Courier does this in a very nice and enticing package. It is swift and clean. Graphically very pleasing.



N335b: Best Single Ad Originating with the Publication – Color

Second Place

Texas Catholic Herald Media Kit 2022

Texas Catholic Herald, Catherine Viola
The Texas Catholic Herald has put out a very engaging Media Kit. Quality Graphics immediately show that this is a company an advertiser should want to work with. Good use of “Our Products” and I like the use of “What Our Readers Say.” A very professional presentation.

Third Place

The Pilot Media Kit 2022

The Pilot, Antonio Enrique, Editor; Nan Wilkins, Production Manager; Dan Maguire, Advertising Manager
The Pilot Media Kit tells me all about the place, the people I will be adventuring to and the price. A nice display of the calendar and supplements is also very helpful.

N335a: Best Single Ad Originating with the Publication – Black-and-White

First Place

St. Joseph School, Green Bay

The Compass, Susan Simoens
This ad has a cute and clear design. It invokes accomplishment and excitement! The text is clear and well-organized to create a readable and visually appealing piece. It does have a glaring typo, but still gets the message across.

Second Place

Camera Casino

The Compass, Susan Simoens
This ad has a simple and straight-forward message with a clear image and text. It draws in viewers, despite being a smaller ad. This gives it an effective and impactful place on the page.

N335b: Best Single Ad Originating with the Publication – Color

First Place

Nativity of Our Lord Parish Picnic, Ashwaubenon

The Compass, Susan Simoens
This ad is stunning! It has so many visuals that complement each other, from the font styles to the colors to the circus tent graphics. Every detail has a purpose in this design! There is a lot of information in this ad, yet it all flows in a well-formatted and easily readable way. I feel excited and intrigued when I see this ad.

Second Place

Lending a Helping Hand

Catholic Star Herald, Tom O'Shea, Production Coordinator and Graphic Designer
This ad is designed beautifully and professionally. The dark blue and black background with shining gold in the foreground create a strong contrast that is visually appealing. It creates a powerful and eye-catching image and presents the information in an organized way. The inclusion of a QR code is also very helpful.

Third Place

Bingo

Florida Catholic (Venice), Michael Jimenez
This ad uses font styles, colors, and festive graphics to portray a cheerful and exciting image. The bright green and shamrocks are fun and draw the eyes. The text is organized, simple, and informative.

Honorable Mention

Holy Cross School, Bay Settlement

The Compass, Susan Simoens

Honorable Mention

Coming home again this Christmas

The Catholic Post, Shannon Reznik and Sonia Nelson

N335c: Best Single Ad Originating with the Publication – Online Ad

First Place

Best Online Ad: St. Paul VI Catholic High School

Arlington Catholic Herald, David Garcia and Advertising Staff
This ad has a simple, yet lovely design. The image is bright and welcoming, transporting viewer's into a peaceful Church. The text is clear and strong.

Second Place

Best Online Ad: Ten Thousand Villages

Arlington Catholic Herald, David Garcia and Advertising Staff
This ad has vibrant color and eye-catching fonts. It has clear, organized details that spark a viewer's interest.

Third Place

Best Online Ad: Marriage Office

Arlington Catholic Herald, David Garcia and Advertising Staff
This ad has a gentle, calming image. The text is easily readable.

N343: Best Ad Campaign Originating with the Publication for Advertiser

First Place

Best Ad Campaign: Pauline Books & Media

Arlington Catholic Herald, David Garcia and Advertising Staff
The color leaps out. It is vibrant. But it's also all one cohesive package; it works together, like complementary flavors. The design is deceptively well done. The background actually changes textures. There is a ton of information here — but it's all in scale and balanced, so it does not overpower the ad. Even played small on the page, it stands out and keeps a look that is perpetually fresh.

Second Place

McCormick Assisted Living, Green Bay

The Compass, Susan Simoens
Incredible use of the color white. It's lavish, creative, and cleansing. It gives the whole thing a heavenly aura. The other thing done nicely here is the tone. The text keeps talking about home and then it backs it all up with a personalized message. The design here catches your eye, it tells a story, it makes a promise and then it feels like what it claims to be too.

Third Place

Oblates Gala 2022

The Pilot, Nan Wilkins, Production Manager
Class and dignity meet style and refinement. There are only three colors used here and the gold appears solely in a set of upturned laurels. The white is extra fresh — especially set against the rich deep blue — and the fonts are nicely played throughout, shrinking in size for secondary information.

Honorable Mention

Make Your Home Look New Again – Frank Vincent

Catholic Star Herald, Tom O'Shea and Paul Worthington

Honorable Mention

Best Ad Campaign: Bishop's Lenten Appeal

Arlington Catholic Herald, David Garcia and Advertising Staff

N345: Most Effective Use of Small Space

First Place

My House Men’s Group

Clarion Herald, Cheryl Dejoie-Methe
A silhouette for a secret. An active one, that takes shape and even changes in the light. Maybe not what it appears at first? It's best to look closer. Then the longer you look, the stronger it becomes. It's even hidden in the corner. The size of the ad makes it so much more powerful. The message is dispersed a thousand times throughout the graphic design. Genius on all levels.

Second Place

Most Effective Use of Small Space: Giska
Arlington Catholic Herald, David Garcia
Books are a smooth touch graphically, in so many ways. They're familiar They're colorful. Their shape is distinguished and clean. They let you stack information, without losing any. They make an image more dynamic and complex. They let you add colors and textures. They divide and subdivide a limited space. All that is the very criteria of the category — how to maximize space and increase impact in creative ways. Well done.

Third Place

Your child belongs in South Jersey Catholic Schools
Catholic Star Herald, Tom O’Shea, Production Coordinator and Graphic Designer
Awesome design. Absolutely stands out from the page. The chalk font and color are inspired, perfectly flavored and really bring the whole design together. Downside: the word ‘school’ is repeated 4x in that small space and ‘South Jersey Catholic’ is repeated 3x. This is a small space by definition. Rather than embracing repetition, it might be better to recognize there is space for a secondary message — and even a third message.

N347: Best Special Supplement or Special Issue with Advertising Emphasis

First Place

Celebrating Our Catechists
Catholic Star Herald, Neal Cullen, Dave Hernandez, Tom O’Shea, Peter G. Sánchez, Paul Worthington and freelance partners
The idea and the execution of the Catholic Star Herald’s “Celebrating Our Catechists” issue is indeed a winner. Rather than relying on the usual special supplements, the emphasis of this issue is on the often unseen and unsung. The catechists throughout the diocese are brought to light with varied and enlightening stories on folks who often do the heavy lifting in our parishes. The advertising support is commendable.

Second Place

INSPIRING SCHOOLS: Catholic Schools Week (January 23, 2022)
Northwest Indiana Catholic, Erin Ciszczon, Colleen McGinty-Rabine, NWI Catholic staff
The “Inspiring Schools” supplement is slick and vibrant. It is also included with the regular issue of the paper which emphasizes “Catholic Schools Week. The articles are in English and Español which pushes it out to a larger audience and the articles from talking to teachers, administrators and parish priests is a great selection and good read.

Third Place

The Pilot Open House Education Section
The Pilot, Father Robert M. O’Grady, Special Section Editor; Nan Wilkins: Production Manager; Dan Maguire: Advertising Manager
The Open House issue is a great example of how editorial and advertising can work hand in hand. You see and feel the happy and smiling faces in both the edit and ad sequences.

Honorable Mention

Catholic Schools Week
Arlington Catholic Herald, Arlington Catholic Herald Advertising Staff

Honorable Mention

Bishop David Malloy of Rockford Celebrating 10 Years
The Observer, Staff

N352: Hot Topic – The Dobbs decision

First Place

Special Report: Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization
Northwest Indiana Catholic, NWI Catholic Staff
The “Special Report” by the Northwest Indiana Catholic is a wonderful example of journalistic quality and inclusivity. It covers the news nationally and all the bases locally. There is Bishop Robert J. McClory talking about the focus on building a “culture of life” in response to the Dobbs decision. It has an article entitled “Walking With Moms in Need” it talks about the Women’s Care Center and concludes with Project Rachel and Rachel’s Vineyard. A very well researched and written series of articles.

Second Place

Pro-life work in a post-Roe world
Our Sunday Visitor, The Staff of Our Sunday Visitor
A high-quality collection of interviews and articles from the front lines following the Supreme Court decision. Opinion and political columns about the true facts of the ‘Dobbs,’ decision and a call to action for Democrats and Republicans to work together to save lives. It also takes in the vies of adoption and foster care and women’s health workers.

Third Place

As Court overturns Roe v. Wade, Catholics react with joy, anger, trepidation
National Catholic Reporter, Brian Fraga, Katie Collins Scott, Christine Schenk, Christopher White
Quality coverage of the Dobbs decision from the Supreme Court to the Vatican and a fine article on “Wise abortion public policy should deal with realities as well as moralities decision.

Honorable Mention

Black Catholic coverage of pro-life issues in summer 2022
Black Catholic Messenger, Douglas M. Stringer, Briana Jansky, Efran Menny

Honorable Mention

Dobbs Decision – National Catholic Register
National Catholic Register, Gerard V. Bradley, Edward Pentin, Solène Tadié

N361: Best Front Page

First Place

Our Sunday Visitor Newspaper
Our Sunday Visitor, Chelsea Alt and the Staff of Our Sunday Visitor
Three great covers from Our Sunday Visitor. All are dynamic and all answer the first question of “Does it standout on a news rack” with a resounding yes. Dynamic, yet simple, type of Roe v. Wade overturned over the top of excited faces compares well with the of the great pages of history. And heads for smaller stories move readers around the page. Summer Trivia grabs the eye and excites. And the type and bold simplicity and graphic of “We Must Know JESUS. Are all winners.

Second Place

Reporting on the sacred and the profane
The Pilot, Nan Wilkins, Gregory L. Tracy, Antonio M. Enrique
Quality pages in different styles of photographic, photographic with art and the use of dynamic art in the example of ‘Lent 3.0.’ The “On the Brink” cover deserves special mention as the illustration of a bullet hole with the picture of the men in uniform viewed through is dynamic and demanding of the reader’s attention.

Third Place

Nov. 20, Nov. 27, Dec. 4
The Catholic Register, Lucy Barco
Quality mix of photography and type and dynamic headlines. “Staying Power” with hands and a simple cross works very well alongside top headlines of “World Cup” and “Estate Planning.” Dynamic photo and headline “Let kids be kids” is dramatic and Pope Francis and the reformation grabs the reader.

Honorable Mention

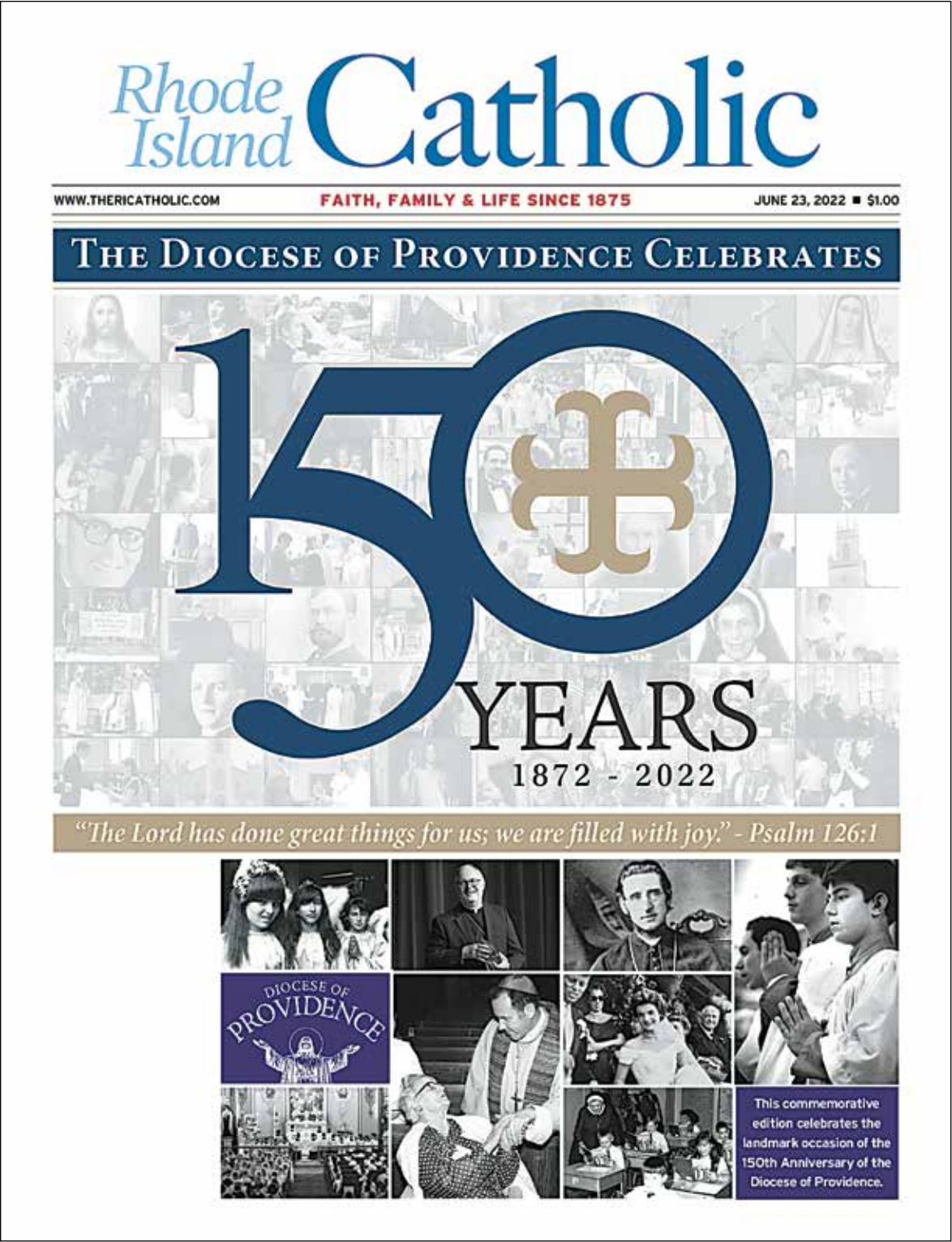
Reconciliation Monday
The Dialog, Joseph P. Owens, Virginia Durkin O’Shea, Don Blake

Honorable Mention

St. Louis Review
St. Louis Review, St. Louis Review Staff



N361: Best Front Page



N365a: Best Use of Graphics – Art or Graphics

N365a: Best Use of Graphics – Art or Graphics

First Place

1872:The Birth of Our Diocese
Rhode Island Catholic, Laura Kilgus
Very well put together Impactful photographs.
Communicates story well.

Second Place

Bask in the beauty of God’s creation
Catholic News Herald, Tim Faragher
Very fun. Clever execution. Makes me want to know more.

Third Place

Why the Assumption Matters
St. Louis Review, Abigail Witte
Simple. Well presented. Clean work. Good job.

Honorable Mention

Sharing their Charisms
Arlington Catholic Herald, Pia Hovenga

Honorable Mention

Rite of Election names
Clarion Herald, Cheryl Dejoie-Methe

N365b: Best Use of Graphics – Best Chart or Information Graphic

First Place

History weighs heavily
The Catholic Register, Lucy Barco
This timeline provides a great synopsis of a long, complex history. It looks clean and concise, so it would draw in the reader. It tells the story in a way that a reader would be well-informed by reading just the graphic, but the reader might be enticed to read more in a full article, too. Great work!

Second Place

How to Make a Palm Cross
The Tablet, Fabiola Rodriguez
This is a very practical graphic that I think many people would use to try and make a palm cross for themselves. It’s easy to follow and is detailed enough to be foolproof. Great work! (And fun!)

Third Place

Catholic Health World
Catholic Health World, Norma Klingsick
This is a great infographic, especially placed as it is, front and center so that readers can easily and quickly obtain topline stats to share with others. It’s the type of infographic that would entice someone to pick up the newspaper to learn more. Great work!

Honorable Mention

Fentanyl
The Tablet, Fabiola Rodriguez

Honorable Mention

Making the switch
Arlington Catholic Herald, Pia Hovenga

N365c: Best Use of Graphics – Best Original Illustration

First Place

Christmas Traditions 3
The Tablet, Fabiola Rodriguez
This is an attractive illustration, and it serves as a visual connection and attention-getter for the story. It is nicely done and makes the article something that a reader would want to read. The words and arrows provided to identify the items in the illustration is particularly helpful and enhances the story. Great work!

Second Place

Christmas Traditions
The Tablet, Fabiola Rodriguez
This is an attractive illustration, and it serves as an attention-getter for the story, though it doesn’t necessarily enhance understanding of the story content. It is nicely done and makes the article something that a reader would want to read. The illustration makes it obvious what the story is about. Good job!

Third Place

Christmas Traditions 2
The Tablet, Fabiola Rodriguez
This is an attractive illustration, and it serves as a visual connection and attention-getter for the story, though it doesn’t necessarily enhance understanding of the story content. It is nicely done and makes the article something that a reader would want to read. The illustration makes it obvious what the story is about.

Honorable Mention

Advent Candles
The Compass, Susan Simoens

Honorable Mention

Witnesses to the Kingdom
St. Louis Review, Abigail Witte

N371a: Best Layout of Article or Column – Diocesan

First Place

POW! BANG! BOOM!
The Tablet, Fabiola Rodriguez
Such an awesome layout. Timely. Cool. Great work here. Visually appealing and interesting.

Second Place

Iconic page

The B.C. Catholic, Inca Siojo
Such a really good layout. Simple, yet so creative.
Easy to read. Pleasing to the eye.

Third Place

Miracle Babies

The Tablet, Fabiola Rodriguez
Great photos. Excellent use of these photos.
Impactful. I can feel the emotion in this layout.

Honorable Mention

Unity in Faith and Footie

The B.C. Catholic, Inca Siojo, Graphic Designer;
Pat Macken, Writer; Paul Schratz, Editor

Honorable Mention

The Eucharist Explained

Arlington Catholic Herald, Pia Hovenga

N371b: Best Layout of Article or Column – National Newspaper or Wire Service

First Place

Chapel design story

Catholic Health World, Norma Klingsick
This article has a stunning and modern design! The photographs perfectly compliment the text and are laid out in a way that draws the eye across the pages. The varying sizes of the images give the piece additional intrigue. The colored boxes of text peppered among the regular article copy help to break up the information in a clear and visually appealing way. Overall, this piece is masterfully laid out!

Second Place

History weighs heavily

The Catholic Register, Lucy Barco

This piece includes a lot of information but is organized clearly and in a visually intriguing way. It's not a typical horizontal timeline, but is laid out diagonally, which creates a unique, exciting image. The graphics and photographs interspersed with the chunks of text give context without taking away from the organization of the information. This piece is truly a one-of-a-kind, creative take on a timeline structure.

Third Place

Queen Elizabeth II's Encounters With 5 Popes

National Catholic Register, Courtney Mares
This article has a simple, but effective layout. The images are laid out perfectly and the text is organized clearly.

Honorable Mention

Doctrine of Discovery stands in reconciliation's path

The Catholic Register, Lucy Barco

N511: Best Regular Column by Bishop or Archbishop

First Place

Why is the governor going after children?

Florida Catholic (Miami), Archbishop Thomas Wenski
The pragmatic approach to framing discussions around what other spheres of influence attempt to binarize is such a powerfully rhetorical approach to depolarize social justice issues and makes this series stand out.

Second Place

What I Have Seen and Heard

Catholic Standard, Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory
The warmth in the writer's voice creates a sense of optimism even when discussing the unknowns of a post covid world. That tone coupled with historical

context provided to help readers see a path forward helped this piece stand out.

Third Place

The uncertainty of illness can also lead us to God

Catholic Star Herald, Bishop Dennis Sullivan
The nonfiction narrative approach to bring messages vividly to life made this piece stand out.

Honorable Mention

Herald of Hope

Catholic Herald, Milwaukee, Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKi

Honorable Mention

The Imitation of Christ

Rhode Island Catholic, Bishop Thomas J. Tobin

N513a: Best Regular Column – Culture, the Arts and Leisure

First Place

Oscar-nominated 'The Hand of God' explores how the divine finds us through most unexpected sources

National Catholic Reporter, Jose Solis
These columns go far and well beyond one individual's opinion. The writer offers informed insights that support thoughtful, well-founded viewpoints. Jose Solis brings a depth to reviews that few others can or do.

Second Place

From the Sidelines

The U.P. Catholic, Jim LaJoie
Pro sports often feel far removed from ordinary life, but Jim LaJoie effortlessly and flawlessly brings it home, makes it down to earth, translating it to inspire the everyday.



N365c: Best Use of Graphics – Best Original Illustration

Third Place

Alan Charlton
The B.C. Catholic, Alan Charlton
Excellent insights on film, TV/media. Columnist's perspective offers effective retrospective, revealing the relevance of things past in context with today, as well as careful reflections on current art that reveal relevant links to before times.



N513b: Best Regular Column – Family Life

First Place
Marriage & Family Life
The Compass, Elisa Tremblay
Relevant. Thoughtful piece, great information, well written. Like a good conversation.

Second Place

Colleen Roy Homefront column
The B.C. Catholic, Colleen Roy
Interesting topics. Very descriptive. Well written. Good storyteller, good conversationalist.

Third Place

Faithful Marriage
Tennessee Register, John Bosio
Great pieces. Timely. Shares information that matters in a way that is easy to and interesting to read.

Honorable Mention

Garage door lessons for marriage, Feb.10, 2022
The Catholic Messenger, Barb Arland-Fye

Honorable Mention

Tess Barber's Family Life column
Aleteia.org, Theresa Civantos Barber

N513c: Best Regular Column – General Commentary

First Place

Here's an idea: Have lunch with a bishop
National Catholic Reporter, Heidi Schlumpf
Excellent, thorough, well-documented and compelling storytelling that illuminates paths that substantiate opinions.

Second Place

History will judge the church harshly for its treatment of LGBTQ persons
National Catholic Reporter, Daniel P. Horan
Well-documented examination of relevant issues that support and fortify exceptionally well-articulated opinions.

Third Place

Fr. Michael Rennie's column
Aleteia.org, Fr. Michael Rennie
At once information and transformative. Shows honest, humbling heroism in vulnerabilities that inspires similarly honest reflection.

In 'Being the Ricardos,' Nicole Kidman captures how Lucille Ball preached through joy

OPINION / CULTURE



Nicole Kidman and Javier Bardem portray Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz in a scene from the 2021 film "Being the Ricardos," written and directed by Aaron Sorkin and streaming on Amazon Prime. (CNS/Amazon Content Services/Glen Wilson)



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BY JOSE SOLIS

Few people on Earth were as funny as Lucille Ball — her expressive face could convince anyone that invisible angels were sent to push and pull on her

N513a: Best Regular Column – Culture, the Arts and Leisure

Honorable Mention

The Married Life
Hawaii Catholic Herald, Mary Duddy
Exceptional. Succinct storytelling that provokes reflection on substantial, relevant topics, culminating with simple, eloquent summaries and thoughtful opinions.

Honorable Mention

Amid the Fray
Catholic News Service, Greg Erlandson
Plainly and eloquently puts the everyday in meaningful perspective.

N513d: Best Regular Column – Scripture

First Place

Sunday Word Reflections Father David Scotchie
Florida Catholic (Venice), Father David Scotchie
This author superbly takes his messages to a higher place by first drawing in the reader with simple, relatable stories. The scene is set with engaging storytelling that builds and is translated to its relevant climax.

Second Place

High and mighty
The Catholic Missourian, Mark Saucier
Exceptional retelling of scripture in a relatable human scope. Succinct summary effectively reveals the value and power of human endeavor when it aligns with scripture.

Third Place

Sunday Word reflections Father Ben Berinti
Florida Catholic (Orlando), Father Ben Berinti, CPPS
Excellent writing that exposes real-life human vulnerabilities, reveals those same vulnerabilities within scripture passages, and unveils how those shared vulnerabilities can be transformed into strengths.

N513e: Best Regular Column – Spiritual Life

First Place

Lorraine Murray's columns
The Georgia Bulletin, Lorraine Murray
The columns by Lorraine Murray show us life and "Spiritual Life and are not just spiritual, but fun to read. Readers learn about applying make-up and how it applied to life. And, how that applies to Lent. A visit to get some new glasses turns into a joy with a child visitor. A dark and stormy night helps us to see the light to take us home in Advent. Well-constructed and a quality read.

Second Place

From the Editor's Desk
North Country Catholic, Darcy L. Fargo
Columns from the editor are most often dry. But in this case, they are fun, interesting and inciteful. I could read about "Leon the Lobster" repeatedly. In fact, I did. The North Country Catholic has a gem in Darcy Fargo, especially when reading about her "Darcy Drama and #Growing Catholic."

JD Vance gives Catholicism a bad name

OPINION / NCR VOICES



J.D. Vance, Republican candidate for U.S. Senator for Ohio, appears at a campaign rally in Youngstown, Ohio, Sept. 17. (AP/Tom E. Puskar)



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Who knew Catholicism would be on the ballot in Ohio this year? As my colleague Brian Fraga [reported](#) earlier this week, the two Senate candidates, Republican J.D. Vance and Democrat Tim Ryan, really do represent vastly different faces of Catholicism in the public square.

N513f: Best Regular Column – Political Issues

Third Place

Elizabeth Foss
Arlington Catholic Herald, Elizabeth Foss
Elizabeth Foss is adept at showing us where God is today. The columns show readers how to celebrate spirituality in the everyday and at Easter.

Honorable Mention

Sight Unseen
The Criterion, Brandon A. Evans

Honorable Mention

Faith in Action
Catholic Standard, Msgr. JohnENZler

N513f: Best Regular Column – Political Issues

First Place

However the court decides, America will be fiercely divided on abortion for decades
National Catholic Reporter, Michael Sean Winters
Well-researched, unflinching, balanced scrutiny of critical issues facing the U.S. and the Church, holding all to account.

Second Place

Help Create a Culture of Life: Urge an End to the Death Penalty
Intermountain Catholic, Jean Hill
Simple, direct approach that effectively confronts and clearly articulates complex issues, with opinions that offer common-sense remedies.

Third Place

Walking With Migrants
The Tablet, Bishop Emeritus Nicholas DiMarzio
Thoughtful explanation and analysis of long-standing migration crises to present informed perspective and opinions on possible solutions.

N513g: Best Regular Column – Pro life Issues

First Place

Considering past and future on the 49th anniversary of Roe v. Wade
Catholic Exponent, Pete Sheehan
Good presentation of complex issue, outlining basis for opinion on complex issue while underscoring that challenges remain.

Second Place

Pro-life issues
Catholic Times (OH), Doug Bean, Editor
Good presentation of author’s perspective on complex issue.

N521a: Best Coverage – Immigration

First Place

Escape from Afghanistan: Aziz Aziz recalls life-changing decision, Jan. 20, 2022
The Catholic Messenger, Barb Arland-Fye and Lindsay Steele
“In 30 minutes, we are arriving at your home, and

you need to get out.” That turned the Afghan family into a migrant family and that also helped turn this article into a winner. We learn of the family’s relocation plight eased by Catholic Relief Services. Another outstanding story tells of a Ukrainian family’s successful relocation to the US. And a third story explains how Iowa City Catholic Worker maintains a home for South American refugees. A well written and comprehensive look at the worldwide struggles of migrants and determined efforts to ease their transition.

Second Place

A battle over children
Florida Catholic (Miami), Ana Rodriguez-Soto and Rocio Granados
Powerful hard-hitting punch to the gut of the migrant issue: The first paragraph quickly makes the point: Propaganda versus fact, political posturing versus legal logic, Church versus state. And who gets hurt? The children. Excellent headlines make the issue clear: “Florida governor, archbishop at odds.” “Archbishop blasts DeSantis’ words.” “Children, yes! Politics, no!” And finally, “We all should be crying.”

Third Place

From Surviving to Thriving: Once Refugees, Vietnamese Catholics Make Up Vibrant Part of US Church Today
National Catholic Register, Susan Klemond, Matthew McDonald, The Editors
How Vietnamese migrants made it, how Venezuelan migrants are trying to and how migrant issues don’t help are excellently detailed in these three pieces. The Vietnamese story moves us from fleeing Saigon in a leaky boat to today’s vibrant community of faithful Catholics. The Venezuelan issue differs as hundreds were sent to unprepared New York City Catholic Charities offices that quickly pulled in workers from other offices and set up help like food pantries. The key was seeing this as a humanitarian, rather than a political, issue. However, politics are not ignored as a broader issue in a third article decries a situation where bipartisan solutions seem to be losing to political posturing.

Honorable Mention

Best Coverage of Immigration
Arlington Catholic Herald, Zoey Maraist and Leslie Miller

Honorable Mention

Welcoming the Neighbor
St. Louis Review, Jennifer Brinker

N521b: Best Coverage – Political Issues

First Place

Meet Chloe Cole, the 18-Year-Old Leading the Fight to Protect Children From Transgender Surgeries
Catholic News Agency, Edie Heipel and Jonah McKeown
The political reporting ranges in the CNA submissions displayed great depth. They touched on transgender surgery to abortion and the midterm elections and newspapers appearing in states calling themselves a Catholic voice, but they are not diocesan sponsored. A great selection of well-written articles.

Second Place

No weapons allowed, Advocating for Christian values, Season of elections

Hawaii Catholic Herald, Mary Adamski
There is the saying, “all politics is local” and the entries of Hawaii Catholic Herald hold this to be true and shine the light on political writing on the home front. A profile on a person in the world of politics and a column bring this into focus. Quality writing on our world today.

Third Place

Right-wing Catholic causes got millions from group that funded some Capitol rioters

National Catholic Reporter, Brian Fraga and Brian Roewe
High quality writing and reporting from capitol riots to climate issues to the great differences between politicians running on the Catholic platform.

Honorable Mention

Value Them Both
The Leaven, Joe Bollig

Honorable Mention

Paul Schratz
The B.C. Catholic, Paul Schratz

N521c: Best Coverage – Papal Trips

First Place

Walking together
The Catholic Register, Michael Swan
We start in Rome. “Never was a simple sentence more longed for.” That would be from Pope Francis, “I want to say to you with all my heart I am very sorry.” And then we continue the apology for treatment of Indigenous children in Catholic run boarding schools with another wonderful invitation to continue reading: “For six days in July the most important thing happening in this country will be an old man confronting our history.” And the final story in this thoughtful trilogy reminds Canadians that the gentle pope’s whispered hard truth was just the beginning. Now Canadians, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, must walk and worship side by side. Outstanding effort to unite past, present, and future of a difficult piece of Canadian and Catholic culture.

Second Place

Indigenous Canadians hope Pope Francis will do more than apologize
National Catholic Reporter, Katie Collins Scott and Christopher White
The apology by Pope Francis for the treatment of Indigenous children in Catholic run boarding schools is a great beginning, but these stories move beyond the long-awaited words to the next step — action by the Church to assist Indigenous people in retaining their identity, culture and language. Outstanding and deeply moving quotes from survivors make these stories a powerful reminder, far more than the words of others, of the long-lasting effects of the harsh treatment of children. A third story takes us to Bahrain where the pope forcefully attacks capital punishment and, again, the story is made more powerful by the words of the wife of a man awaiting execution.

Third Place

Pope Francis in Canada
Catholic News Service, Cindy Wooden and Paul Haring

The deep sorrow and pleas for forgiveness fill these stories of the pope’s visit to Canada as part of the Church acceptance for responsibility for harsh treatment of Indigenous children in boarding schools. Readers get a front row seat as a pope and a chief, both using wheelchairs, meet and talk, the pope representing the abusers and the chief, the abused. Marvelous pictures and thoughtful words drag the past into the present.

Honorable Mention

Pope Francis Comes to Canada: A Papal Pilgrimage of Penance
National Catholic Register, Colm Flynn and Father Raymond J. de Souza

N521d: Best Coverage – Religious Liberty Issues

First Place

Eyewitness Details Brutal ‘Blasphemy Murder’ of Nigerian Christian Student
Catholic News Agency, Douglas Burton, Beloved John, Shannon Mullen, Douglas Burton, Masara Kim
Her body burned after being beaten and stoned to death is just one horrifying example of the dangers of being Christian in Nigeria detailed in this graphic collection of stories. Another detail: After walking three hours to dig for mud burrowing fish in a dried-up streambed, a man trying to find food for his family was killed. And another: An attack on a church that killed 40 worshippers, all laid out in this collection of tightly written stories that are both a terrifying reminder of brutality and an appeal to authorities to do something about the violence.

Second Place

Cardinal Joseph Zen at 90: ‘A Great Gift of God to Hong Kong’
National Catholic Register, Edward Pentin, Joan Frawley Desmond, Laretta Brown
Deep dedication to the church is wonderfully and skillfully detailed in these thoughtfully written stories, one of a cardinal who spent 30 years in Chinese prisons, a result of resisting government efforts to control Catholics, and another of an auxiliary bishop who finally was ordered by Pope Francis out of Nicaragua as a life saving measure. So, he now lives in Miami still strongly critical of a government that he says just wants the church to serve governmental criminal enterprises. A third lays out the church concerns for the recently passed Respect for Marriage act because, while it does allow religious freedom, still promotes same sex marriage, and may not protect churches that resist performing same sex marriage. All three stories are tightly written and highly readable.

Third Place

Church under fire
The B.C. Catholic, Terry O’Neill and Paul Schratz
Not differences over doctrine or authority or practices, but Covid triggers conflict and confusion in northern British Columbia where low vaccination rates and high transmission rates resulted in governmental orders ending all indoor worship services thus pitting vaccinated church members against those refusing to be vaccinated. Tightly written, thoughtful and well told as were the other stories in this package that included reflecting on reaction when unmarked graves were discovered at an old boarding school and the apathy of civic leaders and the media over attacks on Catholic institutions.

Honorable Mention

Best Coverage of Religious Liberty Issues
Arlington Catholic Herald, Zoey Maraist

N521e: Best Coverage – Disaster or Crises

First Place

Russian Invasion in Ukraine: Testimonies From Catholics on the Ground
National Catholic Register, Solène Tadié, Joan Frawley Desmond, Colm Flynn
The amazing scope of the Russian invasion of Ukraine comes into sharp focus in these stories that take us from glass crunching underfoot to a philosophic debate on the role of the United States — after all, this country didn’t exactly cover itself in glory when it stepped in to “save” Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. We learn that while praying and reading Scriptures and conducting services remain important in the Christian community, so is providing shelter, food, and instructions on how to stay safe. The feet on the ground approach (an elderly woman pointing up to what was her apartment) and the exploration of bigger issues (is the war diverting our attention from closer at hand terrors like the steady flow of fentanyl into this country) combine to create an outstanding discussion.

Second Place

Hurricane Ian coverage
Florida Catholic (Venice), Bob Reddy, Jean Gonzalez, Tom Tracy
Sharply written report of the damage left by Hurricane Ian and the response to that damage creates an easy-to-read faith promoting experience. So, while we read of the storm surge toppling eight feet monastery walls, we also hear a sister exclaiming, “We were blessed.” And we read of how rivers swallowed homes, but we also discover how quickly Catholic Charities swung into action. Outstanding photos make these stories even more graphic. It all combines to bring severe damage and deep faith into sharp focus.

Third Place

As gun deaths rise, many health care groups call for more funding for research
Catholic Health World, Lisa Eisenhower
Gun violence, made more explosive by a series of mass murders, gets an excellent examination in this series of articles. Of course, we must include the rash of mass shootings, but we also get nine ways to attack the violence and a chilling peek inside the gun industry that turned out three times the number of guns in 2020 as it did in 2000. This in addition to a huge increase in gun imports and in the creation of “ghost guns,” those privately assembled. And these stories also encourage curtailing causes of violence like partner and child abuse and bullying. A well-rounded look at a major US crisis.

Honorable Mention

IAN’S AFTERMATH
The Tablet, John Lavenburg

Honorable Mention

Supporting Kentucky: Cleanup Efforts in Appalachia
The Tablet, John Lavenburg



N521g: Best Coverage – Pro-life issues

First Place

Aleteia’s pro-life issues coverage
Aleteia.org, John Burger
Powerful and poignant, well-crafted, and told stories comprise these

pro-life entries. The stories expand upon the idea of what it means to be pro-life in the fullest extent of Church’s understanding: restorative justice as a process of transformation for victims and perpetrators, treating crime victims’ cremains, and guiding mothers of sick preborn babies. The stories are interesting and informative.

Second Place

With Roe likely to fall, March for Lifers see movement at a crossroads
National Catholic Reporter, Brian Fraga, David E. DeCosse, Aleja Hertzler-McCain
This coverage is informative and nuanced. Articles comprehensively treat complexities often ignored by others.

Third Place

Is Abortion Ever Allowed for Catholics? For a 10-Year-Old Rape Victim?
Catholic News Agency, Katie Yoder and Edie Heipel
Informative, well-researched, fact-based articles written with clarity.

Honorable Mention

Prolife Advocate with Down Syndrome: Being Loved is What Makes People Happy
National Catholic Register, Patti Maguire Armstrong, Bea Cuasay, Laretta Brown, K.V. Turley
Covering a range of pro-life related topics this sequence of articles captures readers with strong interviews and background information about programs and responses that support pro-life actions.

Honorable Mention

Best Coverage – Pro-life issues
Clarion Herald, Peter Finney, Jr.

N521h: Best Coverage – Racial Inequities

First Place

Church and Race: A path to healing and justice
Catholic News Service, Chaz Muth and Carol Zimmermann
This powerful series of articles attacks racism in schools, in churches past and present, and in communities but also offers insights into how to overcome bigotry, like white students joining Blacks after Black students expressed their feeling of being harassed and scrutinized. We read of Blacks feeling rejected and ignored in church, of racism in capital punishment and of the need generally for Catholics to get involved in Black Lives Matter issues. And of the church’s history of being involved in slavery. The stories pull no punches in pointing out historic injustices but they also offer optimism that caring church members can be a

major influence in easing racial tension and leading the way to racial equality. Outstanding.

Second Place

Best Coverage of Racial Inequities
Arlington Catholic Herald, Zoey Maraist and Kevin Schweers
The opening paragraph of the main story in this wonderful series immediately yanks the reader into reality of being Native American. “The kids didn’t like us. The teachers didn’t like us. They called us animals or dirty.” What saved Father Maurice Henry Sands? Parents who taught him that God had given him dignity and worth. The dignity and worth of all is taught to those who read these articles spotlighting others who have overcome difficulties and of those who help them by opening up clothing and thrift stores and finding home for Ukrainian and Afghan refugees.

Third Place

Best Coverage – Racial Inequities
Clarion Herald, Beth Donze, Peter Finney Jr.
Ever hear of Rosa Parks? Of course. But how about Claudette Colvin? She was 15 when, nine months before Parks became a household name, Claudette refused to give up her bus seat to a white passenger. Of course, she was arrested. And these enlightening stories give us more unknowns among Black Americans. Like the inventor of long haul refrigerated trucks, Frederick McKinley Jones. And there are other ground breakers in these easy to read and well written articles that open up our understanding and appreciation of contributors to society who were Black.

