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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 container's one-pint 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 proclaims, '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 abbess's entrance is a fact Sister Rose noted.

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, Jaelyn 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 Escaleira, Jr.**

Denver Catholic

*The Denver Diocese has done a tremendous job growing their social media channels and sustaining a strong community of faith. Mr. Escaleira 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