Honorable Mention

Ministry facilities ease immigrants’ access to health care, social services
Catholic Health World, Julie Minda

Honorable Mention

Three-quarters of Black Catholics say fighting racism ‘essential’ to faith
National Catholic Reporter, Brian Fraga, Katie Collins Scott, Aleja Hertzler-McCain

N521j: Best Coverage on Catholic Education

First Place

2 Catholic school teachers fired over student journalist’s pro-choice essay
National Catholic Reporter, Brian Fraga, Stephen Schneck, Katie Collins Scott
These three pieces dive deeply and expertly into the choppy waters of abortion, leadership, and LGBTQ issues. The first teaches us that opinion articles in Catholic school publications are welcomed. As long as the opinion follows Church teachings. If not? Two high school publications advisors get fired, in this case because the article supported pro-choice. The second story details the need for caution and thoughtfulness in selecting the new leader of Catholic University of America. And the third, the struggles of LGBTQ students in Catholic schools. While they generally are accepted in their schools, diocesan approved policies and guidelines confuse and overwhelm them with guilt and fear. The stories are well researched and even handed while pointing out serious issues.

Black Catholics seek worship spaces free of racism



Parishioners attend Mass at St. Barbara Catholic Church in Philadelphia Feb. 6, 2022. (CNS photo/Chaz Muth)

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By Chaz Muth • Catholic News Service • Posted March 23, 2022

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — When Joseph Geeter retired from the U.S. Marine Corps and moved to suburban Philadelphia 20 years ago, he attended Mass at a few different Catholic churches with predominately white congregations near his new home in Montgomery County and was met with an unwelcoming reception.

“I wasn’t received there,” Geeter, a Black Catholic, told Catholic News Service during a February interview. “Folks wouldn’t even look at me and almost wouldn’t allow me in the pew. I could tell that I was definitely not wanted there.”

He had navigated racism in just about every American institution in his life and had learned how to peacefully

N521h: Best Coverage – Racial Inequities

Second Place

Every day with Norah is a gift: Pre-kindergarten class at St. John’s School in Hollywood, Maryland, includes little girl with Down syndrome

Catholic Standard, Story by Mark Zimmermann; Photo by Andrew Ashley Barnas

What a remarkably thoughtful heart warmer of a story with equally wonderful pictures that tell how a bunch of wiggly, energetic pre-K students romp through the day along with Norah, a non-verbal child with Down syndrome. She has a full-time aide who helps her get through the day and thoughtful administrators who even provided a doll with a G tube to replicate the tube Norah uses to get nourishment and medication. It’s all designed to teach us a lesson we all need — we all are different, and that difference does not make us better or worse. It just makes us all part of humanity.

Third Place

Does Georgetown University Respect Free Speech?

National Catholic Register, Joan Frawley Desmond

Should universities bow to student demands, in this case that a professor be discharged for what some said was racist comments? Or should professors be allowed to post their opinions? A tough issue handled well. And a second story deals with what seems an eternal debate -should phonics be used in teaching reading? Yes, no, as part of a reading strategy? All revisited in detail here. And a third piece is far more controversial - pulling books off shelves of school libraries. No, say those who point out that this is part of an authoritarian dictatorship. Yes, say parents tasked with guiding their children through an increasingly complex world. It’s all laid out in this thoughtful discussion that probably won’t solve the issue, but at least it presents the issue to help readers decide.

Honorable Mention

The Catholic Accent: Catholic Schools Edition

The Catholic Accent, The Staff of The Catholic Accent

Honorable Mention

Saint Raphael Academy honors a lifetime of service from one of its own

Rhode Island Catholic, Rick Snizek

N527: Best Coverage of Pro-Life Issues

First Place

Black Catholic coverage of pro-life issues in summer 2022

Black Catholic Messenger, Douglas M. Stringer, Briana Jansky, Efran Menny

Strong, clear, and persuasive coverage that spurs readers to consider various facets of pro-life issues.

Second Place

Local pro-life advocates react to SCOTUS leak, contemplate post-Roe future

The Pilot, Jacqueline Tetrault

Excellent reporting drives this coverage. The level of detail and clear writing puts readers on the scene.

N531a: Best Editorial on a Local Issue – Weekly

First Place

Economic justice for all

The Catholic Messenger, Barb Arland-Fye

Captivating, persuasive call to action.

Second Place

New bishop recognizes value of Catholic press

Arkansas Catholic, Malea Hargett

Thorough outline of individual’s contribution to and persuasive insights regarding the value of journalism.

Third Place

Help Create a Culture of Life: Urge an End to the Death Penalty

Intermountain Catholic, Jean Hill

Clear and well-articulated information and insights bolster persuasive editorial opinion.

N531b: Best Editorial on a Local Issue – Non-Weekly

First Place

We all should be crying

Florida Catholic (Miami), Ana Rodriguez-Soto

Excellent persuasive writing on the heartbreaking issue of immigration.

Second Place

Taxpayers should not be forced to fund abortion

Tennessee Register, Katie Peterson and Rick Musacchio

Strong writing and well-argued positions make this a winning editorial.

Third Place

Tough decisions

Catholic Times (OH), Doug Bean, Editor

A well-organized editorial that delivers hard truths in a way that will spur readers to think and act.

Honorable Mention

“We are not called to be successful; we are called to be faithful”

Detroit Catholic, Michael Stechschulte

Honorable Mention

Pray that all will defend and respect every human life

Tennessee Register, Andy Telli and Rick Musacchio

N532a: Best Editorial on a National or International Issue – Weekly

First Place

The importance of parental involvement in education

The Beacon, Richard Sokerka

Great opinion piece — it takes a clear and strong position and makes a very persuasive argument, backed up with current events news, and it gives readers a clear and do-able action item at the end. Concisely stated and expertly presented. Thank you!

Second Place

Praying for peace and the conversion of hardened hearts

The Criterion, Mike Krokos

A great topic in the news and guidance on how to approach it from a Catholic perspective. Excellent prose. The conclusion presents a clear action that is achievable by any reader. And it is a good reminder of what the reader’s response should be to similar situations past and present. Nice work!

Third Place

A Catholic debate on the Emergencies Act

The B.C. Catholic, Paul Schratz



N527: Best Coverage of Pro-Life Issues

This column could have had a stronger conclusion, but it did a good job of discussing a topic that the world has been dealing with for a couple of years, and it articulates the issues plainly and with quoted sources. It does a good job of providing a sort of public policy post-mortem whose conclusions should be applied in other contexts and should be remembered in case future application might be warranted. Good work!

Honorable Mention

More unspeakable tragedies and our response as people of faith
The Criterion, Mike Krokos

Honorable Mention

Churches can help destitute pay off debts
Arkansas Catholic, Malea Hargett

N532b: Best Editorial on a National or International Issue – Non-Weekly

First Place

Fourth of July is a time of hope and joy
Tennessee Register, Andy Telli and Rick Musacchio
A solid piece that reminds the reader of our rights, freedoms, responsibilities. Well-written and timely. It is an uplifting column that is refreshing to read. Nice work!

Second Place

Where do we go from here?
The Compass, Patricia Kasten
This is a solid educational column and provides good counsel to readers for what needs to be done — still. It also conveys emotions that probably many readers are feeling about the issue and about where to go from here. Good reading. Nice work!

Third Place

The ministry of Catholic journalism, and you
Catholic Star Herald, Jennifer Mauro
This is a good, educational column that encourages participation by the readers, which is nice to see. It also conveys the newspaper’s philosophy of writing and publishing so that readers understand the purpose and mission of the newspaper. Great work!

Honorable Mention

War in Ukraine becomes a real-life lesson for students
Detroit Catholic, Daniel Meloy

Honorable Mention

Applaud an act of maturity
The Compass, Jeff Kurowski

N532c: Best Editorial on a National or International Issue – National newspaper or Wire Service

First Place

Antisemitism is a sin that must be condemned
Our Sunday Visitor, Father Patrick Briscoe, Gretchen R. Crowe, Scott P. Richert, Scott Warden, York Young

This is a great column. It includes a pop culture hook to draw readers into a serious and substantive issue. It is well supported by biblical and other sources, which gives it intellectual heft. More is needed like this on the topic of antisemitism so we can eradicate it everywhere as soon as possible. Great work and thank you!

Second Place

Catholic Register editorials
The Catholic Register, Peter Stockland
This is an excellent column. It encourages the reader to take a much more serious and nuanced view of an issue that the pope mistakenly dismissed with careless words (and maybe intent). The column is extremely thoughtful and articulate. Thank you for writing this and keep up the excellent work!

Third Place

Editorial: Time for more transparency in Vatican handling of sex abuse
National Catholic Reporter, NCR Editorial Staff
This is an excellent article on a topic that has been on people’s minds for many years now. The column takes a productive and rational stance that most readers probably embrace. Great use of specific case studies to make the point. Keep up the nice work!

Honorable Mention

How the world has failed Lia Thomas
Our Sunday Visitor, Gretchen R. Crowe, Scott P. Richert, Scott Warden, York Young

Honorable Mention

What do we do with Fr. Rupnik’s art?
Our Sunday Visitor, Father Patrick Briscoe, O.P.



N537a: Best Feature Writing – Weekly

First Place

A grandmother’s love, around the ‘breakfast club’ table
St. Louis Review, Laura Kosta
Well done. A scintillating tale that effortlessly and flawlessly flows.

Second Place

‘We’re Catholic everywhere we go’
St. Louis Review, Laura Kosta
Well-written and fun, offering multiple perspectives on a festive approach to tackle a perennially relevant issue.

Third Place

To honor their son’s life, parents strive to change the world, one person at a time
The Criterion, John Shaughnessy
Well-written, heartfelt. Keeps readers entranced from beginning to end.

Honorable Mention

Sacredness of Life
The Evangelist, Emily Benson
Detailed description of the ordinary — meal prep, but of bison! — draws in reader to discover where the colorful depiction will lead. And where it leads is to a well-crafted story that captures the spirit of the Sisters of Life.

Honorable Mention

Anything and Everything
The Leaven, Joe Bollig
Great writing that tells a great story of people, unity, and community.

N537b: Best Feature Writing – Non-Weekly

First Place

SMALL Faith Communities’ BIG Impact
Idaho Catholic Register, Emily Woodham and Gene Fadness
This is the winner because of solid writing, and reporting. Readers get to see not one face or one Small Faith Community, they get several. They also get to hear the people and the deacons. “They dub themselves the “ungodly hour group... Along with the coffee, the group reads the Gospel passage for the following Sunday.” Using several groups of people tell the vibrant and exciting faces of faith is a winner.

Second Place

New Ministry Equips Emergency Responders to Lean on Faith
The Florida Catholic, Priscilla Greear
The writer introduces readers to a new and necessary group of Catholics for First Responders. Police and EMTs, firefighters. Quality use of quotes and description show readers this group that becomes uplifted by gathering at church and sharing faith.

Third Place

Owyhee’s Hallowed Ground
Idaho Catholic Register, Gene Fadness
A tiny parish comes to life through this reporter. We hear the dedication of the “retired” priest, “I’ll come here as long as I can walk,” said Father Taylor. And the members of the parish, “My family were ranching people. This is the strongest connection to the Old West of any place I know,” one said. Or the Duke Bulanon family, a Filipino family who make up the “choir” for the small congregation that typically numbers between 15 and 20.

Honorable Mention

Easter welcomings
Hawaii Catholic Herald, Anna Weaver

Honorable Mention

Take courage
Arlington Catholic Herald, Meghan Bartlett

N537c: Best Feature Writing – National Newspaper or Wire Service

First Place

As pandemic eases, will the Communion cup ever make a comeback?
National Catholic Reporter, Brian Roewe
What a fascinating question. Will common chalices come back after COVID-19? Then too: Are they even necessary? What benefit do they serve? The writing is a little wordy and cautious, especially at the start, but it is still a smooth read and gets progressively better as it develops. The structure here is very, very strong; almost textbook. An issue is presented in news style and then analysis follows, examining different parts of the issue one

by one. You'd be surprised how many pieces miss this and /or do it wrong. The reporting here is also excellent, the research is thorough, multiple interviews (on both coasts) give it breadth and strength and the informative facts and facets just keep coming and coming. Well done.

Second Place

Ahead of two Jazz Masses Sunday in Detroit, an explainer on America's most unique Catholic liturgical form
Black Catholic Messenger, Nate Tinner-Williams
The hook is easy. The reporting and research make this come to life. What an incredible history and fascinating piece of culture. Great news eye for a fresh story, exemplary research, an elegant piece of Catholic Americana — and a beautiful piece of written history. For the future, short 2:00-3:00 audio clips (or even YouTube links) would also be a nice addition.

Third Place

Ukrainian artists turn instruments of death into life-giving icons
Aleteia.org, John Burger
A great story perfectly unfolded. Classic news lead, well developed plot. It is easy to follow and fact-filled, which is a tougher combination than it seems.

Honorable Mention

Enduring years of sexual abuse by a priest, survivor is called 'gently, fully back' to his spiritual home
Our Sunday Visitor, Katie Collins Scott

Honorable Mention

All-out effort at Mercy Oklahoma City saves mother of newborn
Catholic Health World, Lisa Eisenhauer



N541: Best Headline
First Place
Fiddling while Rome learns
The B.C. Catholic, Paul Schratz
Play on words are common in headlines, but the subtlety of this play

stood out accompanied by succinct phrase with a pleasing rhythm.

Second Place

Vesting interest – The history, meaning of priests' vestments
The Catholic Week, Rob Herbst
It was the uncommon language used in the play on words that made this piece stand out. The clarity of meaning in the second half of the headline allowed for clarity in addition.

Third Place

"It was over in four Hail Marys"
Clarion Herald, Peter Finney Jr.
The use of the rosary as a time piece is so poignant for the context illustrating the fear and the quickness in a manner that the audience understands inherently.

Honorable Mention
"To Dust You Shall Return," but Human Composting? California Bishops Raise Objections
Catholic News Agency, Shannon Mullen

Honorable Mention
Drawing Attention to Diversity: Artist helps church feel more welcoming
The Tablet, Tablet staff

N561a: Best In-Depth News/ Special Reporting – Weekly

First Place
Maybe it's time to leave excess 'Catholic guilt' behind
Arkansas Catholic, Aprille Hanson Spivey
The author's ability to delineate the nebulous space between positive and negative manifestations of specific emotions as they relate to faith makes this piece stand out.

Second Place
An overdose call to action
The B.C. Catholic, Terry O'Neill
A timely piece that keeps key components of faith at the central of each claim even as it deep dives into the reality of the situation.

Third Place
Two parishes debt-free thanks to efforts of parishioners, diocese
Today's Catholic, Christopher Lushis
The nonfiction narrative drives the reader to connect with the impact even as the path is explained in detail, leading to a shared feeling of celebration for that parish.

Honorable Mention
New technology helping more diocesan parishioners
The Observer, Amanda Hudson and Megan Peterson

N561b: Best In-Depth News/ Special Reporting – Non-Weekly

First Place
Maria Wiering, Indian boarding school legacy
The Catholic Spirit, Maria Wiering
The complete depth of this piece alone sets it apart, but within the intense reporting is a lens that connects the historical context with contemporary understanding in a moving way.

Second Place
US congregations face their complicity in trauma of Native boarding schools
Global Sisters Report, Dan Stockman
The use of interview and personal testimony is powerful in communicating a critical conversation in a way that invites us all to reflect and to mitigate the defensiveness that might come from some.

Third Place
One blessing upon another' for trailblazing couple who were among the first students to integrate Sacred Heart School in 1950
Catholic Standard, Story by Mark Zimmermann; Photos by Mihoko Owada and Andrew Biraj

Framing a whole social movement through the plight of one couple brings the humanity of that time to the forefront in a way that gripes the reader in a vivid manner.

Honorable Mention
On the road: Austria & Germany
Arlington Catholic Herald, Ann M. Aughterton

Honorable Mention
The movies paint exaggerated picture of exorcism
Clarion Herald, Peter Finney Jr.

N561c: Best In-Depth News/ Special Reporting – National Newspaper or Wire Service

First Place
The death of Pope Benedict XVI
Catholic News Service, Cindy Wooden, Carol Glatz, Paul Haring and Robert Duncan
This piece stands out in its ability to frame a pope's work in its theological approach and then weaving in details and testimonial to show this manifestation clearly.

Second Place
War cries: For pope, choosing sides means choosing 'blueprint' of peace
Catholic News Service, Carol Glatz
This piece stands out in how well the author facilitated the words of those involved to tell the story directly.

Third Place
No longer just an observer, Vatican looks to wield new status in UN climate talks
National Catholic Reporter, Brian Roewe
This piece stands out as a portal into a complex international political stage opening an understanding for any reader to grasp the intricacies of the situation.

Honorable Mention
Exclusive interview: Ukrainian Catholic leader on shepherding his flock in wartime
Aleteia.org, John Burger

N563a: Best Investigative News Writing – Weekly

First Place
Historic Tabernacle Stolen, Eucharist Desecrated at St. Augustine Church
The Tablet, Bill Miller
A well-organized piece that gives context and an important call to action.

Second Place
Assisted suicide a 'cancer'
The B.C. Catholic, Terry O'Neill
The author has a clear and organized writing style that fits an investigative piece.

N563b: Best Investigative News Writing – Non-Weekly

First Place
An underwater church in Lake St. Clair?

Historians explore mystery of St. Felicity

Detroit Catholic, Daniel Meloy

A fascinating piece where the author through the sequence of details and other factors captures the excitement of the discovery.

**Second Place****Higher food and gas prices squeeze budgets for food banks, pantries, clients**

Detroit Catholic, Michael Stechschulte

A guiding question that hits the reader in a vivid way lights the way for a thoughtful approach where the author provides the context and allows the interview to provide the details needed for the reader to grasp the current reality.

Third Place**Father Stu Coverage**

Tony Gutiérrez, Tony Gutiérrez

The interview approach brings an intimacy to a celebrity as he discusses the deepest aspects of humanity. The quality and sequence of the questioning is outstanding.

N563c: Best Investigative News Writing – National newspaper or Wire Service**First Place****Multiple resignations at Bishop Barron's Word on Fire after allegations into staffer's personal life**

National Catholic Reporter, Brian Fraga, Jenn Morson

The author does a solid job of filling the gaps of what is publicly available with prodding of the individuals involved in a way to bring light to some of the darker parts of this story.

Second Place**California's Mater Dei High School, a Catholic football powerhouse, faces hazing and assault allegations**

National Catholic Reporter, Katie Collins Scott

The author does a superb job connecting all the pieces of this incident allowing the records and individuals to tell the story without nudging the reader toward any specific conclusion.

Third Place**Vatican Dismisses Father Frank Pavone From Priesthood**

Catholic News Agency, Shannon Mullen and Joe Bukuras

The fact that this organization broke the news to the priest involved makes this piece stand out.

N564a: Best Analysis/Background/Round-Up News Writing – The Gerard E. Sherry Award – Weekly**First Place****Let's Talk About Suicide**

The Leaven, Marc and Julie Anderson

Informative reporting on a very sensitive issue — suicide and its impacts on family and friends. Writers took great care in telling the story without diluting the message. Thought it was especially important that the story included sidebars identifying ways to help prevent suicide as well as listing resources. Extremely beneficial reporting for readers.

Second Place**Are We Failing Our Kids**

The Leaven, Therese Horvat

Informative reporting on the mental health issues facing children and adolescents and how COVID-19 intensified the problem. Solid explanatory story that lays out the problem while also presenting solutions that offer hope.

Third Place**Remembering Danielle**

The Evangelist, Emily Benson

Compassionate and detailed reporting of a story focusing on the life and death of a beloved teenager and how deeply her loss has been felt by an entire community. The writer does well to present a sense of grief, anger and a glimmer of lasting hope that comes with faith.

N564b: Best Analysis/Background/Round-Up News Writing – The Gerard E. Sherry Award – Non-Weekly**First Place****Diocese of Rochester Bankruptcy**

Catholic Courier, Karen Franz

Deeply reported with strong explanatory writing and solid sourcing, resulting in an in-depth story on a challenging and troubling legal topic. The writing and reporting are highly understandable, which often isn't the case when reporting on legal matters. Clear winner in the category.

Second Place**Minnesota Catholic Conference opposes legalization of recreational marijuana**

The Catholic Spirit, Joe Ruff

Informative, analytical, and detailed reporting that lays out the reasoning behind the Minnesota Catholic Conference's opposition to the legalization of recreational marijuana.

Third Place**Fla. governor, archbishop at odds over efforts to shutter shelters for unaccompanied minors**

Florida Catholic (Miami), Ana Rodriguez-Soto and Rocío Granados

Strong, analytical reporting on an issue that has generated considerable controversy. Good explanatory writing that does a lot to inform the reader.

N564c: Best Analysis/Background/Round-Up News Writing – The Gerard E. Sherry Award – National Newspaper or Wire Service**First Place****Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People**

Catholic News Service, Dennis Sadowski

Deep, detailed reporting on an ongoing difficult subject. Well-sourced story that covers considerable ground. Top-notch journalism.

Second Place**Pope Francis says the synod must hear 'excluded' voices. These five dioceses are trying.**

National Catholic Reporter, Brian Fraga, Michael Sean Winters, Christopher White

Highly involved and detailed reporting from a trio of skilled writers. Their synod coverage is exemplary. Readable, understandable, and informative.

Third Place**Ahead of two Jazz Masses Sunday in Detroit, an explainer on America's most unique Catholic liturgical form**

Black Catholic Messenger, Nate Tinner-Williams

Very informative story filled with interesting historical background. Written in a manner that keeps the reader engaged. Writer has a light but serious style. Really enjoyed the story.

Honorable Mention**Nuclear deterrence series**

Catholic News Service, Dennis Sadowski

Honorable Mention**Orthodox and the Ukrainian war**

Catholic News Service, Cindy Wooden

N565a: Best News Writing on a Local or Regional Event – Weekly**First Place****'Tech Tuesdays' a five-week series on technology use in schools and homes**

Messenger (KY), Laura Keener

This is awesome. It is a brilliant idea and everyone in the organizational Church should consider embracing a similar concept. How is technology affecting our lives, for better and for worse? Who can even answer that? It's HUGE. What's innovative here is the approach: don't just put your head in the sand. And also, don't try to tackle it all at once. Instead, do the Catholic thing and set aside regular time for prayer and reflection and unfold it. The beauty of this structure is that it lets you take issues apart and focus on them one at a time. And by returning to issues and interrelated issues, you gain new perspectives and vantages. It also lets you learn from one another. This piece kind of wobbles in at the start (the lead page looks too much like a press release) but then it gets stronger (and stronger) as it goes. Great concept, nicely done, accessible and impactful. Hopefully they grow the concept, continue it every Tuesday and spin out related events — roundtables, community campaigns, devices off for lent, even government lobbying. There is so much potential here.

Second Place**Saluting an army chaplain's service to God and country**

Rhode Island Catholic, Rick Snizek

Hands down, just a great feature. The subject is multi-talented, joyful, engaging, inspiring and even fascinating. And the writer does an excellent job of letting all that come to the surface, piece by piece. Good interviews and quotes. The reporter clearly spent time on the scene and is knowledgeable and informed. They open a door into a world most of

us can't access and it feels great to be there. The photos add a great deal here, too. What's funny is that it sounds like the subject — so deep into the US armed forces — is not even American.

Third Place

Mystery Solved: Parish to Salvage Mother's Memorial to Her Child

The Tablet, Bill Miller
This is just a cool read — and the writer 100% makes it all that it is. It starts with a lost statue and a tragedy that happened 60+ years ago. It's not global news, it's not a pressing national issue. It's right on the cusp of neighborhood gossip. But you just get pulled deeper into it — and quick. The story covers so much space so fast. In the wrong hands, this would be nothing. Here it is a biography and a memorial and a story of perseverance and hope. It is deceptively exemplary writing.

Honorable Mention

'Napalm Girl' Shares Christ During 50th Anniversary of Iconic Photo

The Tablet, Bill Miller

Honorable Mention

Ultimate Sacrifice: Two NYPD officers are killed in Harlem; Mayor Adams responds with plan to combat gun violence

The Tablet, Paula Katinas

N565b: Best News Writing on a Local or Regional Event – Non-Weekly

First Place

A miracle in Miami?

Florida Catholic (Miami), Rocío Granados and Tom Tracy
The author lures the reader in with a witty headline and then pivots style to allow the story to unfold for the reader in a straightforward way.

Second Place

Race raises more than \$265,000 in memory of judge's slain son

The Catholic Spirit (NJ), Kyra Stevko
Solid reporting with a topic of clear interest for the

local reader demonstrating the impact of the event makes this piece stand out.

Third Place

Churches join cardiovascular study of health disparities

Clarion Herald, Christine Bordelon
A well navigated piece that has huge potential impact for its readers makes this piece stand out.

Honorable Mention

Diocesan downsizing

Catholic Times (OH), Doug Bean, Editor

Honorable Mention

The most inclusive show on earth
Arlington Catholic Herald, Zoey Maraist

N565c: Best News Writing on a Local or Regional Event – National newspaper or Wire Service

First Place

Pastor reflects on 10th anniversary of Sandy Hook school shooting

Catholic News Service, Beth Griffin
The human connection to a tragedy and the framing of coping comes through the otherwise objective approach of the author. The impact of this piece is not just connected to the original event but can guide readers as they navigate similar events since and in the future.

Second Place

Friday fish fries are starting to come back this Lent

Catholic News Service, Carol Zimmermann
The joy of the story is allowed to shine through the journalistic style of this author. A timely piece.

Third Place

Catholic Priest Reveals Role in DC Aborted Babies Case: 'I Buried Them Myself' Katie Yoder

Catholic News Agency, Katie Yoder, Jonah McKeown
The author's choices of when to paraphrase and when to allow the direct words of those involved influenced the impact of this piece and makes it stand out.

N566a: Best News Writing on Regional Event – Weekly

First Place

Florida Hurricane Ian coverage

Florida Catholic (Venice), Bob Reddy, Glenda Meekins, Jean Gonzalez, Tom Tracy
Outstanding coverage of Hurricane Ian that provides such vivid detail and expressive writing that readers feel like they are there.

Second Place

Eucharistic Festival a multicultural celebration

Today's Catholic, Eric Peat
A focused and well-written article that drives home the theme of being united under the Church.

Third Place

Divided in the North

The B.C. Catholic, Paul Schratz
The author does a nice job of showing multiple facets of the complex issue of COVID restrictions.

Honorable Mention

1872: The Birth of Our Diocese
Rhode Island Catholic, Rick Snizek

Honorable Mention

Historic Bi-State Eucharistic procession crosses the Mississippi River

The Catholic Messenger, Barb Arland-Fye

N566b: Best News Writing on Regional Event – Non-Weekly

First Place

Little Sisters of the Poor leave a lasting legacy of love and joy in Denver
Denver Catholic, Aaron Lambert
Excellent writing, backed by interesting details and powerful quotes, makes this entry stand out as a winner.



Second Place

Padre Kino Coverage

Tony Gutiérrez, Tony Gutiérrez
Strong coverage of the "Padre on Horseback." The writing is compelling and provides an inspirational look at Padre Kino's work.

Third Place

Abortion expansion in NY

Catholic Courier, Jennifer Burke and Mike Latona
Strong coverage that explains state abortion rights efforts in the wake of the Dobbs decision. Provides readers with key information and is well written.

Honorable Mention

Tennessee welcomes Knights from around the world
Tennessee Register, Andy Telli and Katie Peterson

N567a: Best News Writing One Shot – National Event

First Place

Leaked draft of Supreme Court opinion indicates overturn of Roe decision

Catholic News Service, Carol Zimmermann
Strong, clear writing and reporting on deadline that reflects a variety of opinions. Well done!

Second Place

As Catholic News Service closes, ideological and evangelical outlets stand to fill the void

National Catholic Reporter, Brian Fraga
Excellent reporting on a complex issue. The author does a nice job framing multiple viewpoints.

Third Place

Military chaplains insulted by report
The Catholic Register, Michael Swan



N565b: Best News Writing on a Local or Regional Event – Non-Weekly

Strong and compelling writing and reporting.

Honorable Mention

Cardinal and clergy abuse survivor forge friendship of healing, activism
Jersey Catholic, Joe Jordan

Honorable Mention

A pilgrimage 10, make that 12 years in the making
Arlington Catholic Herald, Ann M. Augherton

N567b: Best News Writing Series – National Event

First Place

As Build Back Better stalls, faith leaders call Biden, Senate to ‘moment for courage’ on climate
National Catholic Reporter, Brian Roewe, Aleja Hertzler-McCain

Outstanding coverage on climate legislation — this work includes strong reporting, powerful quotes, and the context readers need to fully understand the issues.

Second Place

Racism in the U.S. confronted by Catholic leaders
Catholic News Service, Chaz Muth and Carol Zimmermann
In-depth, well-written coverage of racism in the U.S. The authors examine many facets of this important topic and reflect a variety of voices.

Third Place

Who, or what, is ‘Jane’s Revenge’? A look at the group invoked in pro-abortion vandalism
Catholic News Agency, Kevin J. Jones, Joe Bukuras, Jonah McKeown
Great coverage and strong reporting on pro-abortion attacks vandalism across the U.S.

Honorable Mention

Synodal listening sessions and report
Catholic News Service, Dennis Sadowski

Honorable Mention

March for Life
Arlington Catholic Herald, Catholic Herald staff

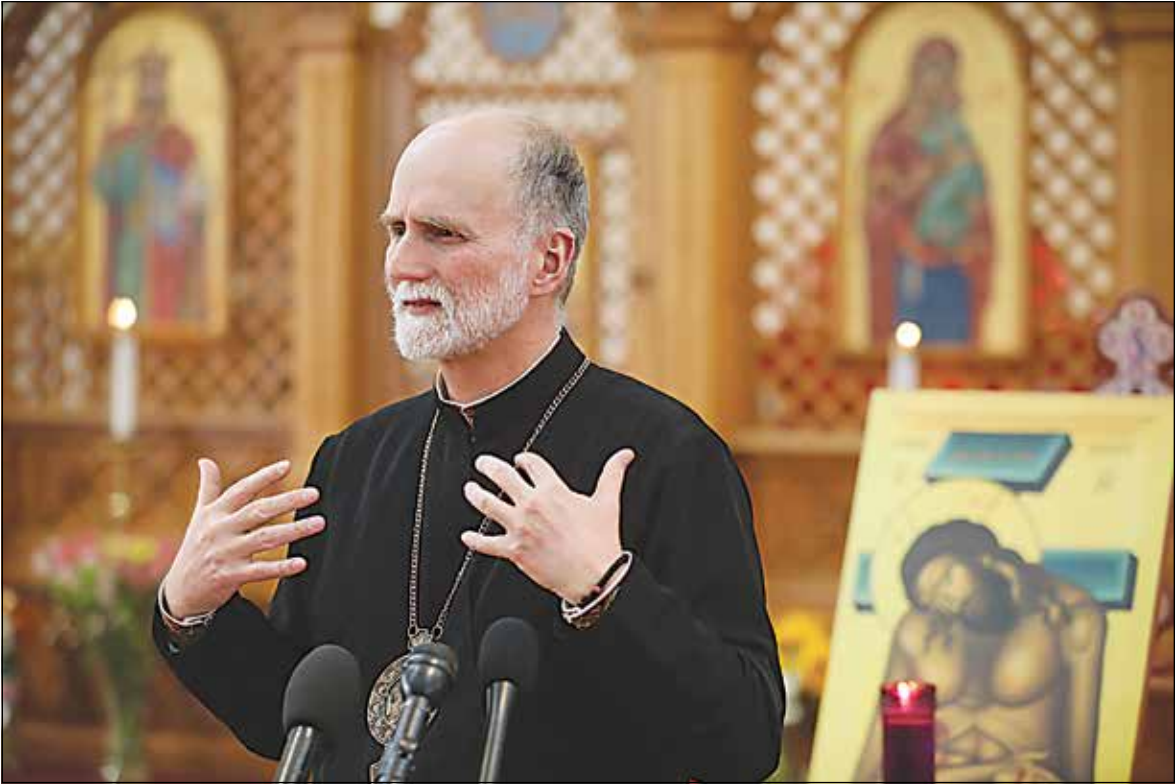
N568a: Best News Writing One Shot – International Event

First Place

Taliban Erases Decades of Progress for Afghan Girls
The Tablet, Engy Magdy
The importance of this piece is matched by the quality of its writing, bringing what seems like a foreign issue to light to any American.

Second Place

Last priests out of Afghanistan
Catholic Times (OH), Tim Puet
The personal perspective of this piece allows anyone to feel the essence of the reality on the ground from a lens of faith and good will toward man and that makes it stand out.



N568b: Best News Writing Series – International Event

Third Place

Moscow patriarch seemed to bless the war on Ukraine: What does that mean for ecumenism?
Aleteia.org, John Burger
The deep dive into implications of international actions within an international religious community are spelled out clearly for the reader to reflect and ponder.

Honorable Mention

‘The whole of Ukraine is my relative’
The Catholic Register, Michael Swan

Honorable Mention

A time of need, an opportunity to serve
St. Louis Review, Laura Kosta

N568b: Best News Writing Series – International Event

First Place

Russia’s invasion of Ukraine
Catholic Standard, Stories by Richard Szczepanowski, Mark Zimmermann and Catherine Buckler; Photos by Mihoko Owada, Andrew Biraj, Javier Diaz and Matthew Barrick
Connecting a world event that is foreign to many in the audience while also intimate to others is no easy feat, yet this author allows an entry point for any Catholic to connect.

Second Place

‘Too painful:’ Detroit-area Ukrainians see history repeating itself, beg for peace
Detroit Catholic, Gabriella Patti and Daniel Meloy
Framing what is an external world event by portraying through the eyes of your neighbor is so powerful it made this piece stand out.

Third Place

HOPE & A PRAYER: Haiti struggles to rebound 12 years after earthquake
The Tablet, John Lavenburg and Bill Miller
No reader walks away from this piece unmoved. It is detailed and yet qualitative in its effect and that ability to bring the reader in to connect with Haiti’s reality makes this stand out.

Honorable Mention

War in Ukraine
The Leaven, Moira Cullings

Honorable Mention

Ukrainian refugees in Poland
Catholic News Service, Cindy Wooden

N571a: Best Personality Profile – Weekly

First Place

Bishop Gelineau celebrates 50th anniversary of episcopal consecration
Rhode Island Catholic, Rick Snizek
Heartwarming story about Bishop Emeritus Louis E. Gelineau, the sixth Bishop of Providence, who, although he has slowed down at 93, remains active and is impacting the lives of those around him. The writer took great care in telling this inspiring story.

Second Place

A Heart for Camp: Mike Fretwell’s new lease on life
Idaho Catholic Register, Gene Fadness
The writer does an amazing job telling in concise detail a story of faith, friendship and redemption that leads to a new lease on life for the story’s subject. The writer leads the reader through the twists and turns with wonderful reporting and writing.

Third Place

A Lesson in Loss
The Leaven, Jill Ragar Esfeld
The writer tells a touching story of love, loss and perseverance in a concise and well-written manner that leaves the reader feeling connectedness and compassion for the main subject. Nice work.

Honorable Mention

‘Bleacher Brothers’ Hit the Road to Evangelize in MLB Parks
The Tablet, John Lavenburg

Honorable Mention

ON POINTE: FROM HARLEM TO BROADWAY: Dancer saw racism up close while touring the United States in the 1950s
The Tablet, Paula Katinas

N571b: Best Personality Profile – Non-Weekly

First Place

On the Cusp of 80, Mary Jo Copeland is unwavering
The Catholic Spirit, Christina Capeocchi
A beautiful profile piece on a local legend with a long life devoted to serving others. Nicely written — lively interviews and cameos of people that the subject encounters daily. Great work on bringing the subject to life for the readers!

Second Place

A missionary to the military
Arlington Catholic Herald, Leslie Miller
Great writing — concise and crisp. An interesting and impressive person to profile and provide inspiration. I very much enjoyed reading this profile. Great work!

Third Place

Eva Andrade: Advocating for Catholic values in isle politics
Hawaii Catholic Herald, Anna Weaver
A very nice profile piece on someone who has committed her life to making a difference in the world, grounded in her faith. Easy to read and complete information. It was interesting to read this story and about the subject’s great work. Nice job!

Honorable Mention

A deep Catholic faith lies behind the 1970’s allegory ‘Hope for the flowers’
Jersey Catholic, Jaimie Julia Winters

Honorable Mention

‘Fun in the sun!’
The Catholic Sun (Syracuse), Tom Maguire

N571c: Best Personality Profile – National newspaper or Wire Service

First Place

Survivor has her story to tell Pope
The Catholic Register, Michael Swan
What a great profile! It’s a timely topic behind the profile, and an interesting person to choose as the representative of this group that has been in the news in recent years. Concisely written, the story conveys the anguish of the affected class. Great work!

Second Place

Coach Marcus Freeman Talks Faith, Fatherhood and Notre Dame Football
National Catholic Register, Jonathan Liedl
This is a very interesting profile piece, and it is enhanced with multimedia. A great person to profile because of his new, high-profile role, his role model status, and his iconic position at Notre Dame. This is the sort of story that would have broad appeal and get people to read the paper. Great job!

Third Place

Meet Chloe Cole, the 18-Year-Old Leading the Fight to Protect Children From Transgender Surgeries
Catholic News Agency, Edie Heipel
This is a very interesting profile underpinned by one of the most popular (and disturbing) fads in our culture. This profile tells the “other side” of the story that one never sees from mainstream media outlets, so it really fills a void. It is a poignant piece. Thank you for writing it. Great work!

Honorable Mention

Kirk Whalum on Catholic conversion, gospel jazz, and finding identity in God – on sax
Black Catholic Messenger, Nate Tinner-Williams

Honorable Mention

Mark Houck Calls Men to Fight “Noble Battles.” A Controversial Indictment is His Biggest One Yet
Catholic News Agency, Shannon Mullen and Joe Bukuras

N575a: Best Reporting on a Special Age-Group – Senior Citizens

First Place

“One blessing upon another” for trailblazing couple who were among the first students to integrate Sacred Heart School in 1950
Catholic Standard, Story by Mark Zimmermann; Photos by Mihoko Owada and Andrew Biraj
He tried kissing her at a birthday party. In a box. Not too romantic, but he was only 6 and she was 5. Thus begins an interesting and well written tale of these two, Rohulamin Quander and Carmen Torruelle-Quanter, who soon after integrated Sacred Heart School in Washington, D.C., and later married. He went on to be a lawyer and she a noted artist, but they recall those early years when he was not allowed to be an altar boy or attend the local Boy Scout troop and she learned English, but at a parent conference dealt with a teacher who was annoyed that Carmen’s mother spoke only Spanish. This detailed account of their lives, however, focuses more on successes and their feeling of being blessed, a truly remarkable account of trailblazers (the school now offers both Spanish and English instruction). Wonderfully uplifting.

Second Place

From Nigeria to Bloomington, sharing the joy of Jesus drives Dominican priest’s mission
The Criterion, Mike Krokos
Floating in a canoe along the Niger River, Dominican Father Justus Pokrzewinski knew he was heading into a vast mission, but he was moving toward a lifetime of service that included 57 years in Africa and continues today as a 90-year-old priest in residence who conducts Mass and hears confessions and, oh, yes, also ministers to college students. It is all part of one whole — sharing the joy of Jesus. An inspirational, readable story sprinkled with quotes and great pictures.

Third Place

Senior priests
Catholic Times (OH), Doug Bean, Editor; Tim Puet, Contributor
What do retired priests do? Grow spiritually. That is the message from priests who look back at their

accomplishments and appreciate the freedom from the pressures facing bishops. But they keep busy teaching and retirement gives them an opportunity to appreciate old age as a gift from God and also appreciate what they have accomplished, all explained in this comprehensive and inspiring piece. Yes, some have health issues, but that doesn’t stop them from their desire to serve God. As one observer put it, these men can’t really be seen as retired, because they still work.

Honorable Mention

Elder Years
The Catholic Sun (Syracuse), Tom Maguire

Honorable Mention

Saint Jo
The Evangelist, Emily Benson

N575b: Best Reporting on a Special Age-Group – Young adults (18-40)

First Place

Act of kindness leads young couple to love and a mission to bring college students to God; Young firefighter’s trust in God continues to be inflamed, even in life-threatening moments; Young woman finds a friendship with God on her journey to her dream
The Criterion, John Shaughnessy
Well written and thought provoking, these stories explore the need and value of discovering not only ourselves and our relationship to others, but also our relationship to Jesus. So, we read of a couple, now with two children, who met in college and developed not only their personal relationship but also made sure their relationship with God became stronger. And we also are introduced to a fire fighter who reaches for his rosary as he battles a threatening Idaho forest fire and later quickly proclaims that his relationship with God is very strong. And of a young girl who had enough faith to leave her familiar Mexico to finish high school in the states. Inspiring without being preachy.

Second Place

Young nun shares vocation journey
Catholic Courier, Jennifer Burke
The journey from Emma Klein to Sister Cecilia Therese had a few bumps in the beginning when, as a young child, she fought the feeling that she should become a nun. But, while she continued an arms-length distance from accepting sisterhood, she continued pondering. Then, while in college, she finally accepted the call, partly because she heard a remarkably cheerful nun speak. And she has become her own cheerful nun. Full of meaningful quotes, this journey also would not be complete without mentioning her faithful parents who probably felt they were just following their own religious path, but also were paving the way for their daughter to accept her calling.

Third Place

Always Faithful: From kindergarten through military service
Idaho Catholic Register, Gene Fadness
Semper Fidelis — always faithful — is the Marine creed, but for three young Catholics who remained friends from kindergarten and into the Marines, that motto also applies to their feelings about religion. This easy-to-read, feel-good story focuses not only on their friendship with each other but also

with God. And as they kept God in their lives, they encountered others who exhibited the same level of faith, reminding us that when we turn to God, others are watching. Great pictures of the three together throughout their lives.

Honorable Mention

College Converts
National Catholic Register, Meghan Schultz, Lauretta Brown, Susan Klemond

Honorable Mention

Aussie Battler: Bengal Catholic director builds ministry at ISU while fighting cancer
Idaho Catholic Register, Gene Fadness

N575c: Best Reporting on a Special Age-Group – Children and Teens Younger than 18

First Place

Miami youths stand with migrants at Mexican border
Florida Catholic (Miami), Priscilla Greear
Building a bridge of understanding over the immigration of vitriol and division. What a grand opening of an inspiring and uplifting story of Miami youth crossing the Arizona border into Mexico to walk and talk and pray with youth seeing asylum into the United States. And they also listened to those of their same age talk of fleeing fears of murder and abuse. A remarkable experience gently but forcibly told.

Second Place

Young people challenged to seek Christ
Northwest Indiana Catholic, Marlene A. Zloza, Anthony D. Alonzo, Erin Ciszczon, NWI Staff
Preteens and teens are told to invite Jesus into their lives in a hip hop sort of way by Justus, a hip hop artist who touched on his mistake-prone past but focused on his conversion to a better life, a commitment to Christ. And he showed pictures of friends who had died in city streets. Very impressive, the youth said. And sobering. And interesting, a vital part of any presentation to youth. All captured in this well-crafted account that brings the intensity and importance of such efforts to those who must only read of the experience.

Third Place

‘A child’s Holy Hour with Jesus can lead to a holy life with Jesus’
Idaho Catholic Register, Emily Woodham
Yes, bring those squirmy kids to Adoration and Mass. Why? They have been baptized and thus have the Holy Spirit working within them. This thoughtful reminder comes from those who have worked with children enough to point out that the kingdom of heaven has no age restrictions to enter. And one of those points out, “If the church isn’t crying, it’s dying.” An outstanding piece expertly portraying the feelings of those advocates. Wonderful quotes and probably the sweetest picture ever published of children caught up in the glories of Christianity.

Honorable Mention

Hearts Afire kindles friendship
Arlington Catholic Herald, Ann M. Augherton

Honorable Mention

Are We Failing Our Kids?
The Leaven, Therese Horvat

N576: Best Reporting on Catholic Education

First Place

Program trains new college grads as faith-centered Catholic educators
The Pilot, Jacqueline Tetrault
This article is thorough and organized. It paints a touching picture of the next generation of Catholic teachers. The interviews with both leaders and students were encouraging and portrayed a mutual love of faith-based education. This professionally written piece is a genuinely fascinating read!

Second Place

A Swirling World of Books
The Florida Catholic, Priscilla Greear
This piece is so creatively and descriptively written! I enjoyed the festive photos included and the unique topic! It was fun to read and see how a love of reading and learning is enjoyed by adults and children alike.

Third Place

St. Vincent de Paul School Offers Unique Education Experience
Today’s Catholic, Joshua Schipper
This article has an array of beautiful and inspiring photos. The bishop’s visit to the school was well-documented and written in a clear and precise manner.

Honorable Mention

Young Catholics want more engagement at Church: Synod Report
Jersey Catholic, Jessica Miano

Honorable Mention

BRAND NEW
The Evangelist, Mike Matvey

N579: Best Reporting on the Celebration of a Sacrament

First Place

The Eucharist Explained
Arlington Catholic Herald, Zoey Maraist
The ability to speak to capture the depth and mystery around the sacrament in such a detailed way made this piece stand out.

Second Place

Why Confession Matters
St. Louis Review, Laura Kosta, Jacob Wiegand and Abigail Witte
To recenter a sacrament into focus in a time when it is so needed and to articulate the value so clearly made this piece stand out.

Forged by fire and faith

Young firefighter’s trust in God continues to be inflamed, even in life-threatening moments

14th in an occasional series

(Editor’s note: In this series, The Criterion is featuring young adults who have found a home in the Church and strive to live their faith in their everyday life.)

By John Shaughnessy

Joe Ybarra reached for his rosary as the wildfire raged across the Idaho mountainside, threatening the lives of him and the seven other firefighters from the U.S. Forest Service.

As the fire rushed toward his team, Ybarra fingered the rosary beads and prayed that he would be safe so he could return one day to his family and friends in Indiana.

At first, the threat had been minimal when the fire on Scarface Mountain began on Aug. 7, 2021. After arriving on the scene by helicopter, Ybarra and the seven other firefighters noticed that the fire appeared to be dying out after scorching about 15 acres, thanks to helicopter crews pouring down water on the mountain.

“The next day, we started work around 7 in the morning, building a line around the fire to try to contain the remnants of it,” Ybarra recalls.

Yet the wind kicked up a short time later, feeding the smoldering fire, leading it to roar again—and the combination of fire and smoke was so dense it made it hard for the firefighters to see, forcing them to rush back to their base camp.

“At base camp, we saw the fire rapidly grow within a matter of seconds, from the bottom of a

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Photo: Indianapolis resident Joe Ybarra spent more than a year fighting wildfires in Idaho and Nevada, a time when he relied on his faith in God and the power of the rosary to protect him. (Submitted photo)

N575b: Best Reporting on a Special Age-Group – Young adults (18-40)

The US bishops allowed a gay woman to become a foster parent. The broader meaning is unclear.



Kelly Easter of East Nashville, Tennessee, a single lesbian, recently prevailed in her legal case to participate in a federal foster care program run by a subcontracting agency of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Easter still questions how the case was resolved and what would happen if she is in a romantic relationship with a woman. (Courtesy of Kelly Easter)



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Kelly Easter won her legal battle to become a foster parent to refugee children. But Easter still feels like she's "in limbo."

BY BRIAN FRAGA

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N581a: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues – Call to Family, Community and Participation

Third Place

Return of Indigenous liturgy

The B.C. Catholic, Nicholas Elbers
Bringing to light such an important topic in a way that build community and connection through clear, yet warm rhetoric made this piece stand out.

Honorable Mention

New priests marvel at consecrating Eucharist

Catholic Star Herald, Peter G. Sánchez

Honorable Mention

Celebrating Mass on the farm

The Catholic Messenger, Barb Arland-Fye

N581a: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues – Call to Family, Community and Participation

First Place

The US bishops allowed a gay woman to become a foster parent. The broader meaning is unclear.
National Catholic Reporter, Brian Fraga
Important topic. Thorough look at the case and its implications.

Second Place

Headed for Divorce? Church Vows to Help You
The Tablet, Paula Katinas

Thorough look at an unusual topic; good mix of personal stories and bigger picture.

Third Place

In St. Louis, This Catholic Rallies Her Community to Treat Afghan Immigrants ‘Like Jesus’
Catholic News Agency, Jonah McKeown
Nice look at someone living their faith with extraordinary acts.

N581b: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues – Care for God’s Creation

First Place

In an area marred by environmental calamity, SSM Heath steps up
Catholic Health World, Kathleen Nelson
Good mix of a personal story with coverage of a larger issue.

Second Place

As COP27 talks stall, Catholics smash tablets, pray for divine intervention on Sinai
National Catholic Reporter, Doreen Ajiambo
Evocative writing.

Third Place

Catholic health care explores how to accelerate greening
Catholic Health World, Julie Minda

Important topic sometimes overlooked in climate coverage.

Honorable Mention

Farm programs keep growing at St Joe’s hospital in Michigan
Catholic Health World, Lisa Eisenhauer

Honorable Mention

‘Living Laudato Si series’
The Catholic Sun (Syracuse), Care for our Common Home Task Force writers

N581c: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues – Dignity and Rights of the Workers

First Place

Colleagues offer practical aid to overstretched hospital units
Catholic Health World, Julie Minda
Good focus on an important topic that potentially affects all readers who need health care.

Second Place

The Business of Being Catholic
St. Louis Review, Jennifer Brinker
Good coverage of what might be an overlooked topic.

Third Place

New farm helps people with disabilities to live, work, thrive
The Georgia Bulletin, Andrew Nelson
A nice slice-of-life look at faith in action.

N581d: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues – Life and Dignity of the Human Person

First Place

Motherhood Matters. But Do Catholic Maternity-Leave Policies Reflect That?
National Catholic Register, Ann Schneible
Important topic well handled. Good to give focus to the irony of Catholic employers offering less. Nice mix of personal context and research.

Second Place

Combatting Modern Slavery
Florida Catholic (Orlando), Jean Gonzalez and Florida Catholic Media Staff
Important topic. The various stories provide a solid overview of the problem and what could be done.

Third Place

Plea to rethink advance care planning draws praise and criticism
Catholic Health World, Lisa Eisenhauer
Thorough treatment of vital topic. Could have been personalized more.

Honorable Mention

Black Catholics seek worship spaces free of racism
Catholic News Service, Chaz Muth
Good focus on a neglected topic. Good use of personal anecdote and research.

N581e: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues – Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

First Place

Amid rising homelessness, Catholic-run tiny home villages build more than shelter
National Catholic Reporter, Katie Collins Scott
Topical. Good mix of real people and perspective.

Second Place

In an area marred by environmental calamity, SSM Health steps up
Catholic Health World, Kathleen Nelson
Good use of a personal story that also brings perspective on a larger issue.

Third Place

Taking the church to the peripheries: mission stations in Philippines
Catholic News Service, Paul Jeffrey
Brings light to an unconventional way of reaching Catholics.

Honorable Mention

The Weary World Rejoices
The Leaven, Joe Bollig
Nice job of humanizing this issue.

N581g: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues – Solidarity

First Place

Faith, a couple's love and extended family help guide a Ukrainian to his true home
The Criterion, John Shaughnessy
Compelling story. Written in a way that keeps the suspense so that the reader continues to the end to see how the story turns out.

Second Place

How Restorative Justice Helped Make the Justice System Work Better in Seattle
National Catholic Register, Matt McDonald
Strong reporting. Nice mix of personal stories and expert opinion/background for perspective.

Third Place

Take Courage
Arlington Catholic Herald, Meghan Bartlett
Brings light to a little-known subject.

N584a: Best Reporting on Vocations to Priesthood, Religious Life or Diaconate – One Shot

First Place

Heart of Monastic Renewal in Europe: Heiligenkreuz Abbey in Austria
National Catholic Register, Solène Tadié
Detailed insight into how one community thrives amid a vocation crisis.

Second Place

UNDIVIDED HEART: Priests, religious make commitment to celibacy to live with 'total dedication'
Arkansas Catholic, Aprille Hanson Spivey
A good, personalized view of living a celibate life,

along with helpful sidebars.

Third Place

Discernment is about discovering the will of God
Tennessee Register, Andy Telli
Provides insight into an important part of being called to a vocation.

Honorable Mention

Together but apart
Hawaii Catholic Herald, Anna Weaver
An unusual view inside this vocation. This story was a good find.

N584b: Best Reporting on Vocations to Priesthood, Religious Life or Diaconate – Series

First Place

Seminarians' wood-chopping work...; Personal trials prepare Deacon Michael Clawson...; Challenges in diaconate formation...; Missionaries of Charity in Indianapolis...; Hardships and blessings of Burmese seminarians...
The Criterion, Sean Gallagher

"Wood chopping" gives good view of how priests can better immerse themselves in the lives of their parishioners. "Clawson" a great look at a compelling personal story leading a man into the priesthood.

Second Place

African priest earns doctorate while building up parish life in rural Iowa
The Catholic Messenger, Barb Arland-Fye
Nice to give focus to local priests from one part of the world.

Third Place

2022 Deacon Ordination
Catholic Courier, Gina Capellazzi
Unique presentation; strong use of photos.

N587: Best Seasonal Issue – Print only

First Place

A life-changing Lent
Our Sunday Visitor, Our Sunday Visitor Staff
Breathtaking layout. Well put together theme. Articles interesting and timely. Very well done.



After a harrowing journey from Ukraine to the United States, Anton Bezborodov is in his true home in Indianapolis with Beth and Thomas Wright, members of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis. (Photo by John Shaughnessy)

‘You’re the dad I never dared to dream of’

Faith, a couple’s love and extended family help guide a Ukrainian to his true home

By John Shaughnessy

The phone call was a parent's nightmare, waking Thomas Wright at three in the morning in Indianapolis. As Wright heard the fear in the voice of the young person calling from Ukraine—someone he regards as a son—he also heard the sound of explosions in the background as the Russians began their invasion of the country in February. “I’m in a panic because there’s nothing you can do,” recalls

Thomas about that phone call from then-19-year-old Anton Bezborodov. “It’s the most helpless feeling in the world.” Yet that helpless feeling soon turned into a plan of action for Thomas and his wife Beth. Members of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis, they immediately sent a request for prayers for Anton’s safety to their friends and to the extended family that they have created by hosting 44 foreign exchange students for the past

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Second Place

For unto us a child is born (Dec. 18 – Christmas issue)
The Catholic Register, Catholic Register Staff
Articles and stories filled with depth and honesty reflecting the nuances of controversial issues facing the Church today. The editors and writers do not shy from the real issues of the faithful — gender, diversity etc. — or Church leadership. A colorful child art produced centerfold engages believers of all ages.

Third Place

Year in Review
The Evangelist, Michael Matvey, Emily Benson, Brenda Powell and Cindy Schultz
Really great theme. Love the cover. Great and well communicated concept.

Honorable Mention

Easter's New Life
Idaho Catholic Register, Gene Fadness
From a colorful and descriptive cover to stories well selected for depth and range, this supplement exudes text and images of the Easter season. Bilingual text and stunning photos speak of the diversity of the population and the Church of Idaho.

Honorable Mention

Back to School
The Evangelist, Michael Matvey, Emily Benson, Brenda Powell and Cindy Schultz
Nice design. Great use of photographs that really communicate the story. Love the cover. Good writing. Strong storytelling overall.

N588: Best Seasonal Issue- Digital Only

First Place

Advent Calendar 2022
Catholic Courier, Gina Capellazzi and Jeff Witherow

I was truly blessed by going through this site. It is well designed and contains a great variety of content. The diversity of media contained in the site makes a person want to return each day, which is exactly the purpose of an Advent calendar. Great job!

Second Place

2022 Catholic Courier Lenten Guide
Catholic Courier, Gina Capellazzi
This is a real blessing. Very well done — great content and fairly nice design. An energetic tone and down-to-earth approach conveyed in the navigation and especially in the videos. Great work!

N591a: Best Sports Journalism - Sports Feature or Column

First Place

Parents of late baseball player say their son had unwavering trust in God
Catholic News Service, Gregory A. Shemitz
This feature stands out for its reporting and writing at the intersection of sports, faith, and news.

Second Place

Bishop Eustace pitcher not slowed down by health
Catholic Star Herald, Mark Zimmaro
Great feature that provides insight and humanity and captures its subject well.

Third Place

Girls flag football growing in popularity, starting at St. Pius X
The Georgia Bulletin, Andrew Nelson
Great reporting on a timely topic and written in a way that informs and entertains the reader.

Honorable Mention

“God was in that moment:” Saint Peter’s University priests on Peacocks’ historic NCAA run

Jersey Catholic, Joe Jordan

Honorable Mention

Team turns tragedy to triumph by dedicating season to late coach
The Catholic Spirit (NJ), Alex Lowe

N591b: Best Sports Journalism - Sports News

First Place

Saint Peter’s continues its March Madness winning streak
Catholic News Service, Carol Zimmermann
Great coverage stands out in capturing breaking news event.

Second Place

Fired-up coach craves those Friday night lights
The Catholic Sun (Syracuse), Tom Maguire
Nice profile of new coach.

Third Place

Marist falls to Woodward in battle of the War Eagles
The Georgia Bulletin, Andrew Nelson
Interesting game coverage.

Honorable Mention

When CBA’s Cariseo coaches, “they know where they stand”
The Catholic Sun (Syracuse), Tom Maguire

Honorable Mention

And on the eighth day, God created... sport?
The Catholic Register, Quinton Amundson



N588: Best Seasonal Issue- Digital Only

RIGHT ON TRACK

PHOTOS BY JAY SOLDNER

The Catholic Youth Organization of Johnson and Wyandotte Counties held its annual City Championships on May 7 at Bishop Miege High School in Overland Park. Hundreds of kids from the area competed in several track and field events. Leaven freelance photographer Jay Soldner was on hand to catch some of the action. For more photos from this event, check out The Leaven's Facebook page.



EYES ON THE PRIZE
Seventh grader Jaylen Lee of Good Shepherd Parish, Shawnee, looks calm, cool and collected as she reads the gun in the 800-meter race. Lee finished third at that distance. She also competed in the 3000, finishing second, and the softball throw, finishing third.



POWERBALL
Ellen Weaver, an eighth grader representing St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Lawrence, dominated the softball throw with a toss of 120 feet, 2 inches. Weaver showed off her versatility in winning the 3000 meter and also finished second in the 800 meter.



IN THE PACK
Sam Lueger, a 10th grader running for Prince of Peace Parish, Olathe, keeps pace with the leading pack of runners in the 400-meter race. Lueger would finish second in the event. He also ran the 3000 and finished first.



THEY'RE OFF
The 120-meter race is off to a blistering start. Bursting around the corner are: (from left) Molly Brown of St. Agnes, Overland Park; Kamilah Mubthabergen of Holy Trinity, Kansas; Emory Walters of St. Joseph, Shawnee; Alvin Seltzer of St. Michael the Archangel, Lawrence; and Addie York of St. Joseph. Walters would end up winning the race with a time of 17.32 seconds.



SHOELESS HENRY
Henry Morgan, an eighth grader representing Holy Trinity Parish in Overland Park — and jumping shoes on his feet — clears the high jump of 4 feet, 10 inches, a personal best for him and good for second place.



CHANGING HANDS
Second Heart, Shawnee, eighth grader Jack Carpenter makes a perfect handoff to teammate Brady Breggman in the 4x200 meter relay. The Second Heart boys finished in third in the race.



FLYING
St. Agnes' Paul Olson goes soaring in his long jump attempt. The seventh grader landed 12 feet, 3 inches away, good for 33rd place in a highly competitive field.



THE OTHER BRADY
Brady Boynton of Holy Trinity Parish, Lawrence, gives his best Tom Brady impression with a toss in the football throw competition. He did the other Brady good with a second place throw of 34.1 feet.



WIND IN HER HAIR
With her red hair flying, Emma DelValle of Corpus Christi Parish in Lawrence gives it her all on the track. DelValle competed in the 400 meter (first place), the long jump (second place) and the 3000 meter (third place).

N811c: Best Multiple Picture Package – Sports

N596b: Best Print Special Supplement – One-Time Special Issue

First Place

Penance and Progress: Pope Francis maps a path of hope

The Catholic Register, Catholic Register Staff
From the crisp and clean Table of Contents to the stunning vibrant photo spread, this issue chronicling the Papal visit to Canada stands out. The editors did not shy away from the difficult and controversial issues with the Church's history with indigenous people. Multiple articles and photos relay the difficult history. Yet the spirit of love, mercy and forgiveness I process and yet to be comes through as well in texts, visuals and helpful sidebars.

Second Place

The Return of an Icon: Hazel is Back

Orange County Catholic, Patricia Mahoney, Editor; Msgr. Stephen Doktorczyk, Executive Editor; The Most Reverend Kevin W. Vann, Bishop of Orange, Publisher
Who would consider a supplement about an organ to be so well done? The Orange County issue focuses on the history, rebuilding and return of the majestic organ known as "Hazel." What stands out are informative articles, interesting photos and diagrams and an invitation to consider the importance of this instrument for Christian sacred music and prayer. Indeed, it is iconic!

Third Place

The Road to Cardinal

The Southern Cross (CA), Aida Bustos
"The Road to Cardinal" is a joy to read and savor. Filled with interesting and informative articles the stories educate readers on the themes of contemporary ecclesiology. The layout is attractive and inviting and the accompanying photos are sharp, visually pleasing and mirror the theologically sound content.

Honorable Mention

Abortion in America: The Fight for Life

The Tablet, Michelle Powers, Jim DelCioppo, Michael Gray, James Harney, Faby Rodriguez

N596c: Best Print Special Supplement – Regular Special Supplement

Third Place

A Holy Death

Catholic News Herald, Kevin Eagan & Catholic News Herald Staff
"A Holy Death" is chockfull of information for a Catholic population that is aging or are caregivers for those who are. Colorful photos depicting key moments facing those confronting death and the necessary steps for caregivers and/or spouses accompany clear texts. A clever pull-out centerfold provides a fill-in-the blanks guide for anyone needing to know "what to do" in the face of a loved one's death or impending death. What a helpful and necessary offering for so many!

N811a: Best Multiple Picture Package – Feature

First Place

Doing the Works of Mercy

The Leaven, Jay Soldner
Compelling set of photos stands out for interesting perspective, important storytelling, and high quality of technical skill on display.

Second Place

A Joyful (KiSwahili) Noise

Idaho Catholic Register, Gene Fadness
Joyful and creative set of photos stands out.

Third Place

A pilgrimage 10, make that 12 years in the making

Arlington Catholic Herald, Ann M. Augherton
Interesting, high-quality set of photos.

N811b: Best Multiple Picture Package – News

First Place

The Lord of Miracles

Arlington Catholic Herald, Zoey Maraist
Wonderful set of photos with incredible detail and compelling color that jump off the page. Excellent variety. Top-notch photography. Well done.



N821b: Best Photo Story – News

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FAITH & FOOD

Famed priest and chef fires up the faithful with Lenten cooking series at St. Clement's
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CINDY SCHULTZ PHOTO

N840: Best Photograph – Feature Photo

Second Place

Rally supported Ukraine

Catholic Courier, Jeff Witherow

Colorful and compelling photos that are full of depth and immediately capture and draw in those who view them. Photos are glorious in their simplicity and tell a complete story before even reading the captions.

Third Place

Called to Serve Neighbor

The Catholic Week, Rob Herbst

A wonderful collection of crisp, clean photos that reveal a wide range of emotions. The photo of the candidates prostrating themselves is especially compelling.

N811c: Best Multiple Picture Package – Sports

First Place

Right on Track

The Leaven, Jay Soldner

Well composed images. A nice variety of action shots from various areas of competition. Good work!

Second Place

Runnin Revs

The Leaven, Kathryn White

Images that do a great job telling the story. Good action sports photography.

N821a: Best Photo Story – Feature

First Place

Holy Week 2022

Hawaii Catholic Herald, Anna Weaver and Dann Ebina

Excellent set of photos that tell a comprehensive story and draw in the viewer/reader.

Second Place

Easter's New Life

Idaho Catholic Register, The Idaho Catholic Register staff

Wonderful photo story that captures a familiar but important and distinct story for the reader/viewer.

Third Place

Bread from Heaven, Food for the Soul

Idaho Catholic Register, Genavive Edman, Idaho parishes

Great skill in capturing and sharing an interesting photo story.

Honorable Mention

Bocce Camp

Catholic New York, Mary DiBiase Blaiich

Honorable Mention

Lovin' My Catholic School

Idaho Catholic Register, Idaho Catholic Register Staff, Idaho Catholic Schools

N821b: Best Photo Story – News

First Place

Remembering Father Capodanno

Gregory A. Shemitz, Gregory A. Shemitz
Striking evocative images from an emotional event. I kept coming back to this collection and the fine visual storytelling and remembrance.

Second Place

Eucharistic Procession in New York City
Gregory A. Shemitz, Gregory A. Shemitz
These images were full of emotion and contrasts. A completely different perspective and event in one of the most photographed cities in the world.

Third Place

Walking Together: A pilgrimage of penance
The Catholic Register, Michael Swan
Nice collection of images. Great use of color and composition. Admired the diversity.

Honorable Mention

Scenes from the Eucharistic Congress
The Pilot, Gregory L. Tracy

Honorable Mention

U.S. School Expresses Support for Ukraine
Gregory A. Shemitz, Gregory A. Shemitz

N831a: Best Story and Photo Package – By an Individual

First Place

Dave Hrbacek, “Pray Ball”
The Catholic Spirit, Dave Hrbacek
A well-written, excellently photographed feature that conveys the significance and impact of the subject to the broader community.

Second Place

Welcome to St. Mary’s! Inspired new program welcomes locals and tourists to R.I.’s oldest parish
Rhode Island Catholic, Laura Kilgus
An interesting, well-developed article made vibrant by the variety of photos accompanying the article. They truly complement and enhance the copy.

Third Place

St. Vincent de Paul Society brings hope, healing after floods
Tennessee Register, Katie Peterson
A moving piece that excels at centering the story in the experiences of the victims who received aid.

Honorable Mention

All for the refugees
The Catholic Sun (Syracuse), Tom Maguire

Honorable Mention

A pilgrimage 10, make that 12 years in the making
Arlington Catholic Herald, Ann M. Augherton

N831b: Best Story and Photo Package – By Two Individuals or More

First Place

Christina Cappechi, “On the cusp of 80, Mary Jo is unwavering”
The Catholic Spirit, Christina Cappech and



N841: Best Photograph – Spot News

Dave Hrbacek
This fascinating profile is distinguished by its vibrant copy, extensive detail, and charming photography.

Second Place

The Weary World Rejoices
The Leaven, Joe Bollig and Jay Soldner
A heartwarming story that prominently positions homeless voices and experiences. Great photography that conveys aspects of the story not covered in copy.

Third Place

A grandmother’s love, around the ‘breakfast club’ table
St. Louis Review, Laura Kosta, Jacob Wiegand
A touching profile enhanced by touching candid photos.

Honorable Mention

Holy Week
Arlington Catholic Herald, Zoey Maraist, Pia Hovenga, Ana Lucia Batista, Joe Cashwell, Marvin Molina

Honorable Mention

Christmas blessings multiplied
The Valley Catholic (TX), Paul Binz, Rick Trevino

N840: Best Photograph – Feature Photo

First Place

Faith & Food
The Evangelist, Cindy Schultz
This is just a super fun photo that makes the viewer/reader want to know more. Excellent skill at capturing the emotion and energy of the moment! It’s the type of photo that just brightens one’s day. Great job!

Second Place

World Cup
The Leaven, Jay Soldner
This photo is highly effective at capturing the emotion and energy of the moment. It really sweeps

in the viewer/reader and makes one want to read more about what is going on. Great colors and lighting. Nice work!

Third Place

Good Friday: Re-enacting Christ’s Passion
The Beacon, Joe Gigli
Excellent photography and capturing the story and the emotions. Nice job of capturing the context and conveying a sense of energy with the colors, lighting, and composition. It’s like getting a front-row seat! Great work!

Honorable Mention

Saints come marching in: On All Saints Day, St. Francis International School has a parade of saints and everyday heroes
Catholic Standard, Andrew Biraj

Honorable Mention

Steubenville adoration
St. Louis Review, Jacob Wiegand

N841: Best Photograph – Spot News

First Place

Marquee Event
Gregory A. Shemitz, Gregory A. Shemitz
This is the best photo in the category for a number of reasons. The context (Radio City Music Hall) grabs a viewer’s attention and makes one want to know more. Plus, the photo angle, colors, and lighting all make this a great composition. Nice work at capturing the moment and telling a story through photography!

Second Place

Church explosion in Hostyn
The Catholic Lighthouse, Janet Jones
This photo really captures the moment and the emotion of the news story and helps place the viewer/reader at the scene and to understand the story better than mere words could do. Nice composition — great use of silhouette. Nice work!

Third Place

75th anniversary of St. Ann Parish
Arlington Catholic Herald, Zoey Maraist
The energy and emotion conveyed by this photograph is infectious—it just makes the viewer happy seeing it! Great colors and light. What a great job in capturing the moment! Nicely done.

Honorable Mention

New bishop
Catholic Times (OH), Ken Snow

Honorable Mention

Eucharist alive in Church of Camden
Catholic Star Herald, Dave Hernandez

N842: Best Photograph – General News Photo

First Place

“Too painful:” Detroit-area Ukrainians see history repeating itself, beg for peace
Detroit Catholic, Valaurian Waller
This the best news photo because it captures and localizes the raw emotion of a topic that is at the forefront of news coverage. Plus, it is a well composed photo with nice color and environmental context. Great work at capturing the story in a photograph!

Second Place

Assumption rising
Tennessee Register, Andy Telli
This is an interesting photo that draws in the viewer to know more about the story, which is exactly what a good news story photograph should do. Nice composition and coloring. The “action shot” makes me want to know more, too. Great work!

Third Place

Faith
Catholic New York, Mary DiBiase Blaich
This is a very well-composed photo! The balance, colors, shading, and subject matter all draw the viewers' attention and want them to know more about the story. Great work!

Honorable Mention

In Remembrance for Ukraine
Catholic New York, Mary DiBiase Blaich

Honorable Mention

The race is on!
Catholic Star Herald, Rich Hundley III

N843: Best Photograph – Photo-illustration

First Place

For unto us a child is born
The Catholic Register, Michael Swan
Brilliant updated modern (re)interpretation of a Madonna and Child image. That baby is great. He looks like an angel and he's even reaching off the page. (My favorite touch). The high contrast lighting gives it a strong feel, the color is rich, and it has a strong and distinct atmosphere.

Second Place

Diocese of Gary: Directory 2022 Cover

Northwest Indiana Catholic, Cecilia Cicone, Kristina Craig
What's really nice here is the cropping. It's clearly a very high-quality photo. But slicing it down and forcing the eye to certain spots is where the artistry lies. The color is very vivid and very cohesive; it all has one feel. Brown, gold, white, yellow, beige — all blend. It is creative and perfectly focused and beautiful. And it never wavers from what matters most.

N844: Best Photograph – Portrait

First Place

Father Stephen Thorne
Catholic News Service, Chaz Muth
You can run this photo down like a checklist. The subject is brilliant. His posture tells a story. His face tells a story. His clothing tells a story. Even his eyes tell a story. The photographer is using every tool available. The color is rich, but not overdone. The subtle effects are excellent – the image drifts in and out of focus around the periphery. The setting tells a story too. It's all just very beautiful — and peaceful and dynamic at the same time.

Second Place

Joseph Newton of Peachtree Farm
The Georgia Bulletin, Johnathon Kelso
Fantastic. The posture of the main subject is a story in itself. Everything you need in the larger story is included here, piece by piece in the photo. The background is subtly neutral: cream floors and pots, with white and grey glass gloss. The image has movement and the viewer's focus ultimately ends up on growth — in action. (How amazing is that?) The photographer makes it all look easy and natural.

Third Place

Atlanta Catholic transforms personal suffering into hope
The Georgia Bulletin, Johnathon Kelso
This photograph unfolds like a story, in the best way possible. Here is the subject and everything looks okay ... and then ... actually ... It looks like such a normal scene, but it's also clearly not — and that is such powerful contrast. As your eye keeps moving around the photo and then returning, the effect amplifies. The fact that the background looks totally normal makes it all that much stronger. The image just gets stronger and stronger, the longer you look at it. The contrast is so powerful.

Honorable Mention

How is the Holy Spirit Challenging the Church to Journey Together?
GulfCoastCatholic.org, Chris Zuppa

Honorable Mention

Georgetown Professor Adam Rothman
Catholic News Service, Chaz Muth

N845: Best Photograph – Scenic, Still-life or Weather Photo

First Place

Golden Gate Bridge
Catholic News Service, Chaz Muth
This photo excels in its composition, capturing the sweep and scope of an iconic landmark contextualized in its landscape. The rugged terrain, rolling fog, and glowing skyscape rather than diminish the peaking bridge, highlight, and accentuate it.

Second Place

Central Park Bliss
Gregory A. Shemitz, Gregory A. Shemitz
A beautifully framed photograph, centering the pastoral scene and juxtaposing it against the city skyline behind. The photo evokes tranquility and calm, particularly significant for its location in the heart of a massive metropolis.

Third Place

Peaceful prayer
St. Louis Review, Jacob Wiegand
A charming photograph notable for the creative angle and and its contextualization of the subject within the fall landscape. The photo succeeds at evoking the sense of stillness it seeks to convey.

Honorable Mention

Dorothy Day Returns to New York
Catholic New York, Mary DiBiase Blaich

N846: Best Photograph – Sports Photo

First Place

Saint Augustine Prep's Kaden Naame
Catholic Star Herald, Richard O'Donnell
This beautifully framed and timed photograph excels in capturing the athleticism of the figures, with attention being drawn to the arm musculature of the standing — and apparently victorious — athlete. The drama of the athlete's posture evokes the drama of ancient Roman sculpture.

Second Place

New field, scoreboard for Paul VI
Catholic Star Herald, Mike Walsh
Among the submissions of athletes in flight, this one excels in its juxtaposition of the height of the athlete, arm outstretched enhancing the sense of height, with the cringing, crouched player in the foreground. That juxtaposition evokes a sense of athleticism, of dominance, and of drama.

Third Place

McQuaid football state quarterfinals
Catholic Courier, Jeff Witherow
In sports photography, it can be challenging to nail a photograph that captures the motion and drama of a moment. This photograph excels in capturing it in all three subjects: the running player bracing for a tackle, the offensive player, arm outstretched, but being restrained by a third athlete. Its composition is also pleasing, bisecting the photograph into two neat halves.

Honorable Mention

Aquinas Basketball championship
Catholic Courier, Jeff Witherow

Honorable Mention

McQuaid soccer sectional
Catholic Courier, Jeff Witherow

N847: Best Photograph – Sacramental

First Place

RIT student embraces faith
Catholic Courier, Jeff Witherow

This a nice photo — it tells a story that many people can relate to. And it is taken from an interesting perspective. Nice framing! Beautiful work.

Second Place

Christmas + Eucharist 1

The Catholic Witness, Chris Heisey

This is a very nice photo that captures a moment that many people could relate to and reflect on. Nice work capturing the moment!

Third Place

Jesus is Here

The Pilot, Gregory L. Tracy

This is a beautiful photo that draws in the viewer to learn more about what is going on. Nice colors, shading, use of lighting. Great work!

Honorable Mention

A child's Holy Hour with Jesus can lead to a holy life with Jesus

Idaho Catholic Register, Veronica Gutierrez

Honorable Mention

Bishop Spalding urges new priests to bring Christ into the world

Tennessee Register, Rick Musacchio

N848: Best Photograph – Vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life or Diaconate

First Place

Sister BJ's Pantry Homeless Friends Crypt – Blessing and First Internment

Sooner Catholic, Avery Holt

An unusual, striking image that conveys tremendous emotion and gravitas. This is a challenging category and this work rose to the top.

Second Place

Sister Cecilia Therese

Catholic Courier, Jeff Witherow

Beautifully composed and use of light and color. Fine work.

Third Place

Dominican sisters celebrate 50 years of religious life, friendship

Tennessee Register, Katie Peterson

This photo captured such a joyous moment between the subject. You can practically hear the conversation. Such candid photos are difficult to execute and good ones like this pop out.

Honorable Mention

A blessing for Mom and Dad

The Dialog, Don Blake

One of the best pictures of this type I've seen. Lots of emotion and a great 'moment' captured.

Honorable Mention

Sister prays in the pew

Catholic News Service, Chaz Muth



N849: Best Photograph – Holy Days/Liturgical Seasons

N849: Best Photograph – Holy Days/Liturgical Seasons

First Place

In the shadow of the cross

Tennessee Register, Rick Musacchio

I love everything about this photo — the lighting, the shading, the colors, the subject, the occasion. The ordinary parishioner, complete with purse flung over her shoulder, blessed by the priest is something that probably everyone can relate to. The photo tells a story. It's perfect.

Second Place

Carrying Christ's Cross

Gregory A. Shemitz, Gregory A. Shemitz

This photo captures a raw emotion and tells a story that everyone knows but that the photo brings to life. Great perspective and zoom-in. Captivates the reader. Nice work!

Third Place

Honoring St. Lucy

The Criterion, Sean Gallagher

It's a nice photo that draws in the reader to wonder what is going on. So, while the photo doesn't necessarily tell a story on its own, it nevertheless compels the viewer to want to know more. Plus, it is a nice composition with the lighting and shading. Great work!

Honorable Mention

Bishop leads May Crowning at St. Peter the Apostle Church in Parsippany on Mother's Day

The Beacon, Joe Gigli, Freelance Photographer

Honorable Mention

Repent and Believe in the Gospel

The Catholic Week, Rob Herbst

N851: Best Photograph – Catholic Education

First Place

New clothes, new teacher, new classmates, new day!

Idaho Catholic Register, St Joseph's Catholic School

A fun photo that conveys the joy of returning to school — meeting up with friends. Lots going on in this colorful, active image.

Second Place

Principal has Catholic-school ties

Catholic Courier, Jeff Witherow

A colorful lively image. Has all the elements of a great education photo with the principle, and eager students.

Third Place

Run up to education

Catholic Courier, Jeff Witherow

A cheerful well-composed photo full of energy.

Honorable Mention

Back to School 2022

Hawaii Catholic Herald, Anna Weaver

Honorable Mention

In Memory of a Martyr

Gregory A. Shemitz, Gregory A. Shemitz

N853: Best Photograph – National/International Event

First Place

Praying for Ukraine

Gregory A. Shemitz, Gregory A. Shemitz

I thought this well-composed emotional picture could have appeared on 1A of any paper in the world.

Second Place

Ukraine is being crucified: Ukrainian Catholic archbishop joins Pope Francis in urging an end to Russia's assault on Ukraine

Catholic Standard, Andrew Biraj

A fine image filled with color and emotion.

Spanish Language Divison

S351b: Best Layout of an Article or Column – Magazine



First Place
Ayudando a sobrevivientes a sobrevivir el cambio climático
Misioneros, Michael Calvente
A classic layout makes the text easy to read and effectively displays the fine photographic elements.

Second Place

Proteger y proclamar: El deseo de los primeros cristianos
El Pueblo Católico, Filippo Piccone
This project goes back to the early days of the Church and its layout is appropriately evocative. The illustrations enhance the layout, which is clear and easy to follow.

Third Place

Tradiciones navideñas latinoamericanas
The Catholic Miscellany, Beatriz Strobel (layout), Edgar Ángel (writing)
This is a cheerful layout that fits the spirit of the season.

Honorable Mention

Devolviendo la vida a las víctimas de tráfico de personas
Misioneros, Regina Gelfer

S361: Best Cover – Magazine

First Place

Poniéndole color a la fe
El Reto, Omar Cabrera
Excellent graphic design overall. Really nice layout, each design element creates a cohesive and engaging whole.

Second Place

Todos Somos Hijos de Dios
Misioneros, Michael Calvente, Nile Sprague

S362: Best Cover – Newspaper

First Place

Por la paz y la solidaridad
El Pregonero, Javier Díaz
This cover makes excellent, evocative use of color and artwork, with complementary text that attracts, then communicates on more than one level.

Pintando colores a cada paso

POR OMAR CABRERA

Niños y jóvenes se reunieron para pintar zapatos y divertirse. Más importante aún, para recordar que Dios los acompaña en cada paso que dan en su vida.



Con diferentes colores y formas, como la vida misma. Así dieron rienda suelta a su creatividad las chicas y chicos durante la jornada de pintura. La Iglesia y la vida espiritual tienen su lado alegre.



Una niña pinta con un pincel un zapato blanco de lona. Dibuja un corazón rojo, mientras otros chicos a su alrededor ensayan con diferentes colores y formas. Cada uno tiene su par de tenis blancos para pintar sobre una mesa. Al fondo suena música de reguetón, pero con letras religiosas. “A mí me encanta la música, a mí me encanta el arte y me gusta hacer cosas que me hacen reír. ¡Dígame a qué joven no le gustan estas cosas!”, dice Tania Delgado, quien coordinó la actividad de pintura.

Tania es la Asociada Pastoral de la iglesia de Glenmary La Sagrada Familia, en Lafayette, Tennessee. Ella organizó la jornada con los niños y jóvenes después de preguntar a varios de ellos durante algunas semanas si les interesaría partici-

Un pequeño conversa con el padre Charles Aketch, de Glenmary, párroco de la misión La Sagrada Familia, en Lafayette, Tennessee.

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S361: Best Cover – Magazine

Second Place

Solidaridad con los afectados del huracán Ian
La Voz Catolica, Tom Tracy
An effective front, driven by a great photo. Attractive, easy to navigate, well organized. A good story-telling page.

Third Place

Dos décadas ofreciendo ayuda a mujeres expectantes y con niños pequeños,
El Católico de Rhode Island, Silvio Cuellar, Rick Snizek, and Laura Kilgus
A well-composed photo that tells a story.

S402: Best Use of Video on Social Media

First Place

Entrevista con el padre Marcos Galvis: Joven, ¡Dios te llama!
El Pueblo Católico, Rocio Madera, Andre Escaleira, Jr.
Nice quality video intended for social media, interesting topic, relevant content for the intended audience. Very good production value overall.

Second Place

Video testimonio: Jose Luis Castro y Mónica Méndez de Castro han estado decorando la imagen de la Virgencita de Guadalupe para la celebración diocesana por dos décadas.
El Católico de Rhode Island, Silvio Cuellar

S403: Best Podcast

First Place

Cuéntame Católico
La Voz Catolica, Rocio Granados, Cristina Cabrera Jarro, Ana Rodriguez-Soto, Maria Alejandra Rivas
Each episode is interesting, containing content that is timely, relevant, and entertaining. The interviewers are very good in keeping the episode moving and consistently have good guests with compelling stories/information.





S403: Best Podcast

Second Place

Tu Programa un Pueblo Que Camina Edición del 14 de enero del 2022
El Católico de Rhode Island, Silvio Cuellar

S513f: Spiritual Life

First Place

¡Feliz 2022! ¡Démosles más amor a...!
Cross Roads, M. Yvette Millán Torres LL.M.

An upbeat story. Perfect way to begin the new year. Well written and engaging.

Second Place

Cuidando la salud, finanzas, mente, y Fe en nuestro hogar – Decisiones médicas importantes cuando se acerca el final de nuestros días – Lo que le prometemos a nuestros hijos, lo debemos de cumplir
El Católico de Rhode Island, Silvio Cuellar
A very good treatment of a difficult issue. It is

especially important for the Latino Community because of the high value placed upon family and many times mistrust of the medical profession.

Third Place

Aceptarla voluntad de Dios
Northwest Catholic, Mauricio I. Pérez
Mauricio's article are always well written and deal with important topics. He is helpful and helping the typical Catholic see how they are called to holiness.

Honorable Mention

Conciencia sin callos
Northwest Catholic, Bishop Eusebio Elizondo

Honorable Mention

Espiritualidad Misionera
Misioneros, Joseph F. Veneroso, M.M.

S513g: Political Issues

First Place

Caminando juntos/Journeying Together
Catholic News Service, Hosffman Ospino
Without a doubt, Hosffman Ospino is one of the best writers in Latino theology. His writing is on point and moves you to be more open to the immigrant community.

Second Place

¿Por qué el gobernador persigue a los niños?, ¿Cómo podemos prevenir los tiroteos masivos?, En la Navidad encontramos nuestras raíces
La Voz Catolica, Archbishop Thomas Wenski
Hats off to the archbishop for tackling difficult issues such as immigration and gun violence. It is great that the Church continues to be a prophetic voice.

S521h: Best Coverage – Pro-Life Issues

First Place

Elegir la vida y no el aborto, “Tenemos que estar donde la gente está y donde necesitan ser atendidos”, “La misericordia de Dios está presente para ellas”
La Voz Catolica, Rocio Granados, Anne DiBernardo
A well written exploration of the Catholic Church's position on abortion, with very useful information about the help available to people dealing with an unexpected or unwanted pregnancy.

Second Place

El Pueblo Católico – Pro-Life Issues
El Pueblo Católico, Dr. Jared Staudt, Aaron Lambert, Vladimir Mauricio-Perez
Three stories, three interesting angles, including a smartly reasoned series of answers regarding the Church's position on abortion.

Third Place

Dos décadas ofreciendo ayuda a mujeres expectantes y con niños pequeños, material, emocional y espiritualmente
El Católico de Rhode Island, Silvio Cuellar, Bishop Thomas J. Tobin, Rick Snizek, Laura Kilgus
This entry eloquently focuses on a topic of extreme importance regarding the issue of abortion: the need to offer support and care to women who give birth in the face of financial and other problems.



S362: Best Cover – Newspaper

S521i: Best Coverage – Treatment of Vocations to Priesthood, Religious Life or Diaconate

Caminos para construir una paz duradera

El Pregonero, Carlos Ayala

This commentary on a papal message focuses

on practical means of building peace that will last, rather than simply hoping for peace or endorsing the abstraction.



S537: Best Feature Writing

First Place

Aprendiendo a Perdonar
Misioneros, Giovana Soria
As stated in this article on the program ESPERE, forgiveness

and reconciliation are fundamental to live in peace. This is something that many people deal with, and it is so impactful to hear the perspective of one of the participants who benefitted from this program. What makes this article even more impactful is the reflection and call to action at the end!

Second Place

La pérdida de un bebé: ahora en las manos del Padre
The Catholic Miscellany, Martha Gomez
This article described motherhood in such a beautiful and religious way. The advice to parents is so gentle and kind that it honestly made me cry, putting it into perspective that a lost baby had their own mission, no matter how short their life. To close, there is a reflection of God's love and a prayer which brings everything together.

Third Place

Un solo cuerpo de Jesucristo
El Reto, Omar Cabrera
In today's world, it was so refreshing to read this story on the bilingual Mass in Tennessee! Hispanics and Anglos all together and even sharing a meal once a month, and the community is growing. My favorite quote was, "One community, two languages, one body of Christ." AMEN!

Honorable Mention

Feligres de la Catedral de la Magdalena ayuda a 'envolver a Ucrania con edredones'
Intermountain Catholic, Laura Vallejo

Honorable Mention

Líbano, un País de Neveras Vacías
ONE Magazine, Alicia Medina

S541: Best In-Depth Analysis

First Place

Una batalla por los niños, ¡Niños, sí! ¡Política, no!, Todos deberíamos llorar
La Voz Catolica, Ana Rodríguez-Soto, Rocío Granados
This series of articles offer a clear-headed, articulate, and timely exposition of the controversy surrounding children of other nations coming on their own to seek asylum in the United States.

Second Place

Escuchar con los oídos del corazón
El Pregonero, Carlos Ayala
This is an excellent explanation and summary of the pope's teaching on the importance of listening to others with an open heart. A very timely article.

Third Place

El Pueblo Católico – Best In-Depth Analysis
El Pueblo Católico, Vladimir Mauricio-Perez, Equipo de El Pueblo Católico, Scott Elmer
These are interesting explanatory articles that serve to guide readers in the faith.

Honorable Mention

¡Dios está en la Hostia y en el Vino siempre!
Cross Roads, M. Yvette Millán Torres, LL.M.

S545: Best Interview

First Place

Navega sin miedo y le sobran oportunidades
El Pregonero, Andrea Acosta
This dynamic, thoroughly reported interview brings the reader into the life of an undocumented entrepreneur who embodies all the elements of drive, self-sufficiency, and optimism that are fundamental to the American Dream.

Second Place

El Don de la Misión
Misioneros, Giovana Soria
This interview with Cardinal Tagle makes use of his knowledge and eloquence to impart important lessons on the faith.

Third Place

No somos un matrimonio perfecto, pero apegados a los caminos del Señor podemos caminar hacia delante
El Católico de Rhode Island, Silvio Cuellar
This gentle interview serves to highlight an important program to help families find happiness in the faith.

S565: Best News Writing – Local/Regional Event

First Place

La Iglesia de Nueva York Reafirma su Compromiso con los Inmigrantes durante el Inlujo
Catholic New York, Armando Machado
Machado's writing is excellent. He takes a new story that is popular in the secular press and puts a Catholic spin on this issue. Helping to see that there is Catholic response to social issues of the day.

Second Place

Una batalla por los niños, Arzobispo critica con vehemencia las palabras de DeSantis en su visita a Miami, ¡Niños, sí! ¡Política, no!
La Voz Catolica, Ana Rodríguez-Soto, Rocío Granados
Ana Rodriguez-Soto writes an excellent piece on an important social issue. She takes a topic that is covered by the secular press and brings the topic to the light of faith. Kudos to the Archbishop for his prophetic stance.

Third Place

Conferencia Nacional de la Renovación Carismática promueve unidad y trabajo con jóvenes en Centro de Convenciones
El Católico de Rhode Island, Silvio Cuellar
Silvio Cuellar's piece is well written. He takes an issue that might not be of interest to the wider Church, and he covers it well bringing the issue to life.

Honorable Mention

Fieles dan testimonio de fe eucarística en la solemnidad de Corpus Christi
El Pueblo Católico, Rocío Madera

S567: Best News Writing-National/International Event

First Place

Juneteenth, un faro de esperanza
El Pregonero, Rafael Roncal
Excellent coverage of a very important story. Especially good use of quotes.

Second Place

La invasión de Rusia a Ucrania revive dolorosos recuerdos en centroamericanos
El Pregonero, Miguel Vivanco
Excellent connection between two wars drawing parallels that should help to bring communities together.

Third Place

¿Un milagro en Miami?, Miami reza por Nicaragua, Oraciones y protestas por Ucrania
La Voz Catolica, Rocío Granados, Jim Davis
All three stories were very well written. Especially good the way that they made international stories local. Bringing the distant home.

Honorable Mention

Histórico congreso de Raíces y Alas reúne a líderes del Vaticano, CELAM y la USCCB en Washington, DC
El Católico de Rhode Island, Silvio Cuellar



S571: Best Personality Profile

First Place

Creía que era un católico comprometido... hasta que Jesús me llamó
El Pueblo Católico, Rocío Madera
This feature is driven by a strong interview that tells in compelling language of a transformation, unexpected in its depth. A personality profile should be "a ride," and this story is that.

Second Place

Confianza en el Plan de Dios
Misioneros, María-Pía Negro Chin
This is a short profile with an effective lead, supported by a good interview, and edited and packaged with imagination.

Third Place

Continuar la obra de Mons. Agustín Román, su entrega, su fe en Dios y en la Virgen
La Voz Catolica, Rocío Granados
Well reported, with several helpful interviews. Gets to the accomplishments and also the interior life of the subject.

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Centavo a centavo se construyó la casa de la Patrona de Cuba

La Ermita de la Caridad inicia su Año Jubilar por el primer medio siglo de su consagración, y un año de Indulgencia Plenaria



Mons. Rómulo Rosales, fundador de la Ermita de la Caridad, en un momento de su vida.

La Ermita de la Caridad, ubicada en el barrio de San Juan, en el municipio de San Juan, comenzó a construirse en 1967, cuando el sacerdote cubano Rómulo Rosales, quien había llegado a Cuba en 1961, decidió construir un santuario para la Virgen de la Caridad. El santuario fue construido centavo a centavo, gracias a la ayuda de los fieles que se acercaron a él. El santuario fue consagrado el 2 de diciembre de 1972, por el papa Francisco.

El 2 de diciembre de 2022, la Ermita de la Caridad inicia su Año Jubilar por el primer medio siglo de su consagración. El papa Francisco, en su encíclica Laudato Si', dijo que la Virgen de la Caridad es la patrona de Cuba y que la Ermita de la Caridad es el santuario más importante de la Virgen de la Caridad en el mundo.

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Cientos de devotos de la Virgen de la Caridad en el día de su fiesta, el 8 de septiembre, esperaron bajo una lluvia incesante al inicio de la celebración, que se retrasó e rápidamente se realizó el programa completo, en el Santuario Nacional de la Ermita de la Caridad, en Miami.

Miami hace 20 años.

El Arzobispo Waski mencionó el gran cariño que le tiene Mons. Rosales a la Ermita y recordó las palabras que decía: "Y a mi pueblo, que la ha levantado con los sudores y lágrimas del destierro, le pido que continúe edificando, para que, al ser contemplado por las generaciones futuras, no olviden que la fe de un pueblo hizo nacer esta Ermita". Mons. Rosales, fundador del santuario y su hijo espiritual por muchos años, falleció el 11 de abril de 2012.

"Y durante estos años, la Virgen de la Caridad, desde este santuario, no ha dejado ni un instante de cubrir a todos con su sagrado manto", dijo el Arzobispo Waski, y agregó que la Ermita es una presencia permanente de acompañamiento en la historia del pueblo cubano desde su llegada al territorio estadounidense, el 8 de septiembre de 1961, cuando fue recibida en una multitudinaria Misa con más de 90 mil asistentes que llenaron el antiguo estadio Bobby Madson.

El santuario (que la forma de un cono, uno del manto de la Virgen, de manera que cuando entraron a la Ermita de la Caridad sus santos cobijados, protegidos bajo el manto de la Virgen", dijo el P. Juan Rosales Domínguez, anterior rector de la Ermita y ahora vicario de la parroquia St. Joseph, en Miami Beach, en un video.

El 1977 se inauguró el mural que adorna el altar de la Ermita, el pintor cubano Tack Carrasco, que 63 figuras relacionadas con la historia cubana, siendo el centro la Virgen de la Caridad.

En el año 2000 la Ermita fue declarada Santuario Nacional por la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos.

Lo que se debe destacar de la Ermita es que "este santuario se erigió para honrar a Dios a través de su Madre Santísima y con un propósito fundamental, que es la fe de la Virgen de la Caridad. Cristo que cubre todas las oraciones, pero una es la misión principal de este santuario", dijo Julio Escamez, periodista y escritor cubano.

La Ermita "fue el sueño de Mons. Rosales y fue el sueño de tantos cubanos que han dejado aquí sus lágrimas por Cuba. Después han venido y han sido muy bienvenidos hermanos de otros países, también con sus problemas, también a cruz. Por eso, en la casa de la madre y a la madre se le llaman todos los dolores", agregó Escamez.

El Arzobispo Waski pidió al Señor que, al celebrarse este Año Jubilar por los cincos decenios de la incesante labor evangelizadora de la Ermita de la Caridad, "sega bendiciendo a todos los que han arrojado y están en este santuario, a sus sacerdotes, a los hijos de la Caridad, a los empleados y muy especialmente, a todos los miembros de la Arquidiócesis de la Ciudad del Cabo por su esfuerzo y generosidad para servir a través de la labor misionera de la Ermita".

La Misa fue concelebrada por Mons. Dionisio García Ibáñez, Arzobispo de Santiago de Cuba, que estaba de visita en Miami; Mons. Enrique Delgado, Obispo Auxiliar de Miami, el P. José Espino, actual rector de la Ermita; el P. Domínguez, quien fuera rector de la Ermita de octubre de 2010 a noviembre de 2016 y varios sacerdotes arquidiocesanos. También asistió a la Misa, Luis Quiñones Arce, quien trajo la imagen desde Cuba en 1961.

"Qué alegría que el pueblo de esta ciudad, de esta nación sea a la Virgen y a Dios bajo el manto de nuestra Patrona, la Virgen de la Caridad del Cobre. Desde siempre que hay un cubano, la Virgen va, peregrinando también con él", dijo el Arzobispo García, y agregó que "ahora que tantos cubanos están fuera de la patria, vienen a pedirle al Señor que este año sea un año de gracia y que también la misericordia, el perdón, la reconciliación entre en nuestra patria, en todos los cubanos".

Un Año Jubilar

Con la Misa "empezamos un año de gracia, un año de jubilo y el Papa nos permite para celebrar la Indulgencia Plenaria aquí en el santuario", dijo el P. Espino, después de la oración Eucarística.

La Indulgencia Plenaria otorgada el 2 de diciembre de este año y su extensión hasta el próximo 2 de diciembre de 2023, en beneficio de los fieles que asistan a los misas sagradas y cumplan con recibir la magna comunión y oren por las intenciones del Santo Pontífice. La bendición final que dio el Arzobispo Waski fue una bendición papal que se extendió a todos los que no estuvieron presentes, para que sigan en la celebración a través de la radio, la televisión o internet.

Durante este año jubilar, dijo el P. Espino, se va a celebrar la historia de la Ermita, renovar la devoción a la Virgen, renovar la Andadoría, y se está planificando la renovación de la Ermita, que en 50 años ha sufrido el paso del tiempo.

También se está planificando tener misas acordadas para las confesiones y para el Avivamiento Eucarístico, que está en su primer año y, que también continúa la confesión y la preparación.

Al finalizar la ceremonia, una representante de la congregación María Elvira Salazar le entregó al Arzobispo Waski una preciosa medalla conmemorando la importancia de la Ermita de la Caridad como un icono cultural, turístico y religioso local y nacional.

Es un reconocimiento al servicio de la Ermita a la Arquidiócesis, porque es un santuario nacional, el único en el Sur de la Florida, dijo el P. Espino y agregó que la Ermita recibe peregrinos de diferentes lugares de la ciudad y del país, "y también en este momento a los migrantes que están llegando de Cuba y de otros lugares a quienes los oraciones y los ayudamos", agregó.



El Arzobispo Thomas Waski durante su homilía en la Misa que dio inicio al Año Jubilar de la Ermita de la Caridad por el 50º aniversario de la consagración del santuario, el 2 de diciembre de 2022.



Razan el Padre Nuestro

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S573a: Best Reporting – On Cultural Heritage

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First Place

Centavo a centavo se construyó la casa de la Patrona de Cuba

La Voz Católica, Rocío Granados

This article on the 50th anniversary of La Ermita in Miami was reporting at its best! The description of the history of how the church was built collecting literally cent by cent and by Cuban workers who recently arrived with the devotion to the Virgin and commemoration of the Cuban exile in the 60s... I felt I was physically there suffering along with Cubans! It's a beautiful story, knowing that today, devotees are still praying for Cuba and immigrants who continue to arrive are praying for their countries in this national sanctuary.

Second Place

Una Familia Construye su Hogar

Misioneros, Deirdre Cornell

It is so inspiring to read about Maryknoll priest Father St. Vill and how he has welcomed so many Haitians "home" in the U.S. The quotes of the faithful really demonstrate their devotion as they are willing to drive for hours just to hear Fr. St. Vill speak. He's really worked so hard to construct this family and now they happily give back.

Third Place

El Señor de los Milagros

Arlington Catholic Herald, Pia Hovenga and Ana Lucia Batista

This is such a heartwarming story on the history of the mural in Peru and how immigrants in the US have adopted this tradition of devotion. The pictures really tell a complete story demonstrating the procession, musicians, the faithful and even the youngest children dancing in honor of Christ!

Honorable Mention

En el Adviento celebramos también a la Madre de Dios

Cross Roads, M. Yvette Millán Torres LL.M.

This is a beautiful reminder of everything we should reflect on during Advent.

S573c: Best Reporting – On Immigration

First Place

Migrantes recién llegados reciben ayuda y consuelo en DC

El Pregonero, Miguel Vivanco

Such an exceptional description of the challenges that migrants live through as they are distributed along different places in D.C. makes me feel like I am right next to them. Add to that the picture of the migrants waiting to be transported to a shelter, holding their belongings in a garbage bag and wrapped in blankets, breaks my heart.

Second Place

Extendiendo una Mano de Hospitalidad

Misioneros, Lynn F. Monahan, Deirdre Cornell, Genie C. Natividad, M.M.

This story of an ex-lay missionary who ended up volunteering with the USCCB Project "Operation Allies Welcome" demonstrates a beautiful soul that basically helped people his entire life. The connection of how he used to work at a peace project in Afghanistan only to years later become a part of this project is truly remarkable.

S573e: Best Reporting – On a Local Issue

First Place

La esperanza nunca falla

El Pregonero, Miguel Vivanco

In "La Esperanza Nunca Falla" we are convinced that miracles do happen as Father Luc finds out about his heart donor on the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and gets his actual transplant on the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus — never knowing who the donor is! Father Luc delivers a beautiful message for the reader to believe in miracles and to just have patience and faith.

Second Place

Cientos se unieron a procesión eucarística provida tras legalización de aborto sin límites en Colorado

El Pueblo Católico, Andre Escaleira, Jr.

It was so impactful to see these pictures of Catholics gathered in prayer in front of Planned Prayer and reading about each participant's reason for joining and expressing their beliefs that all life is sacred.

S575: Best Reporting on a Special Age Group

First Place

La Fe de Jóvenes Adultos Lleva a la Acción

Misioneros, María-Pía Negro Chin

This package draws the reader in with a personal, anecdote lead, well-chosen photos, and a creative, attractive, and clear layout. The challenges of involving young adults in this age of isolation are brought home in a personal way. Fine writing and editing by an editor who appreciates the story.

Second Place

Jóvenes Misioneros

Misioneros, Ray Almanza, Luna Stephanie, Walter Hidalgo

The writing in these pieces is outstanding

— anecdotal, detailed, personal, and integrating the reader into the challenges described within.

Third Place

Pintando Colores a Cada Paso

El Reto, Omar Cabrera

An attractive feature package on a program involving youth and children. The photos are strong and support the story well.

S576: Best reporting on Catholic education

First Place

Los beneficios de una educación católica

The Catholic Miscellany, Jorge Gomez

An absorbing photo essay is paired with a direct argument for Catholic education, written by a teacher and supported with solid research. The combination draws the eye and the attention and engages mind and heart.

Second Place

Summa Cum Laude, puertorriqueña se gradúa en CUA

El Pregonero, Andrea Acosta

This feature on an honors graduate explores many of the unique merits of education in a Catholic community.

Third Place

Pintando Colores a Cada Paso

El Reto, Omar Cabrera

A nice feature on a youth activity that connects children to the church. The photos are a key part of the story.

S579a: Best Reporting on Social Justice Issues – Call to Family, Community and Participation

First Place

Una Familia Construye su Hogar

Misioneros, Giovana Soria, Deirdre Cornell, Maria-Pia Negro Chin

Excellent treatment of a perennial topic. Made it very real the difficult in forgiveness. Examples used were on point.

Second Place

El inmigrante y el duelo por un ser querido

El Pregonero, Hna. Gloria Saldarriaga

Sister Gloria gives an excellent treatment of an issue that is all too common. The sadness of death and how it is compounded in the immigrant community.

Third Place

La sociedad familia-escuela, Ya llega el verano oportunidades para jóvenes, El envenenamiento por plomo en los niños

El Católico de Rhode Island, Luis Peralta

A lot of different articles were submitted. Shows Cuellar expertise as an editor choosing articles that will generate the most interest on the part of the wider church.

Honorable Mention

Artista conversa le da una nueva vida a las figuras del Nacimiento

Florida Catholic (Miami), Cristina Cabrera Jarro

S579b: Best Reporting on Social Justice Issues – Care for God's Creation

First Place

Heredamos un jardín...

El Pregonero, Carlos Ayala

Rafael takes an important subject and makes it real. It was clever how he turned an understanding of the creation story into an example of why we should care for creation.

LA FE DE JÓVENES ADULTOS LLEVA A LA ACCIÓN

MARYKNOLL ACOMPAÑA Y EMPODERA A DISCÍPULOS
MISIONEROS JÓVENES || por MARÍA-PIA NEGRO CHIN

“Sabes, ha sido difícil encontrar mi lugar en la Iglesia Católica... pero Maryknoll me ha dado mucha esperanza.”

Al recibir este mensaje de texto después de un retiro de jóvenes adultos, Luna Stephanie, educadora y promotora misionera Maryknoll, sonrió. Conectar a los jóvenes de Estados Unidos con su fe y el carisma de Maryknoll es una de las metas de su equipo.

Durante ya varios años, se ha hecho una pregunta común en las iglesias en todo Estados Unidos: “¿Adónde se han ido todos los jóvenes?”

Datos del Pew Research Center del 2019 muestran que cuatro de cada 10 millennials (adultos jóvenes nacidos aproximadamente entre 1981 y 1996) se identificaron como no afiliados a ninguna religión.

Para discernir cómo apoyar a los jóvenes en la Iglesia Católica de Estados Unidos, Maryknoll realizó sesiones de escucha y encuestas con más de 500 jóvenes adultos. Los resultados mostraron que jóvenes están buscando ejemplos de fe auténtica que emulen las enseñanzas de Jesús en el Evangelio.

“Lo que escuchamos rotundamente fue un deseo de comunidad, un deseo de una Iglesia que haga el trabajo de Cristo”, dice Anna Johnson, quien dirige el equipo de alcance y de jóvenes adultos de Church Engagement Division de los Padres y Hermanos Maryknoll.

En el otoño del 2020, cuando la pandemia de COVID-19 provocó que personas de todas las edades se sintieran más aisladas, la Sociedad Maryknoll lanzó las Comunidades de Empoderamiento de Jóvenes Adultos (YAE)

Reunión con algunos miembros de la comunidad de YAE de la costa este, en St. Michael-St. Malachy Parish en Brooklyn, Nueva York. De izq. a dcha.: Walter Hidalgo, Silvana Martínez, Miriam Hidalgo, Vanessa García y Brandon Morel.

Cortesía de Walter Hidalgo/E.U.U.

Second Place**Escuchando la Voz de la Creación**

Misioneros, Margaret Vámosy, Deirdre Cornell, Gregg Brekke

Very well written. Takes a topic that is important and makes it real and alive.

S579d: Best Reporting on Social Justice Issues – Life and Dignity of the Human Person
First Place**¡Buscando a Seidy en la frontera!**

El Pregonero, Miguel Vivanco

Vivanco has an excellent approach to an all too familiar story. Rather than dealing with the issue of the number of people who disappear Vivanco has dealt with the very real issue of the story of Seidy.

Second Place**Ellos Son los Hijos de Dios**

Misioneros, Gregg Brekke, Mary Ellen Manz, M.M., Genie Natividad, M.M.

Manz's treatment of the story on human trafficking is extremely well written. Especially the personal side of Sister's story.

Third Place**La mejor inversión del hombre es el tiempo que le dedica a Dios**

El Pueblo Católico, Rocio Madera

An excellent treatment on the importance of service in the Catholic Church. Very good treatment of the idea of mission in reverse.

Honorable Mention**En el correccional Everglades, un ministerio de presencia en pleno desarrollo**

La Voz Católica, Tom Tracy

Honorable Mention
Dos décadas ofreciendo ayuda a mujeres expectantes y con niños pequeños, material, emocional y espiritualmente – Decisiones médicas importantes cuando se acerca el final de nuestros días – Ser “Pro-Vida” no termina con el nacimiento

El Católico de Rhode Island, Silvio Cuellar, Editorial Staff

S579e: Best Reporting on Social Justice Issues – Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
First Place**Solidaridad Silenciosa**

Misioneros, Giovana Soria, Genie C. Natividad, M.M., María-Pia Negro Chin

Very good presentation on the importance of being a missionary. It isn't through words but by silent witness.

Second Place**Sociedad San Vicente de Paúl: Un siglo de servicio**

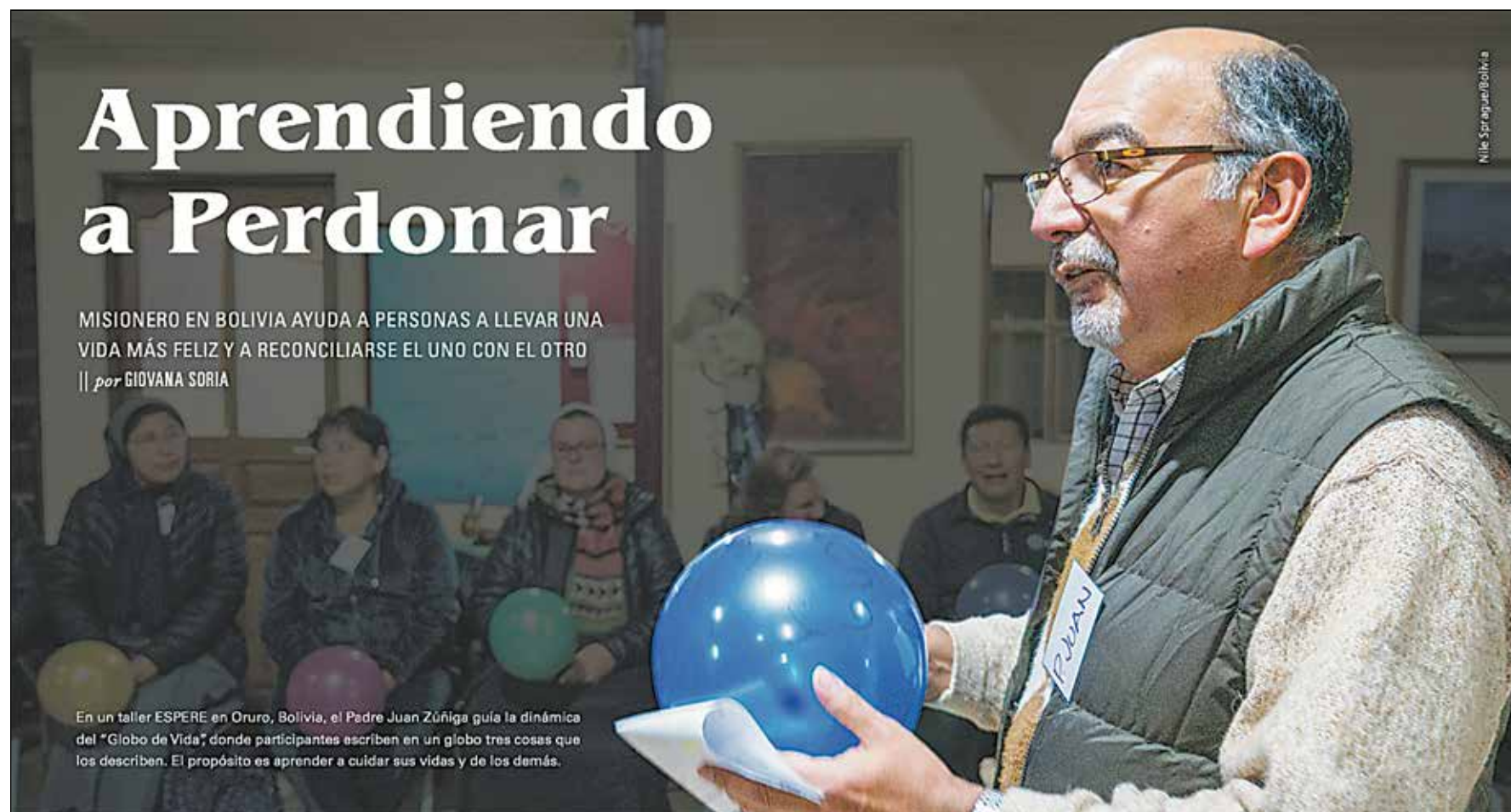
La Voz Católica, Jim Davis

Very engaging. Not just a report on 100 years of service but rather a report on how important missionary activity is in the Church and how we are all called to by missionaries.

Third Place**St. Peter acoge a inmigrantes**

El Pregonero, Miguel Vivanco

Very well written and engaging makes alive the importance of receiving the immigrant as well as the real sadness and humanness of our immigrant brothers and sisters.



Rosario Miranda enfrentó mucho dolor y sufrimiento luego que su esposo abandonara su familia hace 10 años. Miranda tuvo que trabajar en varios oficios para sacar adelante a sus dos hijas Sarita y Gabriela en Cochabamba, Bolivia.

Separada de su esposo después de vivir juntos 23 años, Miranda sentía ira y resentimiento hacia él. Ella también se culpaba. “Seguro que debido a mi personalidad, he deshecho mi matrimonio”, decía. “No he sabido comprenderlo”.

do comprenderlo”.

Luego Miranda supo del programa de las ESPERE (Escuelas del Perdón y la Reconciliación). El programa es dirigido por el Padre Maryknoll Juan Zúñiga y otros cinco facilitadores.

ESPERE es un programa de la Fundación para la Reconciliación, una entidad sin fines de lucro con sede en Bogotá, Colombia, liderado por Leonel Narváez Gómez, sacerdote y sociólogo de los Misioneros de la Consolata. Para hacer del per-

dón y la reconciliación un elemento esencial en la solución de conflictos y el logro de la paz, la fundación basó sus modelos en investigaciones de las universidades de Wisconsin, Harvard y Cambridge. El padre Narváez había adquirido experiencia como facilitador en las negociaciones entre el gobierno colombiano y las guerrillas de las Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC).

El modelo de las ESPERE se ha expandido a 21 países y ha entrena-

do a más de 2 millones de personas desde el 2003.

En Bolivia, el programa fue presentado por el Misionero Laico Maryknoll Joseph Loney, quien invitó a un par de religiosas de Brasil para ofrecer un taller intensivo a un grupo el 2015. Desde entonces, el padre Zúñiga, con Jason Obergfell, un ex misionero laico Maryknoll y ahora afiliado Maryknoll, y cuatro voluntarias de Bolivia, organizan y presentan los talleres de las ESPERE.

S579g: Best Reporting on Social Justice Issues – Solidarity

First Place

El viaje del papa Francisco a Canadá

El Pregonero, Carlos Ayala
Carlos Ayala treats with sensitivity and compassion the Pope's visit to Canada. He doesn't mince words but rather affirms that importance of the trip while realizing the sins of the past.

Second Place

Libano, un País de Neveras Vacías

ONE Magazine, Alicia Medina
Excellent writing and good to see the Eastern Church covered so sensitively. All too often we forget about this sector of the Church.

Third Place

Brilla la Esperanza en Sudán del Sur

Misioneros, Paul Jeffrey, Janet Alberti, Lynn F. Monahan
This article treats an issue that continues to be of concern in the Church. It is good to see that the Church is involved in the issue and that is not merely a political issue.

S584: Best Reporting on Vocations to Priesthood, Religious Life or Diaconate

First Place

Desde Kenya para el Mundo

Misioneros, Giovana Soria, Deirdre Cornell
Excellent presentation of the sacrament of Orders. A call to serve not be served. The article made John's vocation come alive.

Second Place

Las vocaciones son un llamado al amor y a la entrega

The Catholic Miscellany, Sister Guadalupe Flores, OLVM
A good treatment of the different vocations in the Church. Well written and concise.

Third Place

Cuatro pasos para el discernimiento vocacional

VISION Catholic Religious Vocation Discernment Guide, VISION editors
Very interesting and simple approach to vocations. I thought maybe a bit too simplistic, the photos especially distracted. Rather than dealing with the seriousness of vocation they seemed to be more cute.

S591: Best Single Issue or Section

First Place

El Pueblo Católico – December 2022

El Pueblo Católico, El Pueblo Católico Staff
This is a beautiful presentation — in terms of content, planning and design — of the controversial topic of abortion, with answers to guide the Catholic readership regarding the position of the Church.

Second Place

Cuidemos nuestra casa común

El Pregonero, Staff
This is a highly accomplished project explore the many facets of climate change, focusing on local individual and group actions and designed to involve the community in conservation efforts.

S598a: Best Writing – Analysis

First Place

Una batalla por los niños

La Voz Catolica, Ana Rodríguez-Soto
The article is a clear-headed, articulate, and timely analysis of the controversy surrounding the arrival of unaccompanied minors from other countries to our shores.

Second Place

El problema no ha desaparecido

El Pregonero, Monseñor John Enzler
A timely and urgent appeal to the community to be aware of the dangers of drug use, and of the availability of lethal products that area making drug abuse a true national crisis.

Third Place

La Misa: Legado de los apóstoles

El Pueblo Católico, Rocio Madera
This deep dive into the history of the Catholic mass is informative, well researched and surely of great interest to readers of this publication.

Honorable Mention

Diócesis en Misión

Cross Roads, M. Yvette Millán Torres LL.M.

S598b: Best Writing – In-Depth

First Place

Una batalla por los niños, Arzobispo critica con vehemencia las palabras de DeSantis en su visita a Miami, ¡Niños, sí! ¡Política, no!

La Voz Catolica, Ana Rodríguez-Soto, Rocio Granados
This is an excellent, well reported and eloquently written series of articles about a very controversial issue in the Miami archdiocese. Well done.

Second Place

Nuestra historia

El Pueblo Católico, Equipo de El Pueblo Católico
This series of article offer a lovely celebration of the newspaper's 25 years, with great testimony from former editors and wonderful memories that are surely shared by the Denver Catholic community.

Third Place

Créame que me siento feliz

El Pregonero, Andrea Acosta
This is the harrowing tale of a man who escaped from Venezuela to the United States via the treacherous Darien Gap. His recounting of his journey is vivid and heartbreaking.

S811b: Best Multiple Picture Package – News

First Place

Histórico congreso de Raíces y Alas reúne a líderes del Vaticano, CELAM y la USCCB en

Washington, DC

El Católico de Rhode Island, Silvio Cuellar
These pictures represent great coverage of the Raices y Alas conference where Hispanic Catholics gather as depicted in each photo: to advocate as with the group in front of the Capitol, to listen to the message of our Holy Father and to pray.

Second Place

Padre Nolasco Tamayo asignado administrador de la parroquia Santa Ana en Providence

El Católico de Rhode Island, Silvio Cuellar
Padre Nolasco Tomayo's duties as the administrator of this parish are beautifully demonstrated as he poses with the parish council, in a meeting, and they even included the welcome sign!

Third Place

Cardenal venezolano visita Miami

La Voz Catolica, Tom Tracy

S831a: Best Story and Photo Package – By an Individual

First Place

Brilla la Esperanza en Sudán del Sur

Misioneros, Paul Jeffrey
The beautiful story of Maryknoll priest Father Michael Bassano and how he came to stay at the refugee camp in South Sudan, while simultaneously evangelizing is truly inspiring! The pictures are joyful and just when you finish the article and don't want it to end, there is a wonderful reflection and call to action.

Second Place

Retiros Cámbiame a Mí Señor reciben cantidad récord de participantes

El Católico de Rhode Island, Silvio Cuellar
The title and knowing that there was a record number of attendees at the retreat "Cambiamme a mi señor" is very exciting, but then reading the description of how participants were gratified and transformed with the hope of a better life with Jesus in their lives is simply life altering. And if that isn't enough, the joy depicted in the pictures displays this transformation. This article filled me with hope and love!

Third Place

Ayudando a sobrevivientes a sobrevivir el cambio climático


Misioneros, Gregg Brekke
The residents of this region in Kenya are suffering, but you would never know by the hope depicted in this article and in their faces of joy and gratitude. Climate change is severely affecting these people, but the Maryknoll priests and brothers are not just standing by. They help with distribution of goods but also self-empowerment and education. This was a beautifully inspirational article.

S840: Best Photograph – Feature Photo

First Place

Brilla la Esperanza

Misioneros, Paul Jeffrey
Captured a nice moment in a potentially important story and commentary. Felt the humanity in the image. Nice perspective overall.



Desde Kenya para el Mundo

LA ORDENACIÓN DEL PADRE JOHN SIYUMBU MARCA UNA NUEVA ERA MIENTRAS MARYKNOLL DA LA BIENVENIDA A SEMINARISTAS DE PAÍSES MISIONEROS
|| por GIOVANA SORIA

El día de su Misa de ordenación, el Padre Maryknoll John Siyumbu se encuentra frente a los misioneros Maryknoll y un pequeño grupo de invitados en la Capilla de Nuestra Señora Reina de los Apóstoles en Ossining, Nueva York.

John Siyumbu, nacido en África Oriental, se ha convertido en el primer sacerdote Maryknoll ordenado de iglesias locales en el extranjero desde que la sociedad misionera se abrió oficialmente a las vocaciones extranjeras. El Cardenal Luis Antonio Tagle, prefecto de la Congregación para la Evangelización de los Pueblos del Vaticano, fue el prelado ordenante en la Capilla de Nuestra Señora Reina de los Apóstoles en Ossining, Nueva York. La Misa de ordenación se celebró el viernes 3 de junio, Fiesta de los Mártires de Uganda. En su homilía, el cardenal Tagle aconsejó al padre Siyumbu recordar siempre cómo Jesús, el Buen Pastor, le había enviado a muchas personas a lo largo de su vida, comenzando por su familia, maestros y misioneros Maryknoll que lo inspiraron en Kenya. “Recuerda, aunque te llamen ‘Padre’, te llamen todos estos títulos, sigue siendo una oveja bajo el cuidado de Jesús. Porque solo recibiendo el cuidado pastoral de Jesús por ti, podrás hacer lo que él hace”, dijo el cardenal Tagle. “Así que, como él, dondequiera que seas asignado, considera como propias a las personas que están a tu cuidado. Por ellas darás todo, incluso tu vida, porque así es como el verdadero pastor cuida al rebaño”. Cerrada al público debido a las restricciones del COVID-19, la ceremonia íntima incluyó a sacerdotes y hermanos Maryknoll, un pequeño grupo de hermanas Maryknoll y un limitado número de invitados. La familia del padre Siyumbu – quienes no pudieron obtener visas en la Embajada de Estados Unidos en Nairobi – se unieron a la ordenación mediante una transmisión en vivo, junto con amigos de África Oriental, Estados Unidos y Bolivia, donde Siyumbu sirvió durante su Programa de Capacitación en el Extranjero. “Estamos agradecidos con Dios Todopoderoso por el don de la vocación”, dijo el Padre Lance Nadeau, Superior General de Maryknoll. “Este día feliz también

S584: Best Reporting on Vocations to Priesthood, Religious Life or Diaconate

S842: Best Photograph – General News Photo

First Place

Conferencia Nacional de la Renovación Carismática promueve unidad y trabajo con jóvenes en Centro de Convenciones

El Católico de Rhode Island, Silvio Cuellar

Really impressive image captures the grandeur of the moment and the relevancy of the story in that moment. Intriguing use of motion blur/long exposure; makes the image more visually impactful.

Second Place

Brilla la Esperanza

Misioneros, Paul Jeffrey

Just a beautiful and inspiring image of a super relevant story that transcends newsworthy.

Third Place

Parejas Casadas Renuevan

Catholic New York, Mary DiBiase Blaich

Honorable Mention

Las aguas han desecendido, pero las necesidades persisten

La Voz Católica, Tom Tracy



S811b: Best Multiple Picture Package – News

Book Awards

B01: Popular Presentation of the Catholic Faith

First Place

Catechism of the Catholic Church, Ascension Edition, (n/a), Ascension

Ascension Press has given an entirely new version of the Catechism of the Catholic Church which contains the beauty and truth of the Catholic Faith. The contents are outlined in “The Catechism at a Glance” chart. This chart is a visual overview of the foundations of our faith contained in the Catechism. The contents of the chapter are also duplicated at the beginning of each specific chapter. The teachings contained in the Catechism in the Catholic Church are organized into for parts or pillars. Each chapter or pillar has a distinct color code for identification purposes which are used throughout for cross-reference. This Ascension publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church has made the truth of the faith accessible and available to all. It is of inestimable value for teachers, catechists, parents, and all interested in the faith.

Second Place

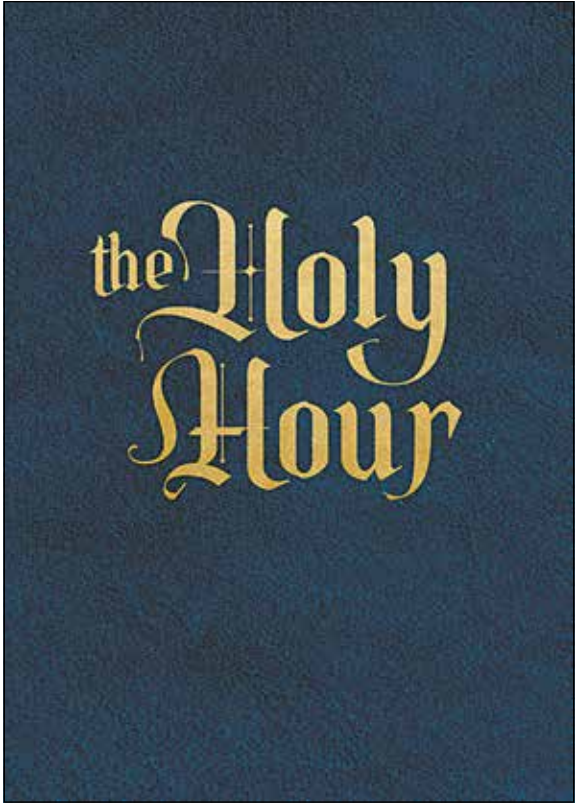
American Pilgrimage: A Historical Journey Through Catholic Life in a New World, Christopher Shannon, Augustine Institute/ Ignatius Press

“American Pilgrimage: A Historical Journey Through Catholic Life in a New World” is a historical and scholarly survey of Catholicism since the Gospels were first proclaimed in the Americas. Christopher Shannon describes the dramatic efforts at evangelization from the colonial period until today. Shannon addresses the importance of faith of the historical actors as well as the challenges and struggles of living the Gospel in hostile environments. Shannon also documents the triumphs and failures of the Church and the ongoing struggles of its members. “American Pilgrimage” is a reminder of the story of the Church throughout history and the challenges facing it today. Shannon reminds us that the Church in America faces historical challenges and reminds Catholics that they are called to be the leaven to the world. In addition, Shannon reminds his audience that the Second Vatican Council’s universal call to evangelize with confidence still exists. He also reminds the audience of the challenge to change the culture to evangelize. “American Pilgrimage” offers a challenge offered by Jesus to accept the legacy of evangelization which was lived by our ancestors and a reminder to us of our call to evangelize.

Third Place

The Saint Nicholas Society, Ben Bongers, KM, EnRoute Books and Media

“The Saint Nicholas Society” weaves together two engaging narratives which are both thought provoking, riveting, and stories of redemption. The inspiration comes from the life of St. Nicholas. The author has researched the origins and life of St. Nicholas, who had a very difficult early life but grew in his struggles and became the Bishop of Myra. The novel reveals that the true meaning of being human and being a Christian is through selflessness, kindness and love of others. These stories are invaluable in teaching the lessons of living, giving and loving.



B02b: Spirituality - Contemporary

Honorable Mention

Cannonball Moments, Eric A. Clayton, Loyola Press

Honorable Mention

Understanding the Bible, Fr. Jeffrey Kirby, STD, OSV

B02a: Spirituality - Classical

First Place

Pocket Guide to the Stations of the Cross, Edward Sri, Ascension

An excellent text for renewing the spiritual practice of praying the Stations of the Cross. It is a compelling text because Sri makes a case for praying this practice throughout the year. Sri conveys the truth that these stations are all tied up with God’s profound love for humanity. What better way than to renew that love than to offer such a prayerful exercise?

Second Place

Habits of Freedom, Fr. Christopher S. Collins, SJ, Ave Maria Press

An engaging text by a clear, grounded writer who offers those who are trying to find peace in their lives amid a quickly evolving world. Using Ignatian Spirituality, Collins offers five habits and encourages their cultivation through discernment for a lasting tranquility.

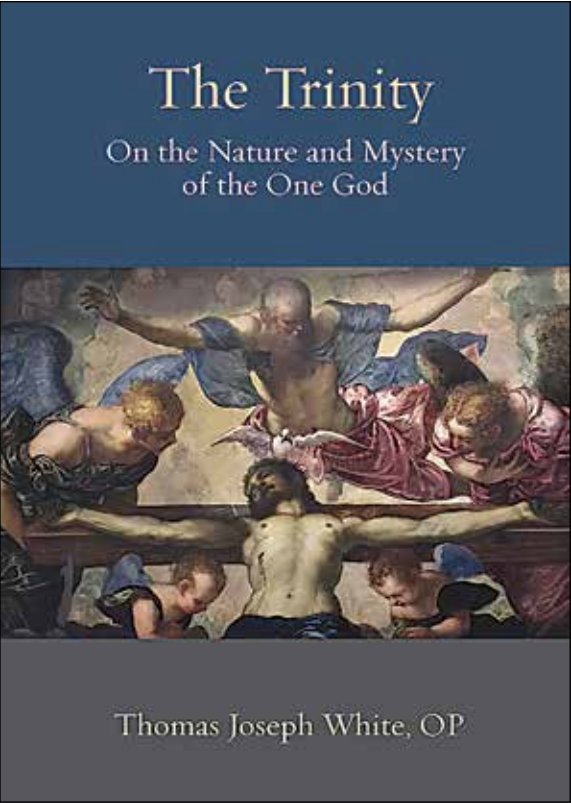
Third Place

Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture, Year A, Fr. Mark Touns, Ascension

A helpful guide to those wishing to engage more deeply the practice of reading Sunday scriptures during Advent (A). It is an interactive guide that leads to the glory of Christmas. Each meditation has a word that is compelling from the scripture, a reflection, and then a writing response activity for which a reader can respond/react.

Honorable Mention

Set the World on Fire, Vinita Hampton Wright, Ave Maria Press



B03a: Theology - Theological and Philosophical Studies

Honorable Mention

Love Him Ever More, Fr. Joe Laramie, SJ, Ave Maria Press

B02b: Spirituality - Contemporary

First Place

The Holy Hour: Meditations for Eucharistic Adoration, Matthew Becklo, Word on Fire

Most of our churches have times when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, and people are free to come in and pray for any length of time, but it is usually for an hour. This is a beautifully conceived book to accompany you on this Holy Hour. Each chapter is so very well put together with prayers, church statements, a various other reflection. The book is also very nicely designed to look like a small prayer breviary, which has a “feel” of the sacred about it.

Second Place

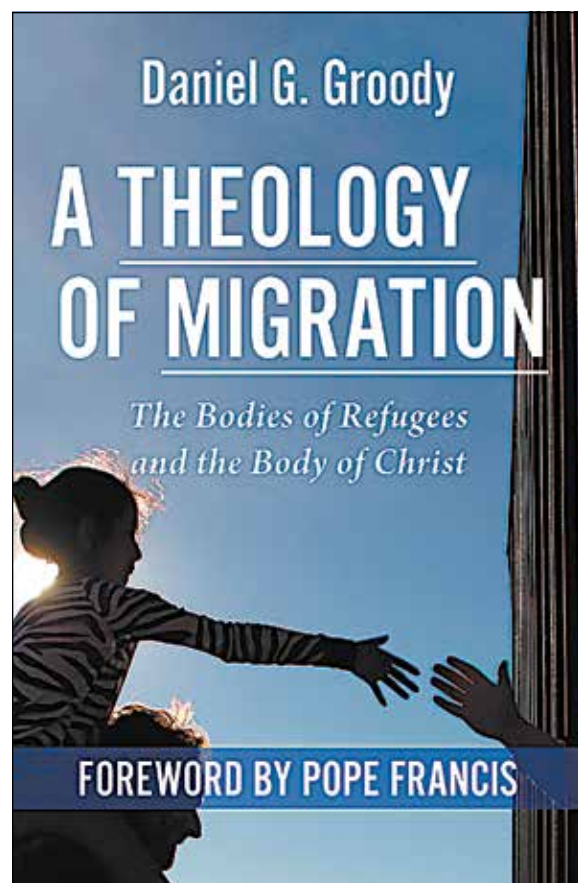
God Loves the Autistic Mind: Prayer Guide for Those on the Spectrum and Those Who Love Us, Fr. Matthew P. Schneider, LC, Pauline Books & Media

More and more we hear about the spectrum of Autism. Spirituality can be challenge for those who are on the autistic spectrum. This book helps guide a path for those who are autistic and those who are close to them as family or friends. This is a much needed book and unique in the field of spirituality. This would be an ideal gift for someone who is autistic, or family and friends of someone who is on the autistic spectrum.

Third Place

Birthing the Holy, Christine Valters Paintner, Ave Maria Press

This book is so well put together with woodcut drawings on the cover and at the beginning of every chapter. These woodcuts offer a prayerful visual reflection as you begin each chapter. Each chapter is short, just two pages, concluding with a blessing. This is a very readable and prayerful book for personal use.



B03b: Theology - History of Theology, Church Fathers and Mothers

Honorable Mention

Come to Mary's House, Shawn Chapman, OSV

In the early scriptures Mary was known simply as "The Mother of Jesus." This booklet takes that message seriously and has the prayers and selections centering on the simplicity of Mary as the Mother, running her house with you in it. Teresa of the little flower would love this intimate connection with Mary.

Honorable Mention

Extravagant Love: The Self-Emptying of Jesus, Ruth Burrows; edited and compiled by Michelle Jones, Paulist Press

This is a book of short reflections, each one only two and a half pages long. It is a good "pocket" spirituality booklet, that you could carry with you and pull out, here and there, at your leisure, for a few moments of quiet contemplation.

B03a: Theology - Theological and Philosophical Studies

First Place

The Trinity: On the Nature and Mystery of the One God, Thomas Joseph White, OP, The Catholic University of America Press

An extraordinary and comprehensive book, yet accessible. White explains the Trinity in clear terms. White does something that other authors on this subject have not done, he mines the riches of the Church Fathers as a basis for Thomas Aquinas' rich reflections on divine nature and personhood. Additionally, White uses contemporary and older theologians as helpful interlocutors to unravel the foundational mystery. He offers a keen appreciation of Jesus is God manifested.

Second Place

Renewing Theology: Ignatian Spirituality and Karl Rahner, Ignacio Ellacuría, and Pope Francis, J. Matthew Ashley, University of Notre Dame Press

Theology and spirituality are compatible and

indeed, as Ashley points a *sine qua non* for the Christian seeking to have a profound relationship with God. Ashley demonstrates this through appealing to Ignatian Spirituality in the lives of Loyola himself and then three more contemporary Jesuits. It is an honest and sobering text whereby Ashley admits the way the Christian West has been handicapped by the lack of connection. Restoring the connection will enhance the life of the Christian and build the Church.

Third Place

A New Heaven: Death, Human Destiny, and the Kingdom of God, Harvey Cox, Orbis Books

Honorable Mention

The Nature of Theology: Challenges, Frameworks, Basic Beliefs, Roger Haight, SJ, Orbis Books

This is an update to his previous text from 30 years ago, but with the same keen focus on what theology is attempting to achieve. Haight builds out his argument by contextualizing the study of theology in the dominant political, cultural, and religious moves made. The topics Haight chooses are fascinating. Ultimately, he is concerned with proposing theology's place in post-modern society that seems to defer to science and opinion for everything.

Honorable Mention

Freedom and Sin, Ross McCullough, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.

B03b: Theology - History of Theology, Church Fathers and Mothers

First Place

A Theology of Migration: The Bodies of Refugees and the Body of Christ, Daniel G. Groody, Orbis Books

A Theology of Migration is both a timely and immensely important contribution to the field of contemporary theological studies. Groody views the current global crisis of the migration of peoples through the lens of the eucharistic action of the

Church. He develops a spirituality of migration that is at the heart of every believer's journey of faith. His connection between the "bodies of refugees" and the "Body of Christ," understood as both the person of Christ and the persons of all the faithful, is imaginative, theologically solid and, if put into practice, transformative for every believer and for the Church itself.

Second Place

The Sense of the Faith in History: Its Sources, Reception, and Theology, John J. Burkhard, OFM Conv, Liturgical Press

Prior to Vatican II an understanding of the "sense of faith" within the context of ecclesiology was neither well known or given a priority in the teaching or governance within life of the Church. Burkhard's book seeks to change that. He explores the historical presence of the "sense of faith" in the life of the Church but challenges the reader, and the wider Church, to take a new look at what it now means in the post Vatican II Church. He takes up the synodal vision of Pope Francis and offers a critical and significant contribution to moving the Church into one that truly lives out the "sense of the faith of all the faithful."

Third Place

Augustine's Preached Theology, J. Patout Burns Jr., Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.

Honorable Mention

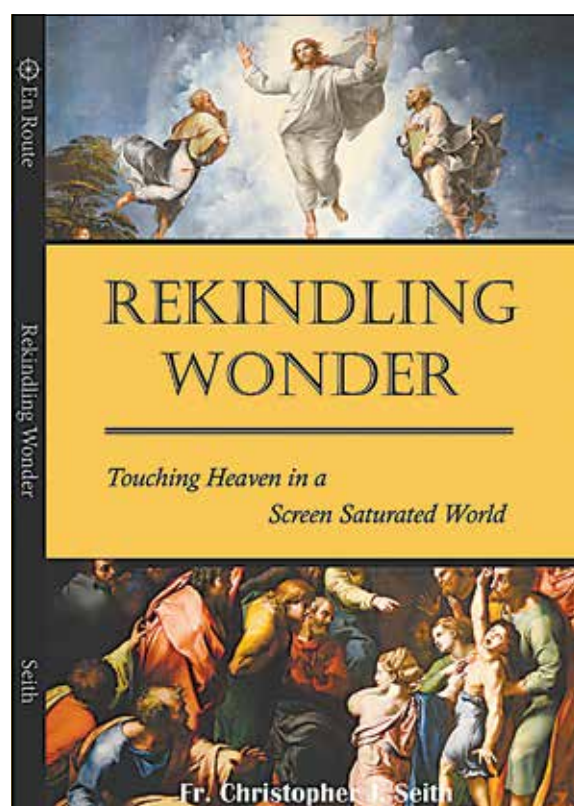
The Whole Mystery of Christ: Creation as Incarnation in Maximus Confessor, Jordan Daniel Wood, University of Notre Dame Press

B03c: Theology - Morality, Ethics, Christology, Mariology, and Redemption

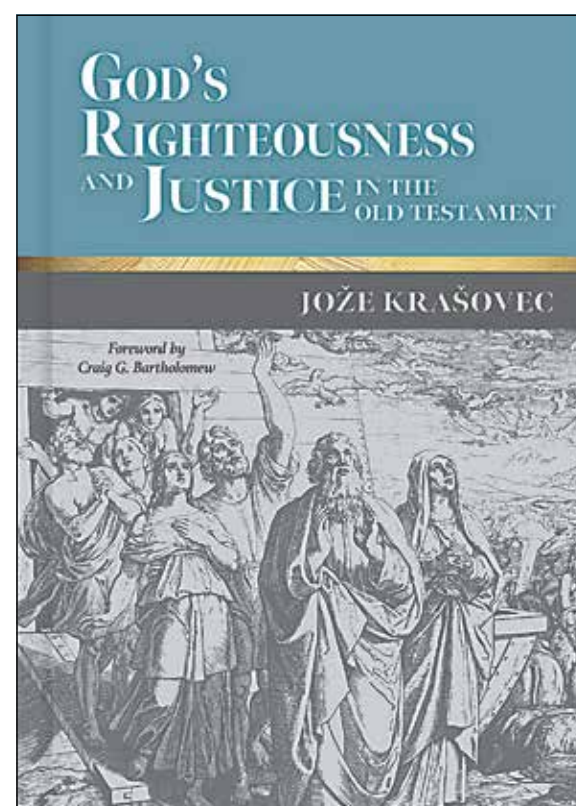
First Place

Rekindling Wonder: Touching Heaven in a Screen Saturated World, Fr. Christopher J. Seith, En Route

Fr. Seith asks hard questions and challenges the reader to live differently in the modern age, amending our ways to be more in line with our divine purpose.



B03c: Theology - Morality, Ethics, Christology, Mariology, and Redemption



B04a: Scripture - Popular Studies

Second Place

Bioethics for Nurses, Alisha N. Mack, Charles C. Camosy, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.
Mack and Camosy present Christian healthcare ethics in an approachable, clear, and engaging way by demonstrating that ethics is not a limiting feature in any vocation, but helps to live the vocation to the full. Fascinating thought experiments and discussion questions make the book truly remarkable.

Third Place

Dust in the Blood: A Theology of Life with Depression, Jessica Coblentz, Liturgical Press
Coblentz tackles the problem of evil and existential suffering in a deep way, where suffering is a mystery to behold rather than a problem to be solved with easy answers. Her chapter on how (not) to talk about depression is particularly insightful.

Honorable Mention

Angels, Rev. Msgr. J. Brian Bransfield, OSV

Honorable Mention

Tragic Dilemmas in Christian Ethics, Kate Jackson-Meyer, Georgetown University Press

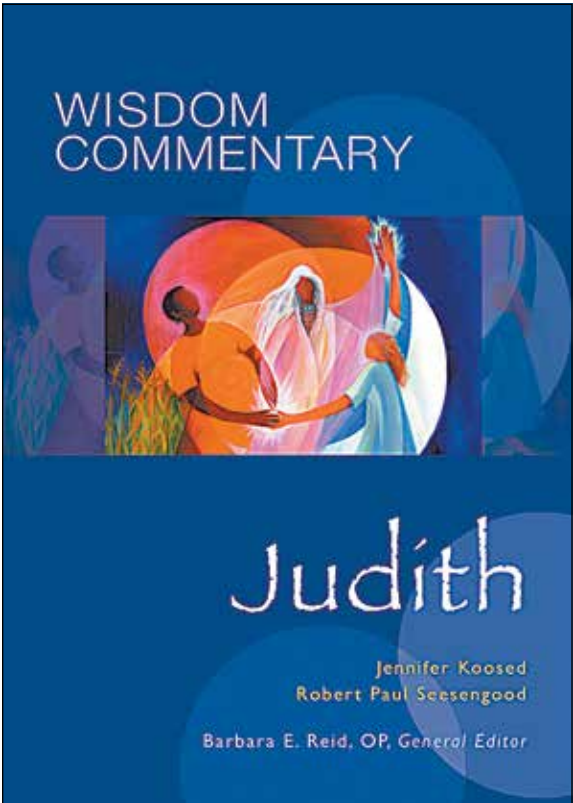
B04a: Scripture - Popular Studies

First Place

God’s Righteousness and Justice in the Old Testament, Jože Krašovec, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.
This book is a great resource for people confused by or searching the topic of “God’s Righteousness and Justice in the Old Testament.” It is a scholarly attempt to show that God desires reconciliation rather than punishment. Extensive as this work is, sometimes it raises even more questions than it answers and one would wish for a chance to sit down with the author and discuss different passages!

Second Place

The Holy Spirit in the Bible, George M. Smiga with Little Rock Scripture Study Staff,



B04b: Scripture - Academic Studies

Liturgical Press

“The Holy Spirit in the Bible” is divided into six lessons, each with readings followed by questions. It would be an excellent resource for a study group, but could also be used by an individual. The questions are insightful and require thoughtful meditation.

Third Place

A Year in the Word Catholic Bible Journal, Meg Hunter-Kilmer, OSV
“A Year in the Word” is a good way for a person who has been saying, “I should read the Bible more” to begin. There are 365 sets of three Scripture readings, followed by a short meditation. After that, it’s up to the reader to let her/his thoughts flow and, if desired, write those thoughts in the space provided.

Honorable Mention

Ponder: Contemplative Bible Study for Year A, Mahri Leonard-Fleckman, Liturgical Press

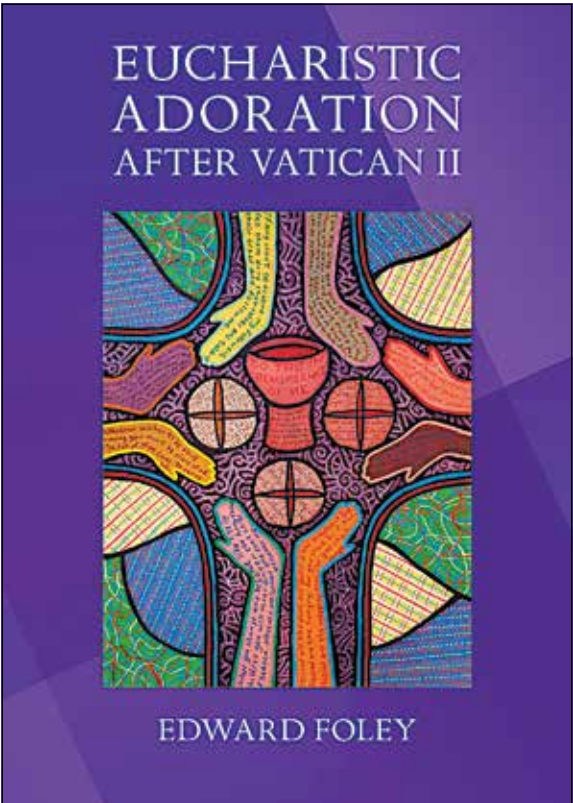
B04b: Scripture - Academic Studies

First Place

Wisdom Commentary: Judith, Jennifer Koosed and Robert Paul Seesengood, Liturgical Press
Clear, well-written, and engaging. As the authors state, the book does “present analysis and options for interpretation from a feminist perspective...” so readers “make up their own minds.” Explicit methodology that is consistently followed throughout the commentary. Well-cited. Draws the reader into the story, no small task for a commentary!

Second Place

Wisdom Commentary: 1-2 Peter and Jude, PHEME PERKINS, Eloise Rosenblatt, and Patricia McDonald, Liturgical Press
While promising a “reading from the margins,” this volume is also attentive to mainstream historical critical methodology. Well-cited.



B05: Liturgy

Third Place

Wisdom Commentary: Acts of the Apostles, Linda M. Maloney and Ivoni Richter Reimer, Liturgical Press
The authors have written a substantial commentary on the Acts of the Apostles that attends to the expectations of the genre while also exploring how the “other” is presented and perceived in the text.

Honorable Mention

Thomas Aquinas: Selected Commentaries on the New Testament, Jason Paone, Word on Fire
A handy reference that highlights the important biblical work of Thomas Aquinas.

B05: Liturgy

First Place

Eucharistic Adoration after Vatican II, Edward Foley, Liturgical Press
With his typical insight and thorough scholarship, Foley has written an engaging and serious exploration of the importance of a eucharistic vision for the whole Church. His theology is immensely practical, and pastorally understandable. This short work is packed with reflections and catechesis that are accessible to every reader and a challenge for a renewal of the eucharistic life of the Church.

Second Place

Catholic Women Preach: Raising Voices, Renewing the Church CYCLE A, Elizabeth Donnelly and Russ Petrus, editors, Orbis Books
“Catholic Women Preach,” is one of the more inspiring collection of homilies available today. Based on the deep spirituality and insights of the various women authors, the homilies are solidly based on the scriptures and offer refreshing and engaging insights for homilists and listeners. The feminine perspective has long been absent in the preached word, and its inclusion in this work offers a long overdue and pastorally necessary resource for the liturgical life of the Church.

Third Place

A Prisoner and You Visited Me: Homilies and Reflections for Cycle A, Contributors include: Richard Rohr, OFM; James Martin, SJ; Phyllis Zagano, Ph.D.; Brian McLaren; et al., Clear Faith Publishing, LLC
This collection of homilies for Year A of the Sunday lectionary completes the three-volume set previously published. The extensive list of authors, and their contributions, give this book its most significant character. The homilies are solidly rooted in the scriptures and offer thought provoking insights for the preacher and the listener. Every homilist should make use of this resource in their ministry.

Honorable Mention

Words without Alloy, Paul Turner, Liturgical Press
Turner’s work on the history of the lectionary, especially on its development in the deliberations of Vatican II, is a significant contribution for those interested in how the current lectionary came to be such a critical liturgical text.

Honorable Mention

Living Liturgy for Lectors: Year A (2023), Paul-Vincent Niebauer, OSB; Jessie Bazan; Orin E. Johnson; and Jessica Mannen Kimmet, Liturgical Press
This is an excellent pastoral resource for those who are engaged in the ministry of the Word. Every lector should own this book, and those issues that hopefully will follow in the future.

B06a: Pastoral Ministry - Pastoral Ministry – Parish Life

First Place

What Would Monica Do?, Patti Maguire Armstrong and Roxane Beauclair Salonen, Ascension
We live in world not unlike the 4th century of St. Monica and St. Augustine. By sharing the story of Monica’s deep faith and trust in God, this book helps all believers to navigate the trials and struggles of life by seeing the hand of God in every circumstance. By calling the reader to prayer and life in the Church, greater trust and hope in the saving power and love of God leads one to deeper faith.

Second Place

Raising a Catholic Family Today: Building a Domestic Church A Handbook for Parents, John Bosio, Self Published
As families strive to be the first schools of Christian virtue, this book helps parents and children to find ways to grow in prayer, holiness, service and love. As Pope John Paul II always said, the family is the path to the civilization of life and love.

B06b: Pastoral Ministry - Pastoral Ministry – Catechetical

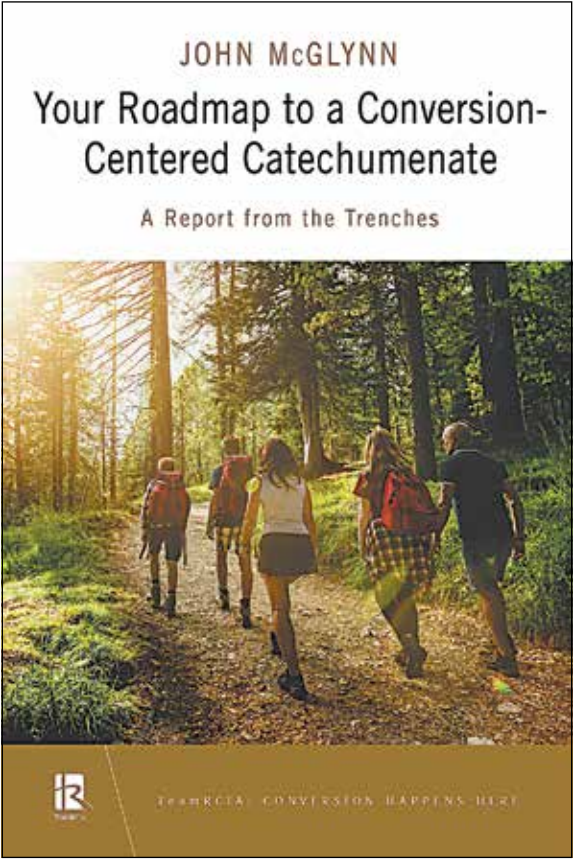
First Place

Your Roadmap to a Conversion-Centered Catechumenate: A Report from the Trenches, John McGlynn, Liturgical Press
This book strives to help the entire parish community embrace a catechumenal process that is transforming and life-giving. As we journey with those seeking baptism and profession of faith in the Church, all believers participate in a process that leads to conversion of heart and deeper faith — and results in greater unity and leads to joy in sharing the Gospel with others.

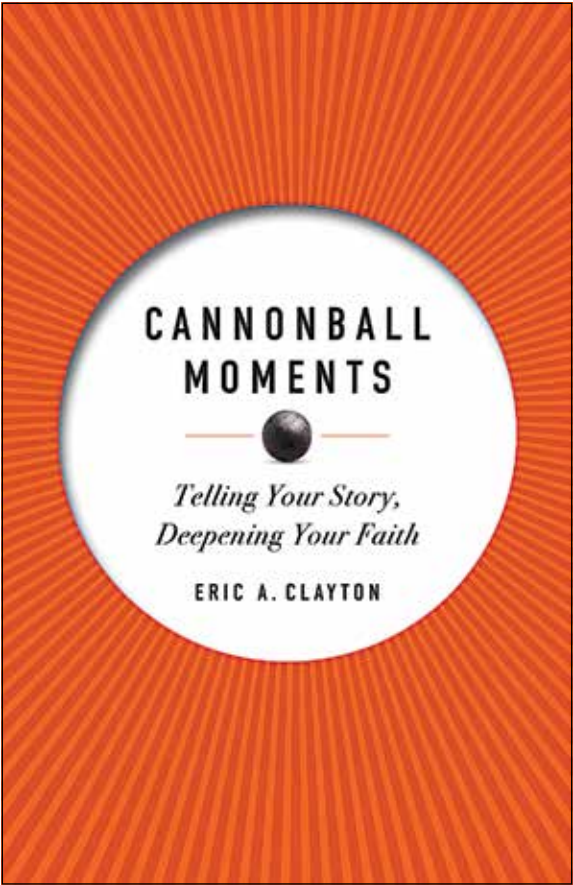
B06c: Pastoral Ministry - Pastoral Ministry – Youth & Young Adult

First Place

Cannonball Moments, Eric A. Clayton, Loyola Press
Combing the art of storytelling through a lens of Ignatian spirituality, this book invites the reader to a deeper awareness of how God is working in our lives, calling us to deeper faith, greater love, and ultimately eternal life. We all need a sense of direction, encouragement, hopefulness and purpose which this book provides.



B06b: Pastoral Ministry - Pastoral Ministry – Catechetical



B06c: Pastoral Ministry - Pastoral Ministry – Youth & Young Adult

Second Place

Faith and Spiritual Life of Young Adult Catholics in a Rising Hispanic Church, Thomas P. Gaunt, SJ, Liturgical Press
Ministry and outreach to young adults is complex given the changing nature of the community of young adults. This book provides a wealth of information and insights into how those working with young adults can succeed in leading them to the heart of the Church.

B07: Church Professional

First Place

Being Claimed by the Eucharist We Celebrate: A Spiritual Narrative for Priests and Deacons, Fr. Scott P. Detisch, Liturgical Press

Second Place
God’s Works Revealed: Spirituality, Theology, and Social Justice for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Catholics, Sam Albano; foreword by Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv., Paulist Press

Third Place

Faith, Hope, and a Sense of Humor, Karen L. Baker, OSV

Honorable Mention

The Four Ways Forward, Susan Windley-Daoust, OSV

Honorable Mention

Courageous Humility: Reflections on the Church, Diakonia, and Deacons, William T. Ditewig; foreword by Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas, Paulist Press

B08: Design and Production

First Place

A Garden Catechism, Margaret Realy, Obl OSB, OSV
This is a beautiful book. The layout presents the information well, with handsome illustrations on every page, and good use of at-a-glance symbols that make it easy to find the right category when flipping through the book. Color coding on the corners of the pages also helps orient the reader to the right section, and the author thoughtfully included appendix chapters on gardening basics, “Supplemental Catholicism,” and an introduction to prayer gardens. This will be a handy book for anyone who wants to create a beautiful outdoor space for prayer.

Second Place

The Holy Hour: Meditations for Eucharistic Adoration, Matthew Becklo, Word on Fire
This is a beautiful book whose design reflects its intended purpose as a prayer companion to Eucharistic Adoration. The endpapers are beautiful, the photographs are well-chosen, and the inclusion of a page-keeping ribbon is thoughtful. This will be an excellent resource for the faithful who are engaging in the Eucharistic Revival in America.

Third Place

The Word on Fire Bible, Volume II: Acts, Letters, and Revelation, Word on Fire, Word on Fire

This volume continues the work of the “Word on Fire Bible: The Gospels,” publishing the remaining books of the New Testament. The commentaries both traditional and contemporary, word studies, and art all contribute to a deeper understanding of the Biblical text, and they are set off from the text in distinctive colors and typesetting. The choice of artistic works to illustrate the “via pulchritudinis” is particularly excellent. As a work meant to invite non-believers to discover Jesus Christ, this beautiful book is well-designed to achieve its goal.

Honorable Mention

Living the Word Catholic Women’s Bible, Brianna Dombo, Ave Maria Press

This beautiful Bible is packed full of well-chosen quotes from holy women throughout Christian history, reflections inspired by the Biblical text by contemporary women, and a wealth of additional resources like a guide to Lectio Divina, a Scriptural Rosary, and several different reading plans. The text itself is well laid-out in a single column, with room provided for taking marginal notes. This would make a fantastic gift for any woman who is seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.

Honorable Mention

Mysteries of The Holy Rosary, The Life of Jesus and Mary, Jane Morrone and Heather Lean, With Love from Above Books, Inc.

This large, beautiful book captivates the reader with its colorful illustrations of each of the mysteries of the Rosary. It is a fantastic companion for children during family prayer time.

B09: Best Books for Youth

First Place

The Merchant’s Curse, Antony Barone Kolenc, Loyola Press

Second Place

Deception in December, Doreen McAvoy, Elk Lake Publishing, Inc.

Third Place

Fox and the King, Suzy Senior, Ascension

Honorable Mention

Saint Joseph: The Foster-Father Saint, Maria Riley, Rooted River Press (self)

Honorable Mention

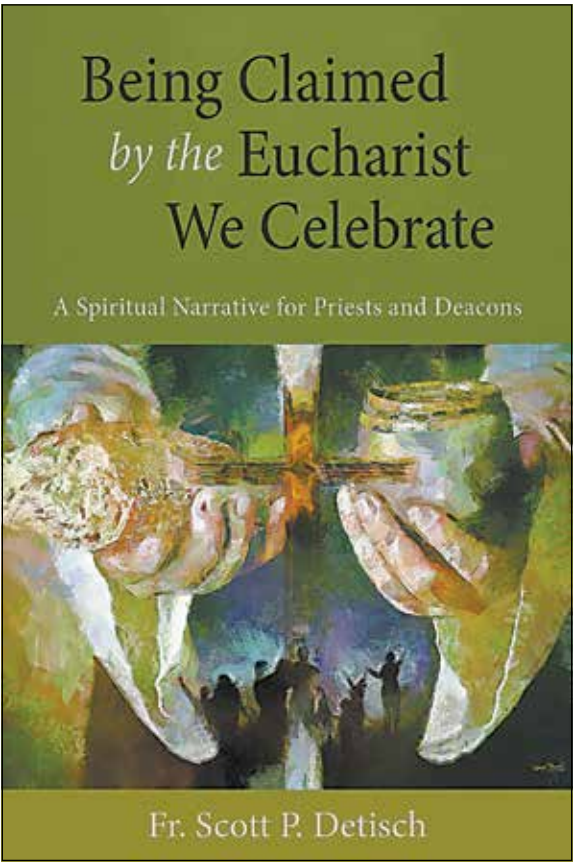
Louie’s Lent, Claudia Cangilla McAdam, Ascension

B10a: First Time Author of a Book - Poetry, Essays, Short Stories

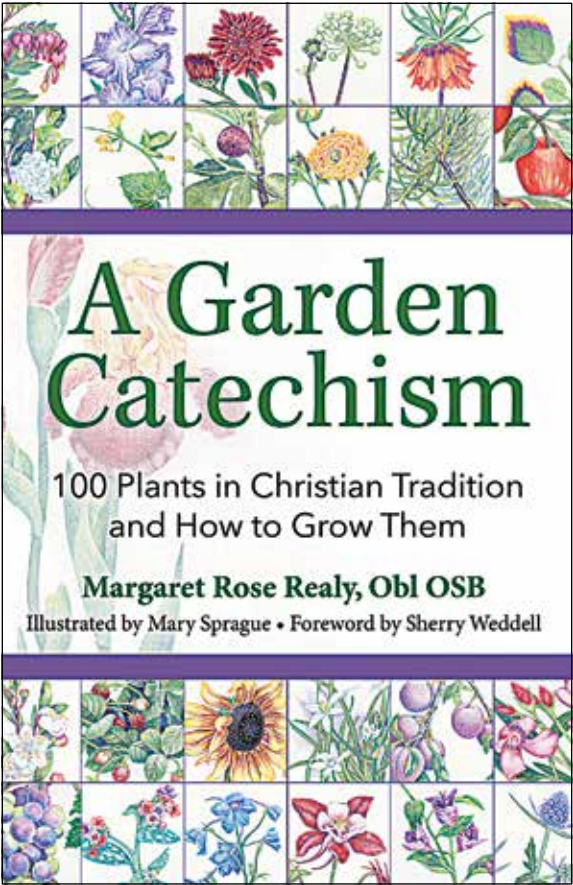
First Place

True Love: 12 Christmas Stories My True Love Gave to Me, Ben Bongers, KM, EnRoute Books and Media

The heartwarming and heartbreaking stories in this book bring life to the popular “12 Days of Christmas” song in a one-of-a-kind way. It is written with care and creativity to engage and inspire readers of all ages.



B07: Church Professional



B08: Design and Production

Second Place

Three Minutes with God: Reflections and Prayers to Encourage, Inspire, and Motivate, Monsignor Frank Bognanno, Franciscan Media

This book has bite-sized scriptures, devotions, and prayers to walk readers through daily struggles in a meaningful way. Even though each reflection is brief, it is impactful and relatable. This piece is a treasure for those in need of a fresh perspective on life, faith, and hope.

B10b: First Time Author of a Book - Biography, Novels or General Theological Subject Matter

First Place

Mass Class: Your Questions Answered, Fr. Dave Dwyer, Paulist Press

Very well presented, informative, and with a nice sense of humor where appropriate. A very useful book, not only for RCIA but for the general Catholic reader who probably has many of these same questions but has never asked them.

Second Place

All Oppression Shall Cease: A History of Slavery, Abolitionism, and the Catholic Church, Christopher J. Kellerman, SJ, Orbis Books

A much needed contribution for the understanding of this very important subject. To have the necessary perspective and the historical details that support the perspective is welcomed. Overall not only a good read but also a very useful resource.

Third Place

Tragic Dilemmas in Christian Ethics, Kate Jackson-Meyer, Georgetown University Press

A much needed contribution and resource that informs the theological skirmishes and debates. The historical perspective is essential and this book effectively succeeds in presenting/defending the appropriate context through which these historical minds and their teachings may be understood. A very useful perspective.

B11: Family Life

First Place

What Would Monica Do?, Patti Maguire Armstrong and Roxane Beauclair Salonen, Ascension

Second Place

Living Beyond Sunday: Making Your Home a Holy Place, Adam and Haylee Minihan; David and Pamela Niles, Ascension

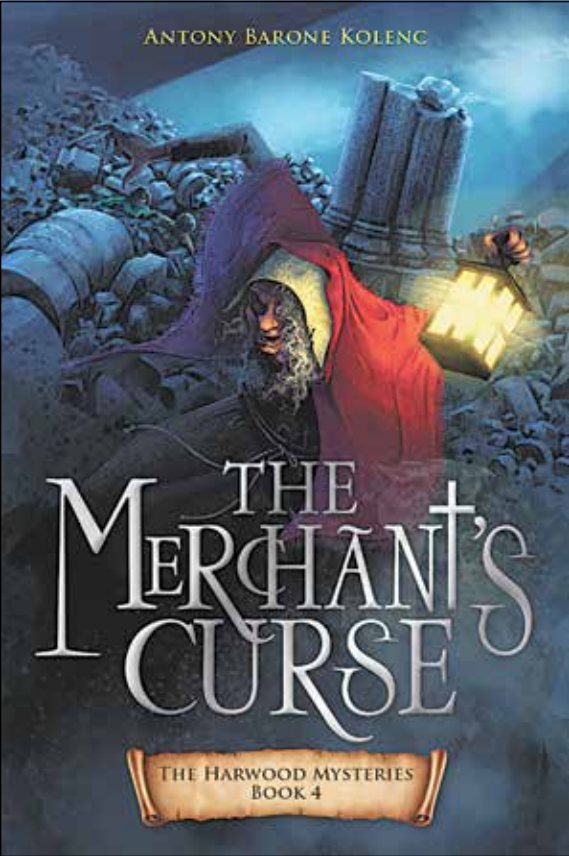
Third Place

The Good, the Messy, and the Beautiful: The Joys and Struggles of Real Married Life, Edward and Beth Sri, Ascension

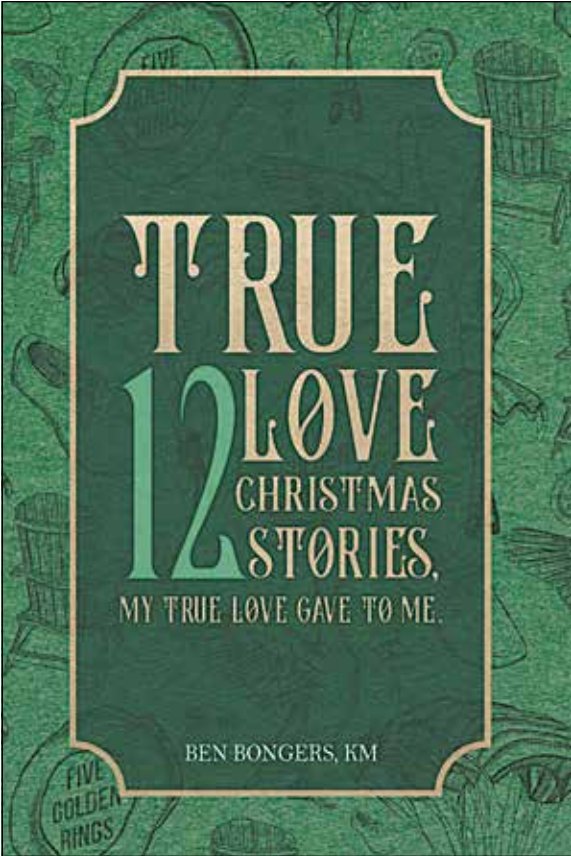
B12: Marriage & Family Living

First Place

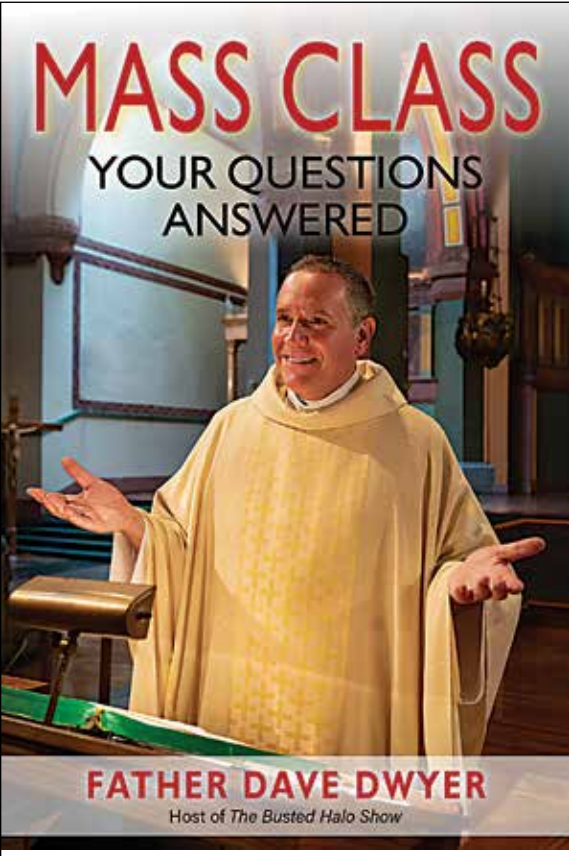
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B09: Best Books for Youth



B10a: First Time Author of a Book - Poetry, Essays, Short Stories



B10b: First Time Author of a Book - Biography, Novels or General Theological Subject Matter

Second Place

Walking the Way of the Cross for Caregivers: How To Cope Practically, Emotionally, and Spiritually When a Loved One Has a Serious Illness, Michelle Laque Johnson, Self Published

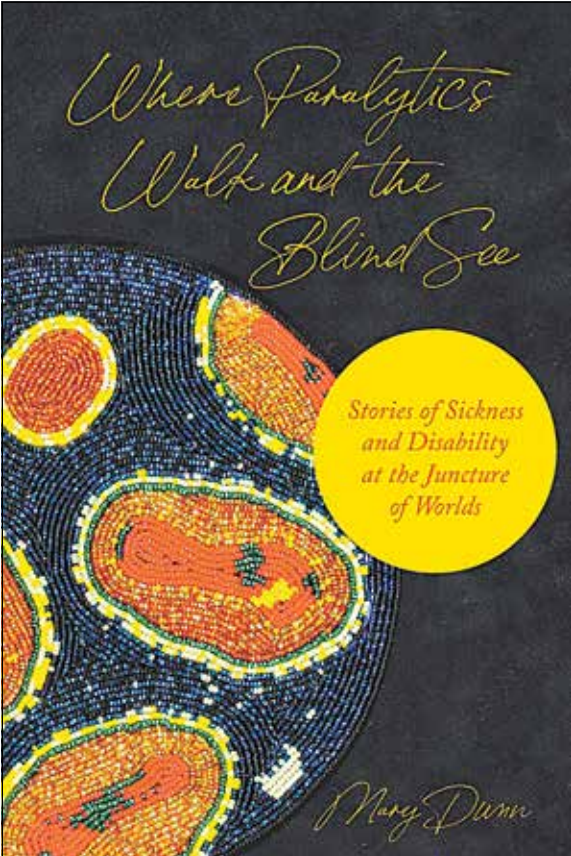
Third Place

The Obedience Paradox, Mary Stanford, OSV

B13: History

First Place

Where Paralytics Walk and the Blind See: Narratives of Sickness and Disability at the Juncture of Worlds, Mary Dunn, Princeton University Press
Dr. Mary Dunn's well-researched and elegantly



B13: History

written book highlights an unstudied aspect of Catholic history and is an important contribution to disability studies. Her methodological approach challenges and provokes in valuable ways. The case study structure of the book's chapters makes it highly adaptable for classroom instruction.

Second Place

All Oppression Shall Cease: A History of Slavery, Abolitionism, and the Catholic Church, Christopher J. Kellerman, SJ, Orbis Books

This is the comprehensive and accessible history of slavery and the Catholic Church we have long needed. Christopher Kellerson's book makes available in concise and engaging prose the painful past that must not be forgotten, as well as the developments that drew the Church toward its truest, Gospel-inspired vision of the dignity of every human person.

Third Place

Catholics without Rome: Old Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, Anglicans, and the Reunion Negotiations of the 1870s, Bryn Geffert and LeRoy Boerneke, University of Notre Dame Press

The authors have brought to readers a narrative of what happened in the wake of the First Vatican Council. This account tells the story of this early attempt at ecumenism, which brought together church leaders who rejected papal primacy and the new definition of papal infallibility. It is essential reading for those interested in this understudied topic that continues to influence the discourse among the Christian churches in our times.

Honorable Mention

Afro-Atlantic Catholics: America's First Black Christians, Jeroen Dewulf, University of Notre Dame Press

Honorable Mention

From Ignatius to Francis: The Jesuits in History, Michael Walsh, Liturgical Press

B15: Gender Issues – Inclusion in the Church

First Place

Who Are My People?: Love, Violence, and Christianity in Sub-Saharan Africa, Emmanuel Katongole, University of Notre Dame Press

This is such an important book. Not only does it explore issues of identity, violence and peace in Africa, but the conclusions Katongole draws also have broader implications. Although it is an academic book, it is so well written and readable. I especially thought the stories of individuals and programs were well done, and I appreciated the photos. This book may not have as wide an appeal as a trade book, but I hope Catholics and others read it to learn more about these urgent issues facing Africa and our world.

Second Place

The Homeboy Way, Greg Boyle, Loyola Press

What can I say? I think Fr. Gregory Boyle is a modern-day prophet and this book makes his writings accessible to those who might not read his other books. Although he shares stories of the "homeboys" and "homegirls" he works with, the spiritual lessons Boyle writes about are universal. In addition, Fabian Debora's artwork is stunning, and the book is beautifully designed.

Third Place

Leveling The Praying Field: Can the Church We Love, Love Us Back?, Ansel Augustine, Orbis Books

Although there were several entries on the broader issue of racism, I found this one to be the most honest, readable, and compelling. Ansel Augustine weaves his personal stories with the context of the racial reckoning currently happening in our country. This book is accessible for academic, parish and other uses.

Honorable Mention

Fat Luther, Slim Pickin's: A Black Catholic Celebration of Faith, Tradition, and Diversity, Shannon Wimp Schmidt and Marcia Lane-McGee, Ave Maria Press

I was thrown off by the title of this book and parts of it were too flippant and chatty for my taste. But

I found it readable and compelling despite those limitations. The authors clearly have much to contribute to the conversation about race in our church and culture.

Honorable Mention

With All Her Mind: A Call to the Intellectual Life, Rachel Bulman, Word on Fire

Although I didn't agree with all the essayists in this book, I thought the topic of a life of the mind for women was compelling.

B16: Reference/Academic Studies

First Place

Franciscan Field Guide: People, Places, Practices, and Prayers, Rosemary Stets, OSF, Franciscan Media

Applicable to a broad range of readers. Interesting for persons unacquainted with Franciscan spirituality. Not overly sanctimonious or like overdone hagiography. Comprehensive but not overwhelming.

Second Place

Handbook of African Catholicism, Stan Chu Ilo, editor, Orbis Books

Diligently researched and covering a broad scope of interests. Lucid and accessible but not oversimplified or polemical. A much needed resource.

Third Place

Celtic Connecticut Connections: Irish Traditional Dance 1796-1921: Perspectives in History, Culture, Immigration, Religion & Academia with a Forward by Attorney Maureen Horgan, J.D., Ph.D., Dr. Irene E. Horgan, Ph.D., Self-published

A labor of love on a relatively obscure topic. Well-researched and laid out. Family involvement a plus. A passionate and informative book.

Honorable Mention

Catechism of the Catholic Church, Ascension Edition, (n/a), Ascension

Well produced and thorough.

B17: Diocesan Directory

First Place

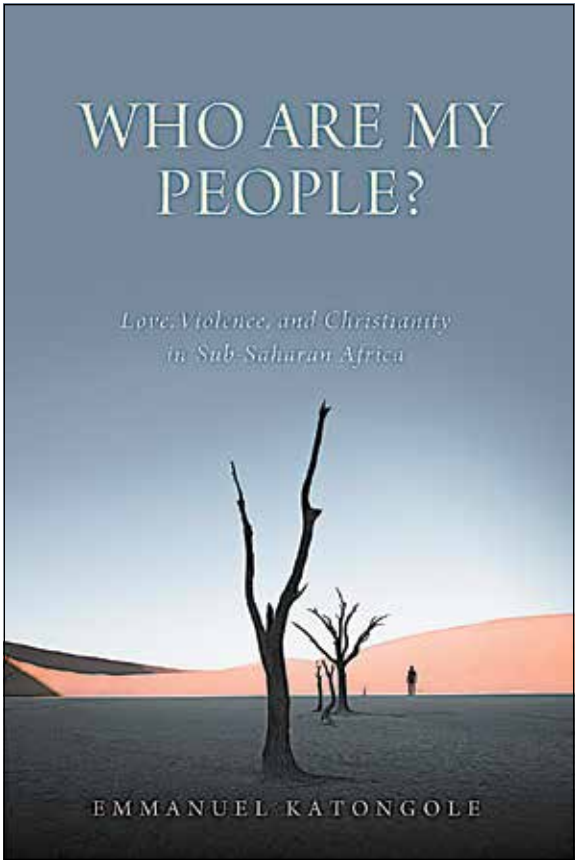
Diocese of Providence 150 Years: Official 2022 Diocesan Directory, Marie Zagorsky and Laura Kilgus, Rhode Island Catholic

Spiral binding and a compact size make this a useful desktop reference. Large tabs with large boldface type are good and could be improved with lamination. The telephone directory and facing table of contents also enhance the usefulness of this directory. Within the telephone directory tab section, the full margin page directory for priests, deacons, religious men and women is an additional handy guide. Finally, for anyone still searching, the alphabetical index at the end of the directory will lead them to the right pages.

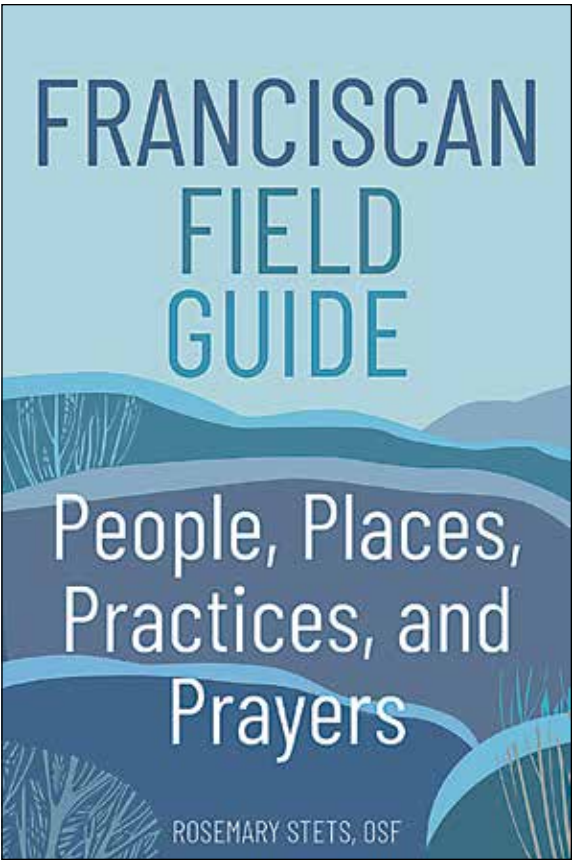
Second Place

2022-2023 Archdiocese of New Orleans Catholic Directory, Jonelle Foltz, Cheryl Dejoie-Methe, Clarion Herald

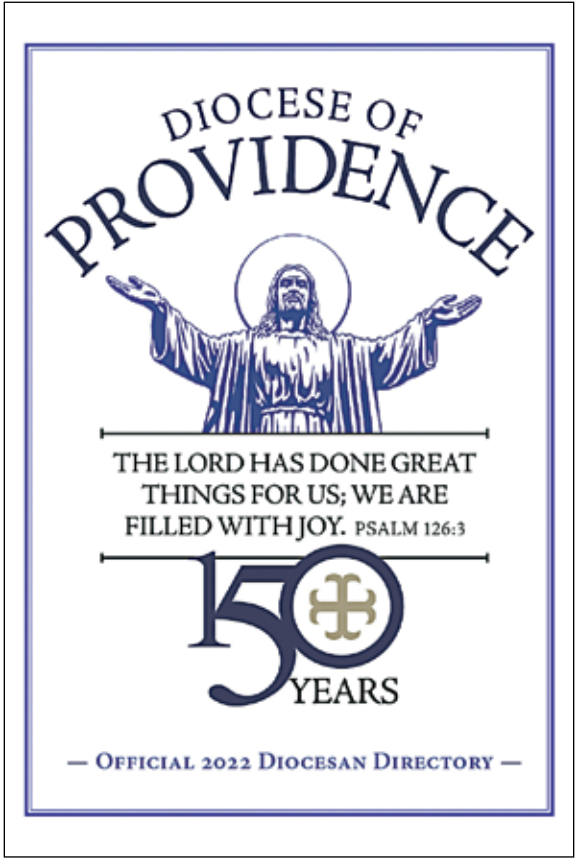
Table of contents at the beginning and a master index at the conclusion are useful tools directing the reader to appropriate sections, as a directory should do. Tabs are useful and are supplemented



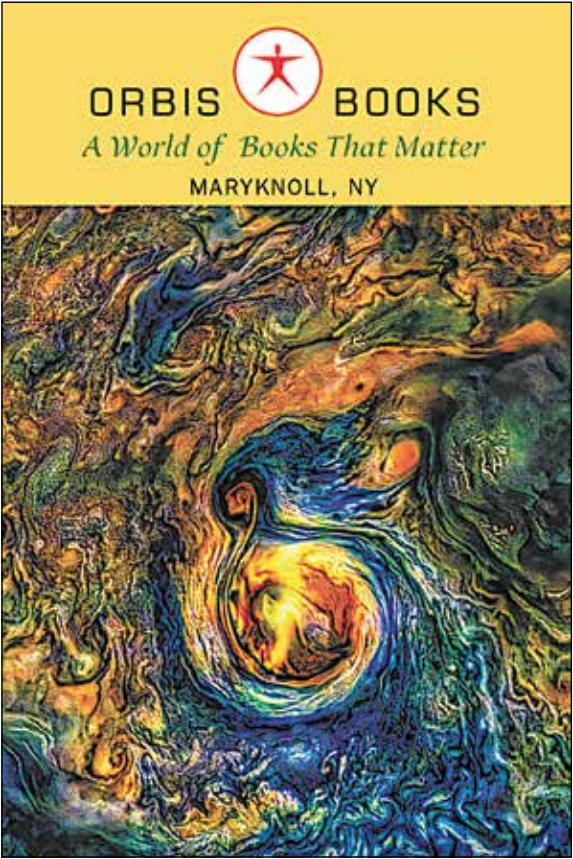
B15: Gender Issues – Inclusion in the Church



B16: Reference/Academic Studies



B17: Diocesan Directory



B18: Catalog

by the duplicate information boxes on the page margins. Printing on uncoated or dull stock also eliminates glare on the pages. Although the cost might be slightly more, laminating the tabs would be a good future consideration to make them more resistant to bending and wear.

Third Place

Diocese of Rockford 2022-23 Official Directory, Staff, Most Reverend, David J. Malloy, Diocese of Rockford Communications and Publications

While the directory use of color and printing quality are good, and the inclusion of information about the National Eucharistic Congress is admirable, there are several detriments to accessing information; e.g., lumping parishes and parish schools together, without a separate index or listing for parish schools makes it difficult find individual schools.

It also is odd to change design styles between the listings for priests and for deacons. The priest information is neatly placed below each photo, but suddenly the deacon listing uses large alphabet letters and staggers the information alongside the photo, making for a jumbled appearance on the page. It gives the feeling that the designer was experimenting with different styles and could not decide. Absence of tabs is a detriment as well.

B18: Catalog

First Place

Fall 2022 Catalog, Orbis Books, Orbis Books

Orbis Books has excellent catalogs year after year, and this one is up to the mark. A numbered table of contents, good descriptions of the books, along with reference to other books of interest in

the same topic area. the large copies of the cover pages of the titles offered is also attractive. A final page of recent releases adds interest, and the order form for those who don't use online ordering is useful.

Second Place

Parish Resources Fall 2022 Catalog, Monica Bokinskie, Liturgical Press

The Parish Resources catalog from Liturgical Press is well done, table of contents for page references, good color and illustrations, good descriptions, and I like the large bold headlines for the descriptions. Always like the order form page as well.

Third Place

Little Rock Scripture Study Fall 2022 Catalog, Monica Bokinskie, Liturgical Press

The Scripture study catalog is well done, good details on the resources, good printing, a useful listing of prices, headings on the pages, an order form included, but there is no table of contents with page numbers, which would have improved this entry.

Honorable Mention

Spirituality Catalog Fall 2022, Monica Bokinskie, Liturgical Press

Honorable Mention

Academic and Monastic Studies Catalog Fall 2022, Monica Bokinskie, Liturgical Press

I include a comment for this last catalog, just to caution the designers that using color for type along with a red color for other illustration needs to be done with care, or unfortunate bleeding of color into the type can occur, as happened on page 11 of this catalog. No order form page.

B19: Best Book by a Small Publisher

First Place

A Prisoner and You Visited Me: Homilies and Reflections for Cycle A, Contributors include: Richard Rohr, OFM; James Martin, SJ; Phyllis Zagano, Ph.D.; Brian McLaren; et al., Clear Faith Publishing, LLC

The wide range of contributors to this edition bring many valuable perspectives to the lectionary readings. This would make an excellent resource for homilies, but also for the average member of the faithful who desires to be transformed by God's Word.

Second Place

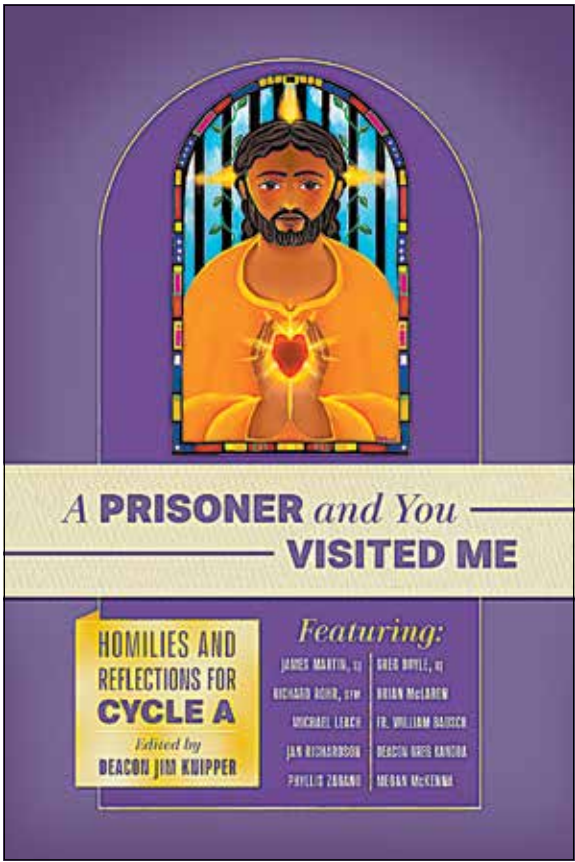
A Thousand Pounds: Finding the Strength to Live and Love under the Weight of Unbearable Loss, Brianne Edwards, CatholicPsych Press

Edwards takes the reader through the raw and well-told story of the loss of her infant son, but she doesn't leave the reader in despair. Instead, she demonstrates how the love of God transforms unimaginable grief into hope.

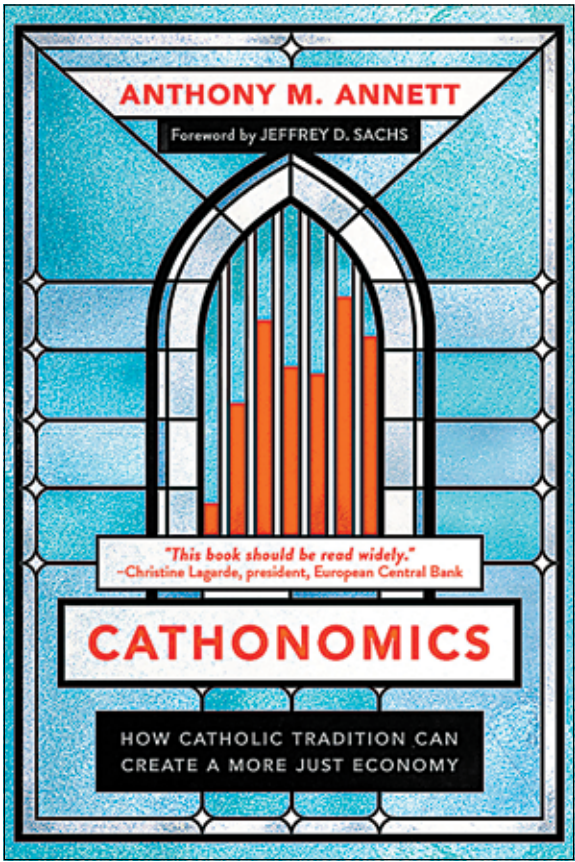
Third Place

Brave Watter, Sarah Robsdottir, Voyage Comics & Publishing

Brave Water is an engaging work of fiction that immerses the reader in the critical issue of human trafficking. This action-packed novel does a wonderful job exploring the role of faith and conversion in life-threatening circumstances.



B19: Best Book by a Small Publisher



B20: Catholic Social Teaching

B20: Catholic Social Teaching

First Place

Cathonomics: How Catholic Tradition Can Create a More Just Economy, Anthony M. Annett, Georgetown University Press

Second Place

Enacting Catholic Social Tradition: The Deep Practice of Human Dignity, Clemens Sedmak, Orbis Books

Third Place

Siblings All, Sign of the Times: The Social Teaching of Pope Francis, Cardinal Michael Czerny and Christian Barone, Orbis Books

Honorable Mention

Agrarian Spirit: Cultivating Faith, Community, and the Land, Norman Wirzba, University of Notre Dame Press

Honorable Mention

The Homeboy Way, Thomas Vozzo, Loyola Press

B21: Faith and Science

First Place

The Heavens Are Telling the Glory of God: An Emerging Chapter for Religious Life; Science, Theology, and Mission, Laurie Brink, Liturgical Press

This remarkable book not only discusses clearly and cogently the role of the “new cosmology” in our understanding of the big questions of our faith; it also uniquely explains how this new cosmology is being perceived by different age and educational cohorts within the Church. All of this is done in the beautiful setting of a “chapter” of a typical women’s religious order. The important reminder is that theology which incorporates modern science is done in a human context, and it will be understood and received by different generations in markedly different ways. Thus, it is both an important source book for the material, and an instruction manual for those who use this material. And... it is written in a clear and lively style.

Second Place

From the Dust of the Earth: Benedict XVI, the Bible, and the Theory of Evolution, Matthew J. Ramage, The Catholic University of America Press

Not at all an easy read, but a thoroughly researched and important summary of the work of Pope Benedict as it relates to the theory of Evolution. More than just a source book it provides an excellent analysis of the context and implications of Pope Benedict’s writings as they apply to the current situation in theology.

Third Place

Navigating Faith and Science, Joseph Vukov, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.

This book is in dialogue with other works on the relationship between faith and science. Taking the famous Ian Barbour classifications as his starting point, the author asserts that even those arguments about the relationship between faith and science — which most scholars would find lacking (e.g., “Conflict”) — are worth looking at more deeply because they represent how the relationship is actually lived. Likewise, he raises a number of

classic cases (Galileo, Scopes trial) although he stops short of actually digging deeper into the history of those. It's good; but frustrating in that it hints at a book that could have been even better.

Honorable Mention

The New Apologetics: Defending the Faith in a Post-Christian Era, Matthew Nelson, Word on Fire

This is a series of 41 short essays by a wide variety of notable Catholic apologists, written for those who are engaged in the work of apologetics. While the selection of authors is for the most part quite good, the amount of new or noteworthy material is quite limited. The short chapters, generally about five pages long, makes this a book that is easy to pick up and read, but this format is frustratingly shallow since no one is given the space to do justice to topics or develop them in new directions.

Honorable Mention

Religion, Race, and COVID-19, Stacey M. Floyd-Thomas, NYU Press

B24: Faithful Citizenship/ Religious Freedom

First Place

Redeeming the Time: Gospel Perspectives on the Challenges of the Hour, Bishop Robert Barron, Word on Fire

Good insights on a variety of contemporary topics by a respected author.

Second Place

On Pilgrimage: The Seventies, Dorothy Day; edited by Robert Ellsberg, Orbis Books

A refreshing look at the thoughts of a modern religious icon. A very good read.

Third Place

Retrieving Freedom: The Christian Appropriation of Classical Tradition, D.C. Schindler, University of Notre Dame Press

A good job on a tough topic to tackle in today's instant gratification, dumbed down society. Well-researched and relatively free of ideology.

Honorable Mention

Sometimes David Wins, Frank C. Pierson, Jr., ACTA Publications

Honorable Mention

Claiming Your Voice: Speaking Truth to Power, Norvene Vest, Liturgical Press

B27: Coffee Table Book/ Religious Art

First Place

150 People, Places, and Things You Never Knew Where Catholic, Jay Cupp, OSV

Second Place

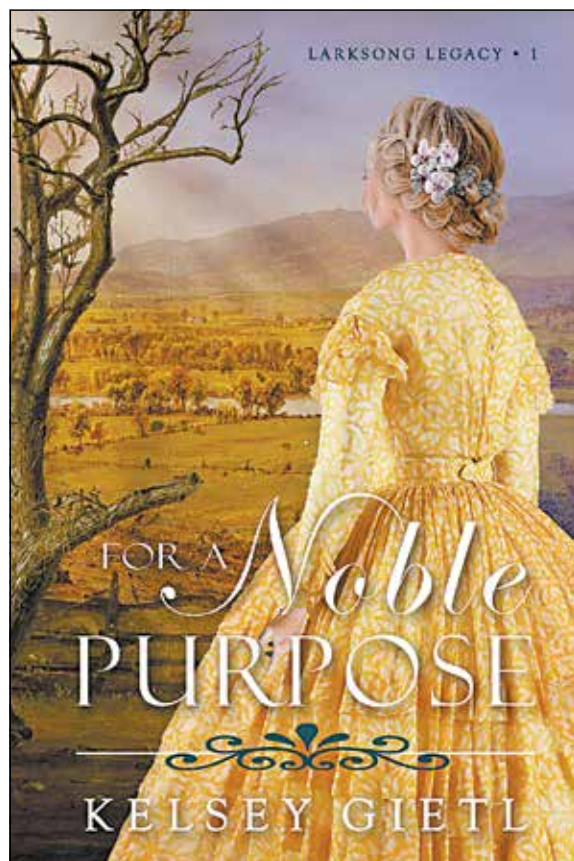
Chasing Church News, Ed Wilkinson, DeSales Media Group

Third Place

Christ Among Us, Joseph Antenucci Becherer and Henry Martin Luttikhuisen, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.

The photographs in this book of the sculptures of

Jesus make this historical read truly enlightening. We see the art, learn the time period and then are educated about the piece and what was going on in the word at the time it was created. The art is so beautiful and the descriptions that accompany each photo are thought provoking. A great coffee table book.



B28: Catholic Novels

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First Place

For a Noble Purpose, Kelsey Gietl, Purple Mask Publishing

Well-written and produced novel which clearly undertakes all elements in the Catholic novel theme involving Catholic faith, Catholic imagination, the power of grace, the struggles of life on all levels, and God's closeness in the struggles of faith, in times of loss and sadness, and in times of joy. Terrific, transportive story which not only engages and entertains with plot surprises but also inspires and offers examples of good Christian behavior in a "real" human setting. Memorable characters, and an excellent balance of very satisfying — yet clean and Godly— historical romance.

Second Place

The City Mother, Maya Sinha, Chrism Press

Engaging First Person narrative delivering the joys and pains of motherhood in a modern-day urban academic setting. As her Catholic faith is reborn, concurrent with creation of children, the main character discovers evidence of true evil; she pulls no punches in addressing a postmodern world's cultural focus on life as "efficient" and without sacrifice and thus exposing the conflict that women can experience regarding childbearing and educated bread winning like the personal wounding it becomes for her. The author's realistic portrayal of both the tender experience of nurturing and bonding with baby and the need to "be more" is stunning. Required reading for all soon-to-be and newly married college-educated women of faith with an eye toward starting a family.

Third Place

Hold Fast, Spencer K. M. Brown, Wiseblood Books

A refreshing look at the interiors of two men — father and son— suffering losses of the women in their life. One returned home, one moored at home, both are frozen, trapped both in places and mental spaces that aren't serving them, until they, each in his own way, begin breaking free.

Honorable Mention

The Doctor of Bellechester, Margaret A. Blenkush, Pond Reads Press

Honorable Mention

The Saint Nicholas Society, Ben Bongers, KM, EnRoute Books and Media

B29: Other Faith based Novels

First Place

Shadowed Loyalty, Roseanna M. White, Chrism Press

Boy, I found out I am quite the sucker for a beautifully told romance, and this book was exactly that. The romance captured between Lorenzo and Sabina was heartwarming and quite honestly, intoxicating. The deep-found love between the two reminded me a lot of my wife and I, in particular Lorenzo's call to the priesthood (I also was considering a similar path before I fell in love and found my vocation, in that order). The inner turmoil experienced by Sabina throughout the book felt so palpable and the convictions and virtue expressed by Lorenzo were easy to admire. I think the novel provided just enough plot points and conflict to keep things moving, but it was the romance and the twists and turns that came with them finding each other again that really carried the book even beyond the plot. Finally, the faith elements of the book were fairly lacking at first (to the point where I was wondering if this was a faith-based novel) but the spiritual storyline really grew and blossomed well, and I enjoyed watching the characters experience and interact with God through their prayers. Overall, this was very well done and very hard to put down. My only critique is relatively minor: I think the back cover description may need a rewrite, because it was a little confusing to pick up who was doing what to whom, and it kind of took away from some of the early cliffhangers and plot reveals when we find out Lorenzo is the fiancée, for example.

Second Place

The Saint Nicholas Society, Ben Bongers, KM, EnRoute Books and Media

This was an excellent and enjoyable read, even for its length. The story felt very real and authentic, including the fictional story about Fred and the characters in his world, to the point where I wondered if it might be based off a real story of some sort. The story was told in such a way that I think this novel could actually be marketed to a secular audience — there's obviously a lot of faith elements but it's not overwhelming and overbearing, and the story is gritty enough to perhaps appeal to the Freds of the world. The characters were all very likeable and enjoyable. I particularly liked how the novel helped to bring alive St. Nicholas, and made him tangible and like someone we can get to know (which of course, we can, so thank you).

Third Place

Donuts After Mass, Joann Bradvica, Rafaela Bradvica and Daniela Bradvica, Ascension Press

I thought “Donuts After Mass” was really well done and was a very unique approach to introducing children to the idea of bringing Jesus along with you in prayer during daily activities. While long by my standards for a children’s book (having had to read a few before bedtime for my kids) the chapters and the comic strip style of storytelling really help it flow fast. I thought the comic strip style of presentation was a great idea and a very inviting format. I loved the character of Emily, that devoted kid who may be a little rough around the edges when it comes to practicing virtue. A wonderful, relatable example for kids of all ages trying to find their way in this world. I found it very curious and interesting to show Jesus from essentially the chest up - approachable and available, yet still somehow obscured from view. And the Holy Week and Passion sequence was about as heavy as I could imagine for a children’s book, but it was pretty powerful. My only criticisms would be I didn’t find every particular comic funny and sometimes I was confused about where things were going, but I did eventually figure out the comics were coming together to tell a story and weren’t all completely random. Overall, I think this is a wonderful and unique contribution to Catholic devotional materials and I am happy to have a printed copy in my home so I can share it with my young ones next!

B32a: Best Book- E Edition Only - Best E-Book - Any Topic

First Place

Global Catholic Education Report 2022: Ending Violence in Schools – An Imperative for Children’s Learning and Well-being, Quentin Wodon, Global Catholic Education Project

Second Place

Global Report on Integral Human Development 2022: Measuring the Contributions of Catholic and Other Faith-Based Organizations to Education, Health, and Social Protection, Quentin Wodon, Global Catholic Education Project / OIEC

B34a: Prayer - Books about prayer

First Place

Praying Through Pain, Barbara Lee, Loyola Press

A gem of a prayer resource, this nicely packaged title provides handy advice for surviving many types of pain across the spectrum of health and life challenges. Pointing to the psalms and other relevant scripture, and utilizing her unique background as former attorney, spiritual director, and member of the Ignation Volunteer Corps, the author brings the reader both practical and spiritual comfort. A blessed gift for self or others at any time of need.

Second Place

Such Dizzy Natural Happiness, Patrick Hannon, CSC, ACTA Publications
Encouraging the faithful to see the “Our Father” in ways other than just rote prayer, author Patrick Hannon, CSC, delights the reader with

reminiscences, stories from history — both archival and informal — and more, to expand our standard vision of the words given to us by Jesus Christ. The author’s reminiscences (and inclusion of “some cool translations”) entertain and inspire producing an attractive title to share with readers on a broad “faith” spectrum or, even, “none.” Well-executed and timely.

Third Place

Oriens, Fr. Joel Sember, OSV

Likening the time of Advent to a spiritual pilgrimage, the author offers not only ways to pray and reflect more deeply in preparation, but also to savor the time leading up to Christmas Day — as well as to appreciate the days following and leading up to Candlemas weeks after. Robustly and neatly designed for journaling, this publication is a thorough and complete vessel to open hearts as well as eyes and minds to hearing from God during this seasonal spiritual pilgrimage.

Honorable Mention

The Personal Rosary, Patrick Yanke, Self published

Honorable Mention

Mary’s Life Journey & Her Amazing Yes!, Denise Mercado, Self Published

B34b: Prayer - Collections of prayers

First Place

The Holy Hour: Meditations for Eucharistic Adoration, Matthew Becklo, Word on Fire
Convincing even for someone not into a Holy Hour. How can you go wrong with Bishop Sheen’s trademark devotion? Very informative.

Second Place

Madonnas of Color, Bro. Mickey McGrath, Clear Faith Publishing, LLC
Excellent artwork. Great coffee table book. Well presented. Decent descriptions.

Third Place

The Word Became Flesh: Meditations on the Incarnation and Holy Family, Matthew Becklo, Word on Fire
Anything Bishop Barron is associated with is safe reading. Good insights on an important topic.

Honorable Mention

The Personal Rosary, Patrick Yanke, Self published

B35: Ecumenism or Interfaith Relations

First Place

Jacob’s Younger Brother: Christian-Jewish Relations after Vatican II, Karma Ben-Johanan, The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press

Second Place

The Hidden “God”: Towards a Christian Theology of Buddhism, Peter Baekelmans, Angelico Press, Ltd.

Third Place

Wisdom from the World’s Religions: A Guide to Basic Human Questions, Peter Feldmeier, Orbis Books

B36: Pilgrimages/Catholic Travel

First Place

The Hildegard of Bingen Pilgrimage Book, Annette Esser, Liturgical Press

Truly a book for the road, Esser has taken the story and writings of Hildegard and placed them along the sites of her life. The book is a travelogue and invites the reader to engage in spiritual reflection along the route. A handsome publication.

Second Place

The Way of Mercy: Pilgrimage in Catholic Poland, Stephen J. Binz, Marian Press

This book provides both historical information and spiritual nourishment. Well-written with illustrations and photographs.

Third Place

A Catholic Pilgrimage through American History, Kevin Schmiesing, Ave Maria Press

A readable history of early Catholic settlements and sites through the lens of pilgrimage.

Honorable Mention

Mary’s Miracles: A Traveler’s Guide to Catholic America, Marion Amberg, OSV

B37: Sacraments

First Place

The Holy Mass, Kevin and Mary O’Neill, Sophia Institute Press

To say this book is absolutely brilliant is still not enough to express how cool it is! It is a graphic novel using Lego figures and scenes to explain faith concepts. It’s the most unique book I have seen in my years of judging! The design and writing offer the perfect combination of visuals and explanation of Catholic Mass, the Holy Eucharist, and more! It’s great for kids, but I also found it’s useful for adults who are new to the faith and love creative storytelling. This book is incredibly well-done and a literary treat!

Second Place

Invitations and Encounter, Timothy P. O’Malley, OSV

This book is lovely! It is very well written, and the explanations are thorough yet easy to understand. It is a deep dive into Sacramental evangelizing but makes the concept digestible and thought-provoking.

Third Place

Seven Clues, Scott Hahn and Maura Roan McKeegan, Loyola Press

This book has gorgeous illustrations and a heartwarming story! It’s such a creative way of explaining the Mass. It’s well-written and designed.

Honorable Mention

The Orthodoxy of Amoris Laetitia, Pedro Gabriel, Wipf and Stock

B38: Pope Francis

First Place

The Orthodoxy of Amoris Laetitia, Pedro Gabriel, Wipf and Stock

Well-researched. Though obviously biased, it does consider opposing viewpoints objectively. A welcome resource on a timely and touchy subject.

Second Place

Against War: Building a Culture of Peace, Pope Francis, Orbis Books

Very interesting and contemporary. Accessible to a wide range of readers.

Third Place

Siblings All, Sign of the Times: The Social Teaching of Pope Francis, Cardinal Michael Czerny and Christian Barone, Orbis Books

Very good reference source. Ideologically biased but well-written and informative.

B39: Newly Canonized Saints

First Place

On Pilgrimage: The Seventies, Dorothy Day, edited by Robert Ellsberg, Orbis Books

This edited volume of Dorothy Day's columns from the 1970s not only continue the look into her life and thoughts from the previous volume, but also give additional insights to the end of her life. Ellsberg's brief introductions give helpful context and background. As a journalist, Day was such a clear writer (though she occasionally repeats herself). This reads well and is spiritually uplifting for everyday Catholics.

Second Place

Gratitude and Grit: The Life of Blessed Solanus Casey, Leo Wollenweber, OFM Cap, Franciscan Media

A nicely written basic biography of Casey, though there is not much critical engagement with his life and story.

Third Place

Brother to All: The Life and Witness of Saint Charles de Foucauld, Joseph Victor Edwin, SJ, Orbis Books

This collection of essays was interesting, but there was quite a bit of repetition, especially about the main points of de Foucauld's life story. Very readable, however.

B40: Poetry

First Place

Light at the Torn Horizon, Paul Murray, Word on Fire

A commanding work of poetry, *Light at the Torn Horizon* by Paul Murray guides the reader through a journey of hope. No matter how broken or whole one feels, an individual can pick these poems and find a deep sense of assurance through glimmers or waves of optimism riddled throughout the work.

Second Place

A Hit of Hope: (for when it gets really bad), Betsy Johnson, Liturgical Press

Betsy Johnson explores finding one's worth no matter what life throws at you in "A Hit of Hope." Betsy draws hope from a place of knowledge that can only be attained by battling through life's

difficulties with one's eyes fixed on the divine.

Third Place

Begin with a Question: Poems, Marjorie Maddox, Paraclete Press, Iron Pen Imprint

"Begin with a Question," by Marjorie Maddox takes you on a journey of fun, sadness, hope and everywhere in between. Her use of the English-language delights to the mind, tickles the heart, and encourages the soul.

Honorable Mention

All That Will Be New, Paul Mariani, Slant Books

Honorable Mention

Wings Upon the Unseen Gust, Jake Frost, Self Published

B41: Backlist Beauty

First Place

The Pope Benedict XVI Reader, Pope Benedict XVI, Word on Fire

This winning entry, an intimate portrayal of Pope Benedict XVI through his own words, gifts the reader with personal insight into the professor, the theologian and the Pope. The reader gains a flavor of the richness and beauty of Benedict through interviews, his encyclicals, his weekly talks and from carefully chosen excerpts from his many books. Bishop Barron has provided a medley of rich selections that span from the time of Vatican II through the years at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the papacy and even a glimpse of writing after Benedict's unprecedented resignation.

Second Place

After Humanity: A Guide to C.S. Lewis' "The Abolition of Man", Michael Ward, Word on Fire

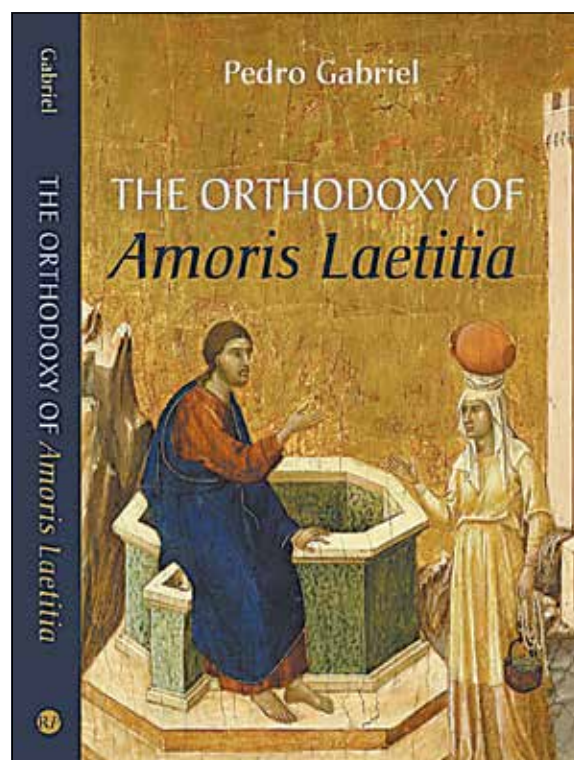
In May 1999, as the tumultuous 20th Century was nearing its close, the internationally respected National Review published a definitive list of the "100 Best Non-Fiction Books of the Century." On it, best-selling author/Christian apologist Clive Staples Lewis had two works selected. "Mere Christianity," written for a broad radio audience during the Second World War, made the list at #26.

While his far more challenging and less well-known philosophical work, "The Abolition of Man," made the list at #7. Fortunately, to help make sense of "Abolition" for the majority of us, Fr. Michael Ward has written a brilliant, easy to read "CliffsNotes/SparkNotes" like version to pilot the reader of "Abolition" through rough philosophical shoals. Well footnoted and referenced, "Abolition" carefully steers the reader through the toughest questions, e.g. "Had human civilization run its course? . . . Wondering whether (humanity) would ever regain its equilibrium, and deserve to? With "After Humanity, A Guide to C.S. Lewis's *The Abolition of Man*," Fr. Ward has produced an award winner.

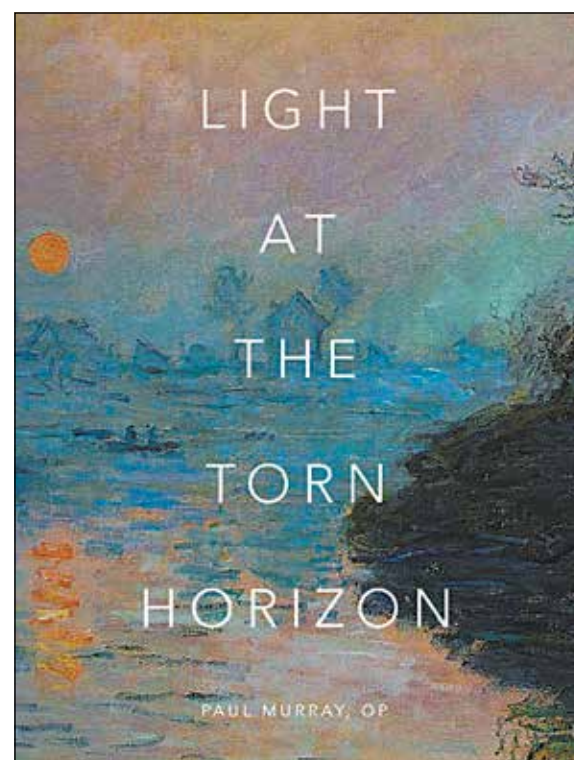
Third Place

Habits for Holiness: Small Steps for Making Big Spiritual Progress, Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, CFR, Ascension

"Habits for Holiness" is an engaging small book that calls itself a book of "Small Steps for Making Big Spiritual Progress," and it does this in a challenging and thoughtful way. Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, CRF, points out that a soul needs to approach this goal of holiness, poco a poco- little by little because our spiritual life is made step by step. Prayer is our relationship with the Lord where we receive our daily bread and our strength for the journey — our life's journey. There are challenges of course, but Fr. Ames's view is that the more you have to do, the more important it is to pray, intentionally and actively. The book is interspersed with Reflections that are practical and easy to reflect upon. All of us desire friendship, we want intimacy, and we want to be known and loved. The author tells us that this is part of the God given desire for heaven. He asks some poignant questions: "have I experienced being loved in my weakness and known by others in my weakness." He believes families will save the world, and he offers a clever suggestion by looking at the Saint of the day and planning a family meal based on the nationality of the Saint. Example, French food for St. Therese, Italian food on St. Francis' feast day. As a Franciscan he talks about the attraction of simplicity, having only what you need- minimalism. He contrasts this with the burden of things, resulting in needing to compete, constantly working, making money and spending money. The accumulation of material goods robs peace and freedom from us. He challenges his readers to "learn to say oh that is enough." This opens up your potential to move forward with



B38: Pope Francis



B40: Poetry

your relationship with Jesus. Another challenge is to examine your conscience and ask, can I do better, what are my next steps. He tells us to never underestimate the Church as our family and remember that it is the nature of the church to evangelize. His advice is: “Don’t be aggressive about evangelization, be intentional.” This is a small book packed with salient advice to change our lives. “

Honorable Mention

Thrive: 10 Commandments for 20-Somethings to Live the Best-Life-Possible, Jeffrey J. Froh, Human Touch Press

Thrive is a book whose title describes it as 10 Commandments for 20 something’s to live the best life possible. It has lots of good advice, yes mostly geared toward young people, but people of all ages, having a willingness to grow can get some helpful rules to help them Thrive also. There are two sets of commandments, God’s and Jeffrey Froh’s. God’s commandments, Jeffrey tells us are freeing and they protect us from sin, while his commandments set a person free to realize their potential, fostering a love for living. In this book the two sets of commandments connect for living the best life possible. His advice in the form of his commandments is pretty basic: live simply, eschew materialism, as it doesn’t make you happy. Creatively, his chapters are peppered with real life people that he has counseled. Their stories as well as his own personal stories illustrate his points about the significance of his commandments. This book is filled with plenty of good advice from people who made mistakes and corrected them and learned from them. It really is a great book for people in their 20s and 30s to awaken to a new way to live and thrive.

Honorable Mention

Return: How to Draw Your Child Back to the Faith, Brandon Vogt, Word on Fire

Brandon Vogt offers in 2021, a second edition of a book published originally in 2015. Bishop Robert Barron in his introduction provides a spot-on significance for this book — to give parents who are frantically distressed that their children have left the faith, a solution that allows response, a rebuilding of relationships, and a drawing back to the faith. People leave the faith for a number of reasons, the Church is too judgmental, sexual issues, no real personal relationship with God, etc. But Vogt believes it is because they are not rooted in a living encounter with Christ. He instructs parents to put into practice what you believe from the Creed. Ask questions and truly listen to your child’s response without judgment. He provides helpful questions for parents to ask their children, such as: “what is the biggest reason keeping you from Church? Sensibly he cautions us to “remember that if not for the sheer grace of God, you could have drifted away too...”. Parents need to invite in the most effective way and then close the loop. The book offers helpful explanations for a series of personal, moral and theological objections. The symbolism of the father and the prodigal son are shown on the cover, and this theme of welcoming back with open arms is the presenting theme.

B42: Best Front Cover Artwork

First Place

Light at the Torn Horizon, Paul Murray, Word on Fire

The artwork of this cover, reminiscent of the English Artist, Turner, draws you right into the topic of the book. Even without the words on the book

cover, you would still know from this cover painting what the book is about. The artwork has that impressionistic, mystical quality about it that invites you right in. The simplicity of the white letters against the dark rugged background causes the letters to leap out at you. This cover has a vibrancy to it that even at a distance would see it and be attracted to it.

Second Place

The Word on Fire Bible, Volume II: Acts, Letters, and Revelation, Word on Fire, Word on Fire

This Bible cover is exceptionally inviting. The black rivets with the silver etching creates an image of richness and grandeur as you open the book and enter the Word of God. This cover also calls you to touch the fabric and when you do, the leather feels like you would want to possess it.

Third Place

Walking the Way of the Cross for Caregivers: How To Cope Practically, Emotionally, and Spiritually When a Loved One Has a Serious Illness, Michelle Laque Johnson, Self Published

This cover has an interesting perspective to it of Mary at the foot of Jesus on the cross. It is very realistic and touches one with the tragedy and overwhelming sadness of Mary. The smallness of the printed title and the position of the title flow easily into the scene. This is beautifully done.

Honorable Mention

The Doctor of Bellechester, Margaret A. Blenkush, Pond Reads Press

This cover, done in light tones of pencil, offers an invitation to come into the book and be in relationship. The cover art looks like a doorway into this other world. The door itself is the circular tree limb and so we have a sense of nature itself calling us into this book.

Honorable Mention

Venture: The Bible Timeline for High School, Author Mark Hart; Illustrator BARITUS Catholic Illustration, Ascension

This is a “very sharp” cover. It is clean and to the point. No frills involved here. The cover art fits the book itself, which is a “workbook”. There is nothing hidden here. The cover art even has this computer clean edge to it, which would fit a high school mentality.

B43: Memior

First Place

Let Yourself Be Loved: Big Lessons from a Little Life, Elizabeth Leon, Koehler Books

Second Place

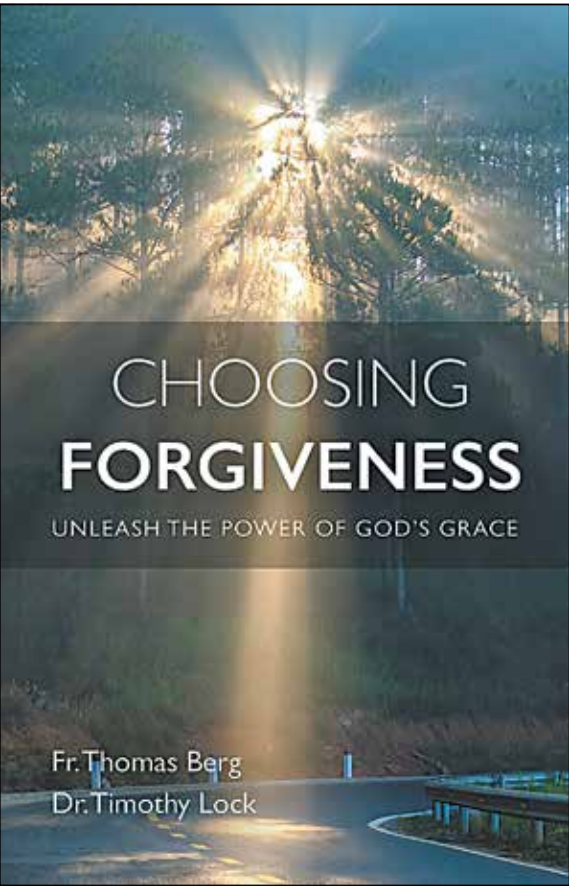
Marching to a Silent Tune, Gerald R. Gioglio, ACTA Publications

Third Place

Dearest Sister Wendy... A Surprising Story of Faith and Friendship, Sr. Wendy Beckett and Robert Ellsberg, Orbis Books

Honorable Mention

A Thousand Pounds: Finding the Strength to Live and Love under the Weight of Unbearable Loss, Brianne Edwards, CatholicPsych Press



B44: Healing & Self Help

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First Place

Choosing Forgiveness, Fr. Thomas Berg and Dr. Timothy Lock, OSV

Second Place

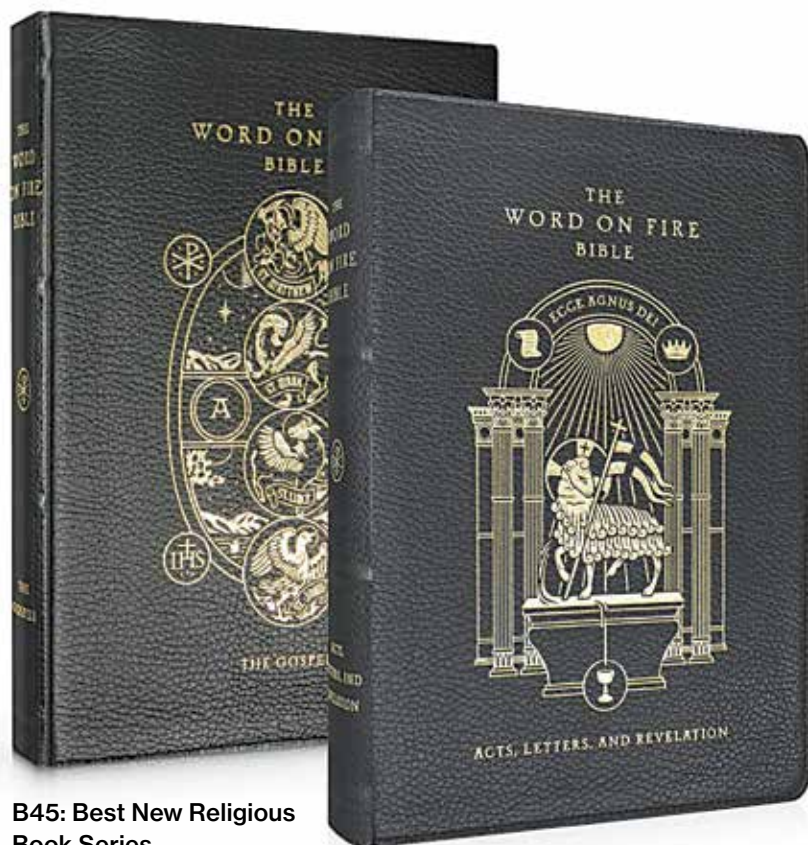
Braving the Thin Places, Julianne Stanz, Loyola Press

Adult Catholics who believe that their spirituality is almost as important as their physical well-being need people, places, and things to inform and companion them during good times and bad, but most especially in the “thin places” — where God’s grace is waiting to happen. In recent years human beings have been exposed to tremendous upheaval — COVID-19, ongoing wars and tyranny, repeated school shootings — are only some of the ways that tear us down and can break us. The author’s Celtic heritage and personal sharing can open our eyes to encounter moments that break through the shadows that may be keeping us shackled to past hurts or fears for the future and open us to dig deeper into our soul and the wisdom there. She also shares insights from Dominican, Franciscan and Benedictine traditions and gently encourages us to enjoy the freedom and peace that God promises us and enables us to share with others. Whatever your heritage or spirituality is, you are meant to be whole (holy) and filled with grace. This book can help you to get there.

Third Place

Sisterhood, Chloe Langr, OSV

I am all in for developing and maintaining good, healthy friendships, and Chloe Langr has done us a great service with her book “Sisterhood.” She is in good company as the Servant of God Dorothy Day also spoke about the need for women — “even in the busiest years of our lives... we must have community.” Authentic friendships are our lifeline, but they are not necessarily easy to find and to keep — that’s why we need someone wise, spiritual, and knowledgeable to help us to “unpack and explore our feminine genius with the women in our lives” Langr’s “Real Talk” offer real stories of real women that can help us to heal and grow. She unfolds



B45: Best New Religious Book Series

practical ways to keep our relationships strong, such as, intentionally contacting close friends — whether near or far — about “news” before posting on Facebook. These and other heartfelt suggestions can help us to be a maternal source of comfort and support for each other and be a “win-win” in our over-busy and challenging lives.

Honorable Mention

Restore, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, Ave Maria Press

The outstanding artwork by Valerie Delgado combined with Sr. Miriam’s brief daily meditations for Lent can be a great blessing for our journey in this most holy time of the Church year. With plenty of room for us to write our reflection and appropriate prayer while meditating one can use this time to come closer to Jesus and gain the grace and blessing we yearn for.

Honorable Mention

Behold, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, Ave Maria Press

The journey through Advent to the crib can be especially fruitful by praying with Sr. Miriam’s meditations and touching illustrations by Josiah Henley.

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First Place

The Word on Fire Bible, Volume II: Acts, Letters, and Revelation, Word on Fire, Word on Fire

Barron rightly rails against the dumbing down of Catholicism, and he does something about it. An elegantly presented book. Encyclopedic in content without overwhelming. Superb.

Second Place

Food for the Soul: Reflections on the Mass Readings (Cycle A), Peter Kreeft, Word on Fire

Massive work reflective of the author’s erudition and philosophical approach. A welcome addition

to a crowded field. The sheer volume and sturdy binding scores points in a book sure to be used frequently.

Third Place

Saints and Feasts of the Catholic Calendar Volume I: January, February, March, Fr. Michael Black, Self-Published

Very good reading. could easily be ranked higher, but the volume of other titles gives them a slight edge. Stands on its own and would be fitting for a wide audience. Well researched, well-written informative, and stimulating. High commendations.

Honorable Mention

Moonchild Rising (Shadows of the Sun #1), Mina Ambrose, Full Quiver Publishing

Honorable Mention

A Prisoner and You Visited Me: Homilies and Reflections for Cycle A, Contributors include: Richard Rohr, OFM; James Martin, SJ; Phyllis Zagano, Ph.D.; Brian McLaren; et al., Clear Faith Publishing, LLC

B46: Faith Formation

First Place

Venture: The Bible Timeline for High School, Mark Hart, Ascension

This book has an incredible design, professional layout, and thoroughly explanatory writing. It has lots of activities for an enhanced learning experience. The variety of interactive elements and visuals make this the ultimate teaching tool at the high school level, but is great for nonstudents to learn about the Bible, as well. This workbook is an absolute masterpiece!

Second Place

For Real? Christ’s Presence in the Eucharist, Deacon Dennis Lambert, Liguori Publications

This book is beautifully written and thoroughly passionate. The organization and consistency of the formatting make this book easy to read and comprehend. The author creates a perfect picture of Christ’s presence in the Eucharist, backed by scriptural evidence and a sound argument.

Third Place

Tales of Faith: A Guide for Leading with Beauty in Literature, Holly Ordway, Word on Fire

What an intriguing and unique idea for ministering and growing in the faith! This book provides a faith-based lens through which to view classic literature. It is a lovely piece that is appropriate for a variety of ages and audiences.

B47: Anthology

First Place

Native American Catholic Studies Reader: History and Theology, David J. Endres, Catholic University of America Press

Exhaustive corpus on a sadly neglected topic. Well done and stimulating.

Second Place

Native American Catholic Studies Reader, David J. Endres, The Catholic University of America Press

Fills a void in the market in an admirable way. Will draw the reader in and expand their horizons.

Third Place

A Hill of Beans: The Grace of Everyday Troubles, Valerie Schultz, Liturgical Press

B48: English Translation Edition

First Place

Introduction to the Devout Life, St. Francis de Sales, Translated by Matthew K. Minerd, Ascension

This book is very intricate, including commentaries and introductions to the text so that readers can know the full context of the original writings. The translated text itself is exquisitely poetic and beautifully edited. It is a wonderful piece that is perfectly translated to inspire and impact English language readers.

Second Place

Spiritual Diary, Sergius Bulgakov, Translated by Mark Roosien and Roberto J. De La Noval, Angelico Press, Ltd.

This piece is scholarly yet easily digestible for non-scholarly audiences. It covers a fascinating topic and is well-organized and notated. It is clear this text was written and translated with passion and devotion.

Third Place

The Bible and the Crisis of Modernism: Catholic Criticism in the Twentieth Century, Tomáš Petráček, University of Notre Dame Press

This book is a masterpiece of critical, faith-based writing! It is well-formatted, professionally edited, and contains advanced vocabulary for scholars and educators.

B50: Future Church

First Place

Becoming Eucharistic People, Timothy P. O’Malley, Ave Maria Press

Apropos to the concern the Church has with respect to an understanding of the Eucharist, O’Malley offers a deep appreciation of what the Eucharist means personally and communally and how it truly is the “source and summit” for the Christian life in the world.

Second Place

Faith and Spiritual Life of Young Adult Catholics in a Rising Hispanic Church, Edited by Thomas Gaunt, SJ, Liturgical Press

A well-researched theological and sociological book into the lives of 18-35-year-old “dones.” The variety of authors gives a clear appreciation of the varied reasons why this cohort is moving on from the institutional Church. Yet, all hope is not lost for these folks, as substantiated by good data, who understand themselves as good and faithful Catholics, just not in the traditional ways historical Catholics have.

Third Place

The Apostolic Constitution “Preach the Gospel” (Praedicate Evangelium): With an Appraisal of Francis’s Reform of the Roman Curia by Massimo Faggioli, Promulgated by Pope Francis, Liturgical Press

A very focused text analysis of a particular document written by an author with an extensive background in Church history. It is an engaging text that brings together both the seriousness of historical analysis with some gossip, if you will, pieces.

Honorable Mention

Catholic Women Preach: Raising Voices, Renewing the Church CYCLE A, Elizabeth Donnelly and Russ Petrus, editors, Orbis Books

Honorable Mention

Rising: Learning from Women’s Leadership in Catholic Ministries, Carolyn Y. Woo, Orbis Books

B51a: Self Published Books - Self Published Books - Fiction (Includes YA Fiction)

First Place

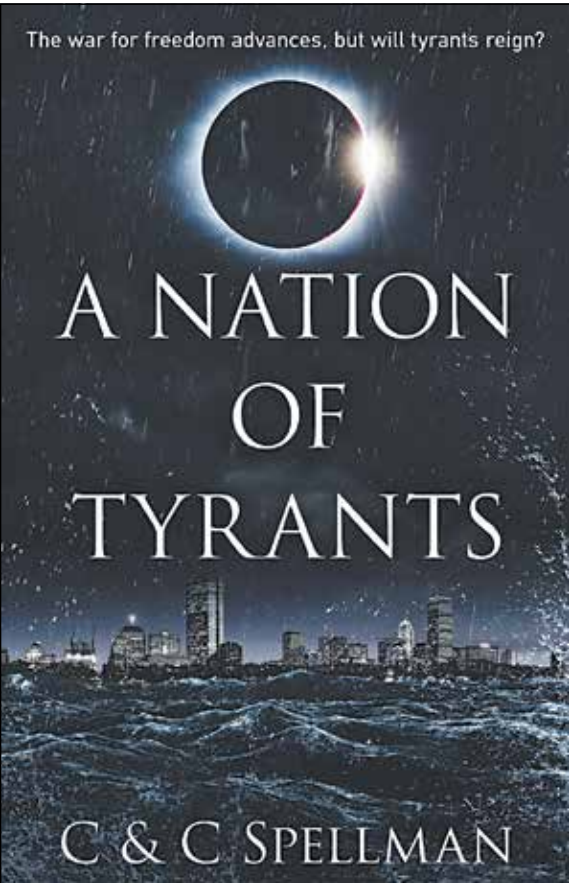
A Nation of Tyrants, C & C Spellman, Rosemont Books

A Nation of Tyrants quickly engages the reader. Although it is second in a “Christian dystopian trilogy,” the book stands on its own. The characters come to life vividly and pull the reader into a fast-paced story that quickly establishes a good vs. evil moral context. The struggles of the lead character’s experiences in her faith journey will resonate with a broad audience, especially young adults.

Second Place

The Journal, C.E. Rivetto, Self-published (through Covenant Books)

Once you get inside “The Journal,” you won’t be



B51a: Self Published Books - Self Published Books - Fiction (Includes YA Fiction)

able to put it down. The cover and introductory pages might be a little off-putting, but this delightful read has broad appeal, including young adults. The author cleverly weaves a beautiful storyline of human brokenness and forgiveness between two different time periods. It’s addictive.

Third Place

Solitude Of Light, S. Kirk Pierzchala, Self-published

Connecting with this second book in the series requires a bit of effort, but it is worth the effort. The story takes the reader through a beautiful transformation of Tomas, with glimpses into his past to help the reader understand critical influences in his spiritual journey. The story unfolds within an intriguing future world, creating an added desire to know more about the peripheral characters. The author cleverly uses Tomas’ journey to present the challenges and rewards of a life committed to service and searching for truth in a broken world. The author’s use of profanity to paint dark characters is unnecessary and makes this book better for more mature readers.

Honorable Mention

Saint Jerk, D.J. Dixon, Self-published

“Saint Jerk” is a fun story about a young man’s journey through Catholic school, learning to balance his desire to be accepted by his friends while following his moral compass to “do the right thing.” It reads like a story written by a father for a son — and that’s okay. Some of the text gets a little “preachy” but the overarching lessons shared through the pages of Saint Jerk are timeless. This is a quick read with potential appeal to multiple generations, but especially Catholic dads and their sons and daughters.

B51b: Self Published Books - Self Published Books - Non Fiction

First Place

Walking the Way of the Cross for Caregivers: How To Cope Practically, Emotionally, and Spiritually When a Loved One Has a Serious Illness, Michelle Laque Johnson, Self-published

This is a beautifully written, compelling story with many relevant references to Church doctrine/teaching made to help other caretakers who may travel a similar journey.

Second Place

The Personal Rosary, Patrick Yanke, Self-published

Very practical, handy, and useful tool, especially for those who are new to praying the Rosary or to those who are becoming more committed to the Faith through the Rosary. He gives a brief but compelling background and then explains succinctly but adequately the various Mysteries contained within the Prayer. Great work.

Third Place

Mary’s Life Journey & Her Amazing Yes!, Denise Mercado, Self-published

B51c: Self Published Books - Self Published Books - Children’s Books Ages 0-11

First Place

Mysteries of The Holy Rosary, The Life of

Jesus and Mary, Jane Morrone and Heather Lean, Self-published, With Love from Above Books, Inc.

“Mysteries of the Holy Rosary: The Life of Jesus and Mary” welcomes children to reflect on the mysteries of the Rosary with stunning visuals. The mysteries come alive with illustrations that reach children where they are at and give them a better sense of what is happening as they journey through the Rosary.

Second Place

An Open Heart for Love, Rosa Purcell, WestBow Press

“An Open Heart for Love” by Rosa Purcell uses a compelling illustration style to introduce children to the basic concepts of eternal love. This book is a good starting point for parents to have conversations with their children about loving themselves, loving others, and how it all comes from the God who loved them first.

B52: Grief and Bereavement

First Place

A Thousand Pounds: Finding the Strength to Live and Love under the Weight of Unbearable Loss, Brianne Edwards, CatholicPsych Press

Very well-written, she is able to describe in relatable detail the emotion turmoil she and her family suffered. There is sufficient mention of her Catholic faith, but she does it in such a way that even non-believers could turn to this book should they be faced with similar tragedy. A great book

Second Place

Let Yourself Be Loved: Big Lessons from a Little Life, Elizabeth Leon, Koehler Books

Another compelling story about a lost love. She leans heavily on her Faith as she describes her journey through anticipation and loss. A great story, could be widely read throughout varied communities.

Third Place

Our Faithful Departed, Leonard J. DeLorenzo, Ave Maria Press

Very well-researched and well-written by a highly respected institution, whose credentials and expertise are unquestioned. In my opinion, the grieving/suffering reader would be more likely to find solace in the storytelling of a couple of the other books, which does not detract from the value of this contribution.

Honorable Mention

Engaging the Gifts of Growing Older, Frank J. Cunningham, ACTA Publications

Honorable Mention

Praying Through Pain, Barbara Lee, Loyola Press

B54: Mysticism

First Place

A World Transfigured: The Mystical Journey, Philip Sheldrake, Liturgical Press

Second Place

The Mystics Who Came to Dinner, Carmel Bendon, Orbis Books

Third Place

Mary the Perfect Contemplative: Carmelite Insights on the Interior Life of Our Lady, Barbara Hughes, ICS Publications

B56: Best Book for Young Adults 12-18

First Place

Beckoning, Claudia Cangilla McAdam, OSV

This well-written adventure instantly draws the reader into a journey that is inspiring, informational, and transformational. The author invites the reader to approach Eucharistic Adoration through the lens of the main character who, while at prayer, is transported to Jerusalem shortly after the death of Jesus. What follows is a captivating interchange of complimentary storylines that keep the reader turning pages. The lead character's experience in prayer, living among the early apostles, becomes a guide for coping with a parallel journey in her own life. The story is an easy-to-read page-turner that will appeal to a broad audience, especially young adults.

Second Place

Brave Watter, Sarah Robsdottir, Voyage Comics & Publishing

What a wonderful book! The only thing that slowed my "read-it-in-a-day" speed was the many italicized texts. The author cleverly weaves the ills of poverty and human trafficking into this compelling novel set in rural Africa. The well-developed characters pull the reader into their plight, inspiring each to walk along in their shoes. This is a powerful book for young adults, with an appeal to both young men and women.

Third Place

The Journal, C.E. Rivetto, Self-published (through Covenant Books)

Once you get inside "The Journal," you won't be able to put it down. The cover and introductory pages might be a little off-putting, but this delightful read has broad appeal, including young adults. The author cleverly weaves a beautiful storyline of human brokenness and forgiveness between two different time periods. It's addictive.

Honorable Mention

Miracle at the Mission, Joseph Lewis, Elk Lake Publishing Inc.

"Miracle at the Mission" hits the mark as an entertaining story that follows the adventures of two close Catholic school buddies. The author alludes to the first book in the series just enough to entice the reader to go back and read it, too. While it can be a little "campy" and predictable, the young adult audience (and parents too) will be engaged by the unfolding mystery, history, and possibilities woven into the story.

Honorable Mention

Saint Jerk, D.J. Dixon, Self-published

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B60: Author of the Year

First Place

Between Heaven and Earth: New Explorations of Great Biblical Texts, Gerhard Lohfink, Liturgical Press

Reverend Gerhard Lohfink submitted four examples of his contributions to the Catholic community. "Between Heaven and Earth" explores the question of being both wholly in the world and wholly in God, being here and there. The book provides the reader with a walk through Sacred Scripture to provide the opportunity to know Jesus Christ and His message more intimately. His books, "A New Reading of the Our Father," "The Forty Parables of Jesus," and "Is This All There Is?" as well as the above mentioned, "Between Heaven and Earth" all are uniquely different offerings but they gift the reader with an undercurrent of the same thematic scriptural lens. Jesus was exceedingly conscious of the First Testament and went about interpreting the reign of God for his disciples, then and now. Jesus' actions emerge out of his own understanding of himself and his proclamation of the reign of his Father. The author is a scripture scholar with a keen appreciation of the work of the Catholic Church, who presents his beautiful and complex texts in a comfortable, easy and friendly style, opening the doors of wisdom to his readers. He asks questions, even those that he himself has, and proceeds to answer the questions through his journeys through scripture.

Second Place

Food for the Soul: Reflections on the Mass Readings (Cycle A), Peter Kreeft, Word on Fire

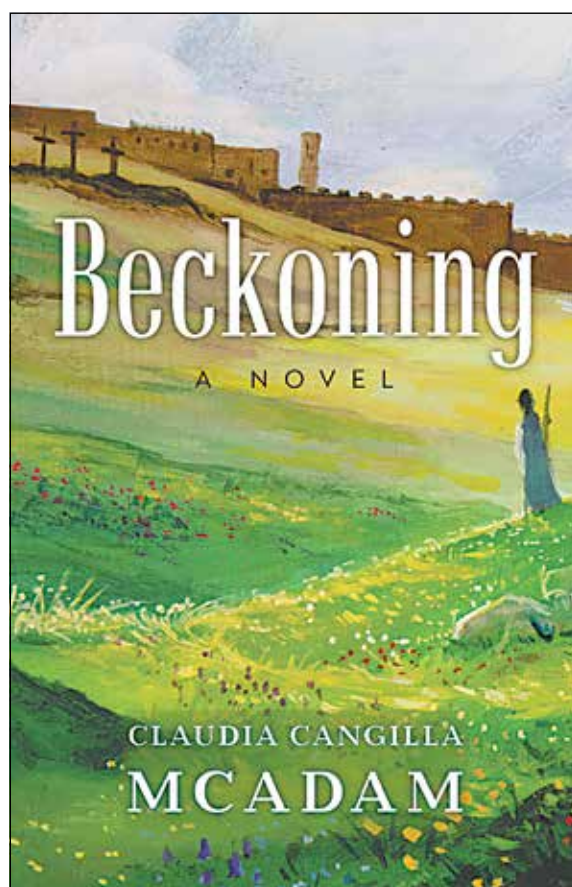
The submissions by Professor Peter Kreeft, "Food for the Soul, Cycle A" and "Food for the Soul, Cycle C" are outstanding reference materials that take the reader through the Vigil/Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist with an intense focus on the two readings, the responsorial psalm and the Gospel. Each reading is followed by an in-depth, very understandable synopsis of the readings plus a mini homily for the reader's enhanced appreciation

of the readings and a message of interpretation of the passages. The texts effectively communicate the scriptural message and provide food for the week to reflect upon. The texts are a significant contribution to the priest whose task it is to prepare the Vigil/ Sunday homily, great preparation for the reader at those celebrations and a thoughtful contribution to the person in the pew who is in need of a deeper appreciation of the Word of the Lord.

Third Place

Redeeming the Time: Gospel Perspectives on the Challenges of the Hour, Bishop Robert Barron, Word on Fire

"Redeeming the Time" is a thoughtful collection of articles, three pages in length, similar to opinion pieces in a newspaper column. Bishop Robert Barron deals with contemporary issues plaguing our culture, our times and our Church. This book is chock full of gems about the times that we live in, our culture, our history, arguments for truth from St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Paul, the Church and importantly the meaning of love as the Gospels tell us — to will the good of the other as other. Bishop Barron explores the sorry phenomenon of our time that it is right if we want it to be right. Our will is what matters, not necessarily truth, love or the other. The articles deal with our times, the abuse crisis, questioning the "nones" reliance on science having all the answers, confronting moral chaos, social Justice, political polarization among other themes. Bishop Barron provides morsels of knowledge, faith and hope in these articles, in the profound hope of redeeming our cultural chaos. Truly this book as well as Bishop Barron's many other writings contribute to the Catholic community by causing us to challenge the times and to act in the Gospel messages of truth and love, under the works of the Spirit.



B56: Best Book for Young Adults 12-18



B60: Author of the Year

Gabriel Awards



G1001: 2023 Personal Achievement Award - Best Director or Producer

First Place

Rev. James Korda,
Roman Catholic
Diocese of Youngstown

Film

G105: Feature Film

First Place

Slaves and Kings, Bosco Films

Pablo Moreno, Director and Script; Rubén D. Ortega AEC, Photography; María Esparcia, Editor; Oscar M. Leanizbarrutia, Music; Paco Pavón, Production Direction; Nacho Pérez, Costumes; Marina H., Makeup; Sara Pérez Lobato, Art Direction; Juan Borrell, Direct Sound; Raúl Escudero, Casting

Runner Up

Mirando al Cielo – Looking at Heaven, MediaQuest

Antonio Pelaez, Director & Writer; Laura Diaz, Producer; Wolf Parra, Camera; Antonio Pelaez, Editor

G106: Short Film

First Place

Women of Burden, Georgetown University Initiative on Health and Peace

Producers: Timothy O Casey and Jessica Kritz;
Directors: Sean Casey and Kevin Casey

Runner Up

NFL Chaplain Profile – Fr. Chuck Dornquist, Spirit Juice Studios

Rob Kaczmark, President; David Naglieri, Producer; Matthew Sawczyn, Producer; Christopher Weingart, Director; Branden J. Stanley, Vice President of Development; Seneca Lester, Vice President of Operations

Runner Up

Father Kapaun Comes Home, Spirit Juice Studios

Rob Kaczmark, President; Haley Rossi, Director of Photography; Jessie Schiffer, Creative Coordinator; Danielle Conklin, Producer; Daniel Gebert, Creative Coordinator; Seneca Lester, Vice President of Operations; Elrodson Quiroz, Senior Editor; Branden J. Stanley, Vice President of Development

Runner Up

To Last a Thousand Years, Spirit Juice Studios

Rob Kaczmark, President; Victoria McEachern, Director of Production; Haley Rossi, Director of Photography; Daniel Gebert, Creative Director; Chris Weingart, Director; Branden J. Stanley, Vice



G106: Short Film

President of Development; Renee Poskitt, Senior Editor; Seneca Lester, Vice President of Operations

G107: Documentary

First Place

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love, Castletown Media, Knights of Columbus

David Naglieri, Tim Moriarty, Marc Boudignon, George Hosek

Runner Up

Symphony of Courage, Voice of America

Beth Mendelson, Senior Executive Producer/Director; Euna Lee, Senior Executive Editor; Carol Slatkin, Editor/Producer; Nathan Antila, Writer/Producer

G109: Streaming Scripted Series

First Place

Juice Box: How to Pray, Spirit Juice Studios

Rob Kaczmark, President; Cody Hilliard, Director; Daniel Gebert, Creative Director; Haley Rossi,

Director of Photography; Edgar Patino, Senior Editor; Branden J. Stanley, Vice President of Development; Seneca Lester, Vice President of Operations; Julia Gralczyk, Director; Christopher Weingart, Director

Runner Up

Word of Life, Coronation Media

Gary Gasse, Bill Phillips & the Coronation team

Radio - English

G311a: Documentary - Local Release

First Place

No Stone Unturned, Alabama Public Radio
Pat Duggins, Rob Briscoe, Joe Moody, Nala Pena

Runner Up

The Eyeopener, The Voice Therapy Diaries, CBC

Allison Dempster, Reporter/Producer; Josh Page, Producer

Runner Up

Defending Conscience Rights for Healthcare Providers, Doctor, Doctor, Inc.

Thomas W. McGovern, MD, Co-Host; Christopher Stroud, MD, Co-Host; Andrew Mullally, MD, Co-Host; Andrea Serrani, Producer

G361a: Single Story - Local Release

First Place

Second-grade recess litter patrol in Beachwood cleans up the playground and the planet, Ideastream Public Media

Zaria Johnson

Runner Up

CBC radio Fresh Air – May 22 Mixed Ability Rugby, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Local Toronto

Jason D'Souza, Host; Helen Bagshaw, Producer

G361b: Single Story - National Release

First Place

The Current, Why an Indigenous man dreaded telling his grandmother he's a priest, CBC

Allison Dempster, Reporter/Producer; Matt Galloway, Host; Cathy Simon, Producer

Runner Up

The Current: The Woolly Mammoth, CBC

Matt Galloway, Liz Hoath, Ben Jamieson

Television - English

G551a: Single Story - Local Release

First Place

This Week with Bob Mueller the War in Ukraine, WKRN-TV

Bob Mueller, Anchor/Producer; David Van Hooser, Photographer/Producer

Runner Up

Escaping Mass and Cass, GBH News

Filmed by Tori Bedford, Howard Powell and Joanie Tobin; Edited by Emily Judem; Reported by Tori Bedford; Produced by Emily Judem and Stephanie Leydon

Runner Up

Cleveland artist Dexter Davis channels road rage shooting into new art, Ideastream Public Media

Dave DeOreo and Jean-Marie Papoi

Runner Up

Sarah Will Walk Again, WZTV Fox 17 News Nashville

Ryan Brooker, Photographer; Dennis Ferrier, Reporter

G551b: Single Story - National Release

First Place

CFN Live – AMT Children of Hope, Catholic Faith Network

Jackie Lukas, Producer/Host; Denise Giammarino, Senior Executive Producer; Nicholas Hintz, Shooter/Editor

Runner Up

CFN Live – The Catherine Violent Hubbard Animal Sanctuary, Catholic Faith Network

Colleen McVey, Sr. Producer/Host; Denise Giammarino, Sr. Executive Producer; Gina Colon Bumbalo, Producer; Nicholas Hintz, Shooter/Editor

Runner Up

The National: Canadian Coyote, CBC

Jorge Barrera, Kimberly Ivany, Aileen McBride

Runner Up

Roadfood: Discovering America One Dish at a Time, GBH

Cliff Sharples, Executive Producer; Laurie Donnelly, Executive Producer; Misha Collins, Executive Producer & Host; Kathy Kingsley, Producer

Runner Up

Seventy Times Seven – Forgiving their Mother's Murderer, Shalom Media

Mesmin Santhosh, Producer; Robin Varghese, Creative Producer; Zachary James Martinez, Camera; Ranjith Jimmy, Editor

Runner Up

EH3 – A Hero on the Hudson: Captain Vince Lombardi, Spirit Juice Studios

Rob Kaczmark, President; David Naglieri, Producer; Greg Krajewski, Vice President of Production; Branden J. Stanley, Vice President of Development; Seneca Lester, Vice President of Operations

Television - Spanish

G561a: Special or Documentary - Local Release

First Place

Sister Blandina Segale: A Cincinnati Saint, WKRC-TV

Patricia McGeever, Producer; Byran Dykes, Director of Photography & Editor; Bob Herzog, Host; Ricky Henry, Graphics



G551a: Single Story - Local Release



G551b: Single Story - National Release

Runner Up

Shawn Bradley: Strangely Grateful, KSL TV
Angie Denison, Producer/Director; Eric Betts, Videographer/Editor; Jim Thomas, Graphic Designer

G561b: Special or Documentary - National Release

First Place

The Doctors of the Church: St Francis de Sales, Wings/EWTN
Matthew Bunson, Greg Hendrick, Nathan Leon, Peter Gagnon

Runner Up

The U.S. and the Holocaust, Florentine Films
Ken Burns, Director, Producer, Executive Director; Lynn Novick, Director, Producer; Sarah Botstein, Director, Producer; Mike Welt: Producer

Runner Up

Going Home Like a Shooting Star... Thea Bowman's Journey to Sainthood, NewGroup Media
Judith Ann Zielinski, OSF, Writer/Producer; Christopher Salvador, Director/Producer; Lawrence Bilinski, Editor; Bishop Joseph R. Kopacz, Executive Producer

G591: Best Use of Sound for Television

First Place

Glorious lives – St.Devasahayam Pillai: India's First Layman-Martyr Saint, Shalom Media
Robin Varghese, Producer; Jithu Raj, Co-producer; Ranjith Jimmy, Editor; Shinoob T Chacko, Director of Photography

G661b: Special or Documentary - National Release

First Place

Una Sola Carne, Wings/EWTN
Ricardo del Pozo, Doug Keck, John Elson, Betty Pilco

Runner Up

Santa Maria de Guadalupe: Mujer Eucarística, Spirit Juice Studios
Rob Kaczmark, President; David Naglieri, Producer; Marissa Van Kley, Supervising Producer; Branden J. Stanley, Vice President of Development; Christopher Weingart, Director; Victoria McEachern, Director of Production; Seneca Lester, Vice President of Operations; Brandon Morocco, Editor

Digital Media

G713a: Best Audio Podcast - Single Episode - English

First Place

How Does Dobbs Really Change Abortion Laws and Medicine?, Doctor, Doctor, Inc.
Thomas W. McGovern, MD, Co-Host; Christopher Stroud, MD, Co-Host; Andrew Mullally, MD, Co-Host; Andrea Serrani, Producer

Runner Up

Deacons Pod: Judge Esther Salas, Paulist Fathers
Deacon Joseph “Drew” Dickson, Host; Deacon Dennis Dolan, Host; Deacon Tom Casey, Host; Paul Snatchko, Producer

Runner Up

Faith Full Catholic Podcast: Kingdom of Heaven: “Your quality known among enemies” – A Catholic Military Perspective on War
Tony Ganzer

G714a: Best Podcast Series - English

First Place

The Science and Art of Parenting: Practical Tips from Medical Experts, Doctor, Doctor, Inc.
Thomas W. McGovern, MD, Co-Host; Christopher Stroud, MD, Co-Host; Andrew Mullally, MD, Co-Host; Andrea Serrani, Producer

Runner Up

Giant: Murder Underground, CBC NORTH - Northwest Territories
Rachel Zelniker, Host/Producer; Peter Sheldon, Producer/Editor

Runner Up

The Spirit World – Exorcism Pt. I, II, III, IV, Holy Family Communications
Debbie Georgianni, Adam Blai, Jakob Kraft, Matthew Maloney

G714b: Best Podcast Series - Spanish Language

First Place

El Cascanueces Podcast, Guadalupe Radio
René Heredia, Executive Producer; Denise Blasor, Director; Laurent Eyquem, Music; Juan Matos, Editor

Runner Up

Aprendiendo a Vivir. Cuentos Infantiles, Guadalupe Radio

René Heredia, Executive Producer; Denise Blasor, Director; Marcos Loya, Music; Gerardo Nevárez and Ramón Velarde, Editors

G715a: Best Podcast - Best Podcast Audio – English

First Place

The Doctor, Doctor Show, Doctor, Inc.
Thomas W. McGovern, MD, Co-Host; Christopher Stroud, MD, Co-Host; Andrew Mullally, MD, Co-Host; Andrea Serrani, Prodcuer

Runner Up

Faith Full Catholic Podcast
Tony Ganzer

G721: Best Video for Social Media

First Place

An Inside Look at Ukrainian Refugees in Poland, EWTN News Inc.
Colm Flynn and Patrick Leonard

Runner Up

Rare look inside a Leprosy Colony in South Sudan, EWTN News Inc.
Colm Flynn and Patrick Leonard

G731: Best Video

First Place

Sister Saving Sister, Catholic Diocese of Cleveland
Deacon Jim Armstrong, Kay Colby, Carol Kovach and Kathy McLain

Runner Up

The Root of Medicine, Coronation Media
Gary Gasse, Bill Phillips & the Coronation team

Runner Up

Who Are Glenmary Home Missioners?, Thing in a Pot Productions
Katie Rutter, John Feister, Matt Stoltz, Eric Filson



G561a: Special or Documentary - Local Release

Alumni Magazine Awards

AM01: Best Feature Article

First Place

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame Magazine, “Our Lady of the Snite”, John Nagy
“Our Lady of the Snite” boasts an outstanding lead. The painstakingly crafted article is impressive in its use of language — for instance, personification in discussion of the titular sculpture. The author writes as if talking to a friend, characteristic of a fine journalist, and in the process skillfully establishes and maintains reader interest in a rather complex story.

Second Place

Mount Saint Mary College, Mount Saint Mary College Magazine, “Our Newest Entrepreneurs”, Matthew and Lee Ferris

This focused, thorough story represents an admirable blend of interviewees’ quotations and author’s observations. The topic is a relevant one, likely to have generated considerable interest among the publication’s readers. The entrepreneurs’ sharing of how their college studies paved the way to their business lives is a unifying and worthwhile feature.

Third Place

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame Magazine, “A Life Unscripted”, Joseph Lewis Heil

“A Life Unscripted” is an interesting story, start to finish. Well-chosen details establish its subject as an extraordinary character. The author’s prose is very readable.

AM03: Best Article - Current Issues

First Place

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame Magazine, “A New Equality”, Jessica Keating Floyd

“A New Equality” is an outstanding essay, extremely thoughtful and thought-provoking. It captured my attention at the outset and never let go. The writer’s own competent prose is seasoned with well-chosen quotations (sometimes surprising, given their sources) and references to literary figures. Impressively, the author traces the evolution of feminism and discusses causes of abortion and ways of dealing with them.

AM10: Best Single Photo

First Place

The Catholic University of America, CatholicU, “Farewell Franciscans”,



AM12b: Best Story and Photo Package - By two individuals or more

Kristin Reavey

The image is attractive, with good exposure and nice, balanced colors. I really like the crop applied in the final, printed image. While the composition in the full, original image feels a bit unbalanced, the crop fixes that and creates a very nice composition. The image might have been improved with a slightly shallower depth of field, further separating the subject from the detail in the surrounding landscape. Lighting is also a bit flat and could have been more interesting at another time of day.

AM12b: Best Story and Photo Package - By two individuals or more

First Place

Mount Saint Mary College, Mount Saint Mary College Magazine, “On the Road Again”, Matthew Frey and Taylor Walton

A timely, interesting alumna feature piece. The topic lends itself to lovely photography, which has been well achieved here. The story is interesting, and it carries along at an appropriate pace. The selection of images is well-chosen.

Second Place

La Salle University, La Salle Magazine, “A Call to Courage”, Christopher A. Vito and Brian Morrissey

This is an attractive spread of images that are very technically proficient and tell the story exactly as they should. I'd have liked to see just a bit more variety in the imagery — there were plenty of images from inauguration that felt very similar. The story is fantastic—very well-written. It opened in an interesting way that immediately grabbed my attention and kept me reading. The topic had potential to be dry, but the writer made sure to bring it to life.

AM20: Alumni Magazine of the Year

First Place

The Catholic University of America, CatholicU, CatholicU, Spring 2022 and Fall 2022, Ellen N. Woods, Joshua Harless, Kathy Howe Bagley, Mariana Barillas, Mary McCarthy Hines, Anne Klockenkemper, Gabrielle Obusek, Kristin Reavey and Patrick Ryan

Publications aimed at alumni are full of wonderfully uplifting stories about former and present students and faculty, athletic victories and campus growth and development. But this publication spotlighted what the author calls a story that is not a comfortable or easy history — the system of plantations maintained by Jesuits to fund their work. Yes, these priests bought and sold slaves up into the early 20th century. The story and research actually was designed to give voice to those slaves and to connect their descendants to them, a marvelous task that includes a great deal of digging, both in history books and in the earth uncovering artifacts. That detail carries over into the careful yet reader-friendly writing of this painful bit of history and sets this alumni magazine apart from the others.

Second Place

Saint Anselm College, Portraits Magazine, Portraits Magazine Fall/Winter 2022; Portraits Magazine Spring/Summer 2022, Kate Grip Denon, Paul J. Pronovost and Annee Newton Giard

A conversation with documentary film giant Ken Burns isn't all that unusual, but the one in this publication focuses less on what he views through the camera and more on how he views himself and humanity: Who am I? What am I doing here? And what is my relationship and obligation to other people? Questions we all need to ask of ourselves and perfect for a campus publication to pose to others. This magazine also offers a moving account of a student from the Bahamas who credits kindness shown him on campus with helping him succeed in the professional world. Again, a grand addition to an alumni magazine.

Third Place

Le Moyne College, New Heights - The Magazine of Le Moyne College, Le Moyne College Alumni Magazine, Molly McCarthy, Editor; Penny Santy, Art Director; Patrick Finlon, Associate Vice President for Marketing Communications; and Joe Della Posta, Director of Communications

Two standout additions bump this publication above many other alumni magazines. One is asking grads what campus life was like during major historical events, like selection of a pope, the Vietnam war, graduation and a remarkable basketball victory. The second is a wonderful quiz about the school itself, like on what TV show did the school glee club appear and who was the longest serving school president. Great trivial pursuit for grads.

Honorable Mention

Mount St. Joseph University, Mount News Magazine, Mount News Magazine, Editorial Team: Kathleen Scanlan Cardwell, Morgan Carpenter, Greg Goldschmidt, Amanda Gratsch and Blake Watson. Designer: Amanda Absher. Writers: Jessica Baltzersen, Tabari McCoy, Zachary Petit and Richelle Thompson. Managing Editor: Kara Gebhart Uhl.

Web page very well done.

Student Journalism Awards

First Place

"Outstanding writing from a wonderfully strong lede to the end with amazing quotes like "I call it modern day slavery," when a worker describes working condition in an Amazon factory. After drawing in the reader, the story expands to complaints about Amazon going back to 2011 including an undercover journalist's opinion that working conditions paralleled a prison experience. Critique: Reader should know sooner that, despite the hardships, the student worker will continue working at Amazon because of perks like Amazon contributing money toward tuition and that while Amazon is bad, other warehouse jobs are even worse."

Second Place

"A complete well thought out and organized look at the actions of three Republican governors who shipped migrants to far away destinations with false promises and hopes. This straight up hard news story gives us present and past practices but also offers views on both sides of the issue. Expertly crafted and presented. Critique: Be sure reader knows who is being quoted. Early on you have a lengthy quote with attribution at the end so we really don't know who is being quoted. Also, maybe some quotes pro and con could be a bit higher. That would break up the hard news approach so you don't have a lot of history without some current thoughts."

Third Place

"This series of stories bringing students up to date on university policies on COVID restrictions, including use of masks offers a much-needed primer because of confusion and differing policies among cities, the state and schools. Basically, everything a student needs to know is in these stories so they serve as a one stop destination for all that is COVID. Critique: Ledes need work. They could be more interesting if they offered some specifics instead of just a summary telling reader that changes have been made. We want to draw in readers with a quick look that will want to make them read on. Summary ledes can do that to some extent, but they lack appeal."

Honorable Mention

Critique: Ledes need work. They are long and state the obvious. Information is all there but needs to be presented in a more readable and interesting approach.

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As polls narrow, Democrats are fighting to retain control of Senate

Senate polls in key states

State	Democrat	Republican
AZ	51%	45%
PA	49%	44%
GA	49%	46%
NV	47%	47%

Blake Masters
Mehmet Oz
Herschel Walker
Adam Laxalt
Mark Kelly
John Fetterman
Raphael Warnock
Catherine Cortez Masto

By Erik Uebelacker

Editor-in-Chief

With Republicans likely to win back control of the House of Representatives, hopeful Democrats have turned their attention to the Senate, which is still a toss-up just one day before the midterm elections.

The GOP appears to be gaining momentum at just the right time. Polls and forecasts suggest Republicans have approximately a 54% chance of winning the Senate; their best odds since July. This trend is not a surprising one, as the controlling party tends to lose seats in both chambers of Congress come the midterm elections.

"Every midterm election since World War II, on average, the president's party has lost 26 House seats (and four in the Senate)," DePaul political journalism professor Chris Bury told *The DePaulia*. "The dynamic is that there is always some pushback against the party in power, and the opposing party can do a pretty easy job of communicating that whatever the problems of the country are, they can be blamed on the president."

Consider the Democrats won the House, the Senate and the presidency in 2020, this made it even easier for the GOP to advocate for a change in leadership.

"We're seeing that directly with gas prices and inflation, both of which are largely beyond the president's control," Bury said. "That doesn't matter. In politics, it's Biden's fault."

Even with the GOP favored to win the House and slightly favored in the Senate, current polling suggests that Republican gains in both chambers would be modest by the standards of other midterm elections. Barring extreme polling errors, a "red wave" the likes of 2010 or 2014 is looking unlikely.

Current forecasts indicate that control of the Senate will likely come down to four key races: Arizona, Georgia, Nevada and Pennsylvania. If this is the case, Democrats have an uphill battle. They will have to win three of these four races in order to retain the Senate's control, while Republicans need just two of those races to go their way.

"It's interesting that some of these Senate races where it seems to be the closest are in the states that Biden did win," said Lucy Moog, Democratic activist and committeewoman of Chicago's 43rd Ward. "The Democrats in these places who are generally moderate, thoughtful, while the Republicans have some of these extreme candidates who are election deniers."

Two of these races feature Republican candidates who are complete political outsiders. Television presenter Mehmet Oz, better known by his TV alias "Dr. Oz," is running in Pennsylvania, while former NFL running back Herschel Walker is doing so in Georgia. Both candidates were endorsed by former president Donald Trump.

"They've never worked in government," Moog said. "They've had incredible careers and are celebrities in their own realm. But have they ever worked on inflation? Do they know anything about prescription drugs and trying to reduce costs?"

The races in Pennsylvania and Georgia also happen to be the closest contested, with polls from each falling within the margin of error.

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GOP's ineffective strategy strengthens Pritzker lead

By Amber Spoutenhorogh
Multimedia Managing Editor

As tomorrow's election day swiftly approaches, the Illinois gubernatorial race is coming to a close.

Republican challenger Darren Bailey's best efforts to recruit independent voters has fallen short behind Democratic incumbent Governor J.B. Pritzker, who now leads by 13.5 points, according to FiveThirtyEight.

Many feel any turn around from either party is not possible so close to the election.

"Thirteen points is a pretty big deficit to overcome, particularly this close to the election, and that might also explain why we're seeing more desperation moves, if you will, correctly, so these fake newspapers are targeting counties around the Chicagoland area," said Jeff Blevins, a journalism and public affairs professor at Cincinnati University. "We know offhand you might assume that he probably has a lot of support from southern from central Illinois. But Chicago, the urban area, just has so much population that tends to lead Democrats, so [Bailey is] probably not going to win."

Bailey still has a strong following among the rest of Illinois with his reputation as a working class ally. While most of Bailey's following is among the rest of Illinois outside of Cook County, there are some outliers.

See GOVERNOR, page 5

J.B. PRITZKER
DEMOCRAT

DARREN BAILEY
REPUBLICAN

INSIDE: 2022-23 Basketball Issue

S10: Best Front Page

S02: Best Article on Social Justice

First Place

What a wonderfully crafted story. We are immediately pulled into the agony of a mother and hungry daughter and the realization that they must flee Venezuela for the United States via Mexico, a perilous venture that eventually ends in Chicago and new opportunities thanks to that city's efforts to help migrants. This has it all — personal struggles along with local and national aspects of migration. Critique: The lede is a bit confusing with three "hers." Would work better as one sentence. And saying the journey to Mexico was "not easy," is like saying Chicago winters are not mild. The trip is perilous, frightening, exhausting, far from "not easy."

Second Place

Neumann University, NeuPress, “DEI Council begins, but work remains”, Gia Marcinkowska

Such a nice flowing story that brings together a woman on a mission and a university that provides the means for her to fulfill that mission through creation of a Diversity, Equity and Inclusive council. Along the way we glimpse the need through the eyes of students who have felt no equity and inclusion because of their diversity. Critique: The lede needs to be stronger. She may have saved a life, so let us know — in the parking lot, man or woman or child, reaction of the person. etc. Not just “someone.”

Third Place

**Barry University, The Barry Buccaneer,
"Protect the Vote", Amanda Gonzalez Garcia**
*"This well documented story brings us up to date
on voter restriction laws going back to the mid-*

1800s and ending with new laws imposed in Florida that make voting more difficult for people who fall into elderly, working or mobility impaired groups as well as former felons still paying court ordered restitution. The underlying issue is to sideline certain voters to benefit those in power who see a threat from those voters. Critique: Author switches from talking about voters in general to “you must” do this or that. Stick with one approach, either talking about voters or what you, the individual voter, faces or must do.”

Honorable Mention

DePaul University, 14 East, “Pilot to Policy: Guaranteed Income Spreads Across Chicago”, Kate Linderman

Critique: This is a good explainer about guaranteed income plans to help low-income families, so why not tell the story of one of those families, how they use the money, etc. Such inclusion would enhance interest and make the story more readable and useful.

S03: Best Creative Writing

First Place

Barry University, The Barry Buccaneer, “How to Tell You’re from Miami”, Alyssa Diaz
“How to Tell You’re from Miami” is very readable and entertaining, a compact yet thorough composition. Examples of Spanish idioms help put the reader on the scene. The author’s self-effacing style enhances the essay’s creativity. This is the work of a gifted writer. The writer is capable of striking imagery at times.

Second Place

Belmont Abbey College, The Crusader Newspaper and Agora Literary Journal, “College is Like a Painting” “The Golden Thread” “October Chances” “Sky Top”, Helen Behe
The writer has produced some very clever lines and phrases — such as (in the poem “Sky Top”) the alliterative “somersaulting strokes of sunshine” and the concluding sentence “So floor the gas and hang a hard left — We’ve got whimsy to chase.”

Third Place

Lewis University, The Flyer Student Newspaper, ““Jeen-Yuhs’ depicts humble beginnings of Kanye West”, Lauren Harris
“Jeen-Yuhs” is a well-constructed essay. It offers a solid lead, and shortly thereafter provides a fine, succinct paragraph of personal observation. By essay’s end, the author has left precious few of the excellent-critical-review bases untouched.

S10: Best Front Page

First Place

DePaul University, The DePaulia, Front Page 11/7/2022, The DePaulia Staff
Great job! This front page covered a timely issue (the election) and had a great mix of visuals and text. The picture of the US on the red to blue gradient was a nice touch. The percentage points for each party also helped make the information easily digestible to readers. One potential idea for improvement would be to use a photograph of people in line to vote, people with candidate signs, people with “I voted” stickers, etc. Instead of just having the candidate headshots and the computer graphics.

Second Place

Barry University, The Barry Buccaneer, “Barry Books Be Gone”, Willima Nguyen and

Amanda Gonzalez Garcia

The photo was very cool, I liked that the student was in focus and the books around her (except one) were blurred. It was also interesting to see the student in a mask, as this serves as a time capsule for these last few years. I liked that the photo filled the whole page, but it also meant that there was very little text. I would have liked to get a small preview into at least one article instead of just the headline for each.

Third Place

University of Dayton, Flyer News, “12:06 p.m.”, Zoe Hill, Tori Miller and Bridgett Dillenburger
Active shooter drills and communication during them are clearly timely issues and this submission demonstrates a commitment to covering important current events. The “six minutes” emphasis was compelling and effective. One potential area for improvement is increasing the size of the text that explains where/what the picture was from for people who are not aware. Additionally, the photograph’s focus on police officers and guns made me think that the story was going to be about police violence, and I had to read closely to learn otherwise.

Honorable Mention

Lewis University, The Flyer Student Newspaper, “Lewis Celebrates 90 Years of Education”, Irena Ilic and Khristian Ogao
I like that this submission had a good mix of graphics and text on the front page. It was easy to read the headlines and know from a quick glance what would be covered. It would have been even stronger if there was a photograph in addition to the computer-generated graphics. While the two topics covered are interesting (and I do see how they are timely in a way) and relevant to the intended community readership, neither was like a high-priority current event like some of the other submissions.

S11: Best Use of Graphics with an Article

First Place

Barry University, The Barry Buccaneer, “Underline Miami Powers Community”, Patrixia Rosario
Photos were well chosen and positioned. Text was clear and concise. Definitely a winner!

Second Place

Barry University, The Barry Buccaneer+Q29, “The Parkland Aftereffects”, Patrixia Rosario
Good group shot; poster “Thoughts & Prayers Don’t Save Lives. Gun Reform Will.” is very effective. Diversity of students quoted, all to the point.

Third Place

Barry University, The Barry Buccaneer, “Top Ten Binge-Worthy Series”, Patrixia Rosario
Loved the middle graphic on second page: “Thoughts & Prayers Don’t Save Lives. Gun Reform Will.” Good cross-section of students. Text is well written.

Honorable Mention

Lewis University, The Flyer Student Newspaper, “CDC chooses money over health”, Stephanie Lingenfelter
Text was OK. Graphic less so.

Honorable Mention

DePaul University, The DePaulia, “Trick or

train: Student body ‘ghosted’ by CTA trains and buses”, Maya Oclassen
Part 2 of each article should have been submitted. What is here is good but not totally complete.

S12a: Best Presentation of Faith on Campus - Single Article

First Place

Lewis University, The Flyer Student Newspaper, “Expand your world view of Ethiopia”, Katelyn Leano
The article described a presentation to the students and faculty about the history, culture, and roots of faith in Ethiopia. It is important to be informed about other faiths to help understand our own faith. This is well written coverage of the lecture.

Second Place

DePaul University, The DePaulia, “OPINION: Christianity is not an excuse to pass judgment”, Kiersten Riedford
The quotes from students about their faith experiences strengthen the piece by showing various views of Christianity. The writing was a somewhat flat and could have used more feeling.

S12c: Best Presentation of Faith on Campus - Single Video

First Place

Spring Hill College, Spring Hill Now Newscast, “Blackout Event on The Hill”, Beau Reed
This video does a great job of telling a complete story, with appropriate and technically proficient videography. The topic is timely and important. Videography included some great, touching clips that showcased the powerful emotions at this event. The story could be improved with a little more editing, tightening it up and decreasing the length. The piece is about twice as long as it needs to be.

S13: Best use of Multimedia for Storytelling

First Place

DePaul University, 14 East, “Why They Walked Out: CPS Students Take to the Streets to Protest COVID-19 Safety in Schools”, Elly Boes, Grace Del Vecchio, Jahlynn Hancock, Kate Linderman and Emily Soto
A well-done submission. Nice variety of high-quality multimedia elements that tell the story well.

Second Place

University of San Diego, Episode 8, “Episode 8”, Gabrielle Grimm, Megan Shannon, Andrew Corbo, Spencer Bispham, Lily Rand and Gaby Sanchez
A great entry with lovely imagery that brings the story to life. The entry could have been improved by adding more multimedia elements—additional video lending more perspective to the story, more photos, etc.

Third Place

Xavier University, St. Francis Xavier and the Crab, “St. Francis Xavier and the Crab Video”, Zack Brossart and Ed Schmidt, SJ, Xavier University Center for Mission and Identity
A well-done video with an interesting and unique perspective. The entry could have been improved by adding additional multimedia elements—having

the video on a page with written text, photos, audio, etc. would have made for a more engaging, interactive entry.

Honorable Mention

DePaul University, The DePaulia, “DePaul dances in the name of Durga Devi”, Ruchi Nawathe and Amber Stoutenborough
A well-done episode. I appreciate the links to go directly to segments described in the caption.

S20a: Best Single Photo

First Place

University of Dayton, Flyer News, “The Slam”, Keegan Gupta
Great technical skill displayed — proper camera settings to capture the fast action, good exposure, and fantastic composition. The full image shows unusually interesting movement. Unfortunately, the crop used in print does not do the image justice. The leading lines on the court and in the crowd, and the position and posture of each of the other players is fantastic.

Second Place

The Barry Buccaneer, Barry University, “Rate My Professors: Elena Maria Garcia”, Leonardo Triana
Image is well-composed and technically proficient. It communicates appropriate information to accompany the article. I might have preferred to see the professor in action, with students visibly enjoying an instructional setting, vs. a static posed image.

Third Place

DePaul University, The DePaulia, “Riot Fest Feature Photo”, Frankie Perez
Image displays good technical elements. It could have been improved by finding a more interesting perspective and getting into the action, using a wider lens.

S22a: Best Story and Photo Package - By an individual

First Place

Barry University, The Barry Buccaneer, “Outreach to Haiti”, Liz Calvo
Good photos of Haitian people interacting with the volunteers on a previous trip. A well written article tells the history of the alternative break program and explains why it was cancelled this year. The students and the people they visited benefited from this effort. It is unfortunate the atmosphere has become so dangerous, and the article is an important step in giving the university an update on the situation.

S22b: Best Story and Photo Package - By two individuals or more

First Place

University of Dayton, Flyer News, “12:06 p.m.”, Zoe Hill, Tori Miller and Bridgett Dillenburger
From the headline to the last graph, this story kept the interest of the reader. This topic is well-researched, well written and timely. The author uses a wealth of sources and captures a broad view of the events and participants involved. It

states a concern, where the concern stemmed from and how it was handled from beginning to end. Use of both personal and professional narratives makes this a wonderful example of good reporting on a timely and compelling story. The photography used alongside this text only serves to draw the reader further into the emotions and authenticity of the experience. Well done.

Second Place

DePaul University, 14 East, “An Escape from the Heteronormative: DePaul’s Queer Prom”, Grace Del Vecchio and Billie Rollason
This story showcases a timely and sensitive topic and has done so with great care and concern, particularly regarding dignity of the human person. There were wonderfully surprises throughout the article. One suggestion might be in the graph which said that there were “mixed message from Pope Francis” to source what those messages were and to reference a person who felt that way to hear it in their own words. A word of caution, there are a few places within the article that could be interpreted as the author’s view rather than an impartial storytelling. The photography perfectly complements and enhances the overall text. Nicely done.

S31: Best Collegiate Radio Show

First Place

Neumann University, “Living Black History” (WNUW), “Living Black History”, Hosts: Tyler Hauser, Jailah Johnson, Mike Marano and Christiani Joseph. Staff: Caleb Afolabi, John Altomare, Mike Cabrera, Ethan Graci and Jaron McNeil.
Excellent, excellent, excellent. This is a beautiful example of journalistic talent. The use of personal narrative to tell a compelling and timely story on a very pertinent topic is so well done here. The questions are well thought out and delivered by an interviewer who is clearly engaged in the subject matter and has entered into the story with the interviewee. The interviewer unveiled both depth and dispelled misconceptions all while remaining true to the topic. It is personal, authentic, and professional. Well done!

S32a: Best Video - Single episode

First Place

Spring Hill College, Spring Hill Now, “Resident Hall Mold Concerns”, Natalie Williamson
Impressive body of work on maybe not the most exciting topic, this video carefully and intentionally captured all the elements of solid reporting. Excellent use of graphic elements and video clips as well as personal experiences and professional sources. The reader easily understands the issue and what steps have or have not been taken to remedy it. Well done from beginning to end!

Second Place

Spring Hill College, Spring Hill Now, “Dating App Safety”, Summer Poole
Excellent coverage of a very opportune subject for young adults. Great use of personal and relatable personal narratives as well as bringing in authority on the topic. Would’ve liked a little more practical advice at the end. Overall, a very professional and well-balanced story!

Honorable Mention

University of San Diego, Hurricane Ian, “Hurricane Ian”, Megan Shannon

Right from the start, the video is captivating. Great graphic representation and B-roll, good facts and figures and heartfelt student connections. Very well done!

Honorable Mention

Spring Hill College, Spring Hill Now, “Spring Hill Now 11-17-22 newscast”, Carson Reeves, Producer, and Kira Babiarz, Director
This newscast encompasses excellent journalistic style, merging both feature and news style. It showcases a nice array of space and place around the campus which seriously enhances the viewer’s experience. The reporter showed great interest by engaging with the subject in the story. Those personal elements add to the professionalism of the piece. Nice work!

S32b: Best Video – Series

First Place

Spring Hill College, Spring Hill College Student Media, “Graffiti Response Coverage”, Natalie Williamson
Very timely and appropriate commentary. Excellent series following an ongoing investigation. High level of sources, including leadership of the institution, citing of school policies, and incorporating student experiences and voices into the story. Well-developed and well done!

S40: Best Publication

First Place

DePaul University, The DePaulia, The DePaulia Staff
Each issue of The DePaulia was well designed and very well written. The newspaper is a strong example of what community journalism should be.

Second Place

University of San Diego, USD Magazine, “Episodes 2, 3, & 4”, Gabrielle Grimm, Megan Shannon, Alexandra Karos, Lily Rand, Emily Leyva, Gabriela Sanchez, Andrew Corbo, Robert Mac Johnson, Jennifer Bustamante and Spencer Bispham
The videographers took advantage of the beautiful San Diego University campus as a backdrop for many of the interviews. The video and audio of the reports was recorded and edited very well. These 8-to-10-minute news reports shows are high quality.

Third Place

DePaul University, “14 East”, Staff
DePaul University’s 14 East magazine is well written and illustrated. It’s long form articles tell the story of the story of the people and places in the surrounding Chicago community that is such a part of the life of the students.

Honorable Mention

Flyer News, “Flyer News Volume 71”, Zoe Hill, Bridgett Dillenburger, Tori Miller, Luke Osciak, Ren Sikes, Max Cross, Taylor Robertson, Terrance White, Keegan Gupta, Baylee Medvetz, Skylar Barlow and Nick Gregor
A solid news package with a mix of commentary makes the Flyer News an outstanding campus publication. Good photography and editing show the staff pays attention to every detail.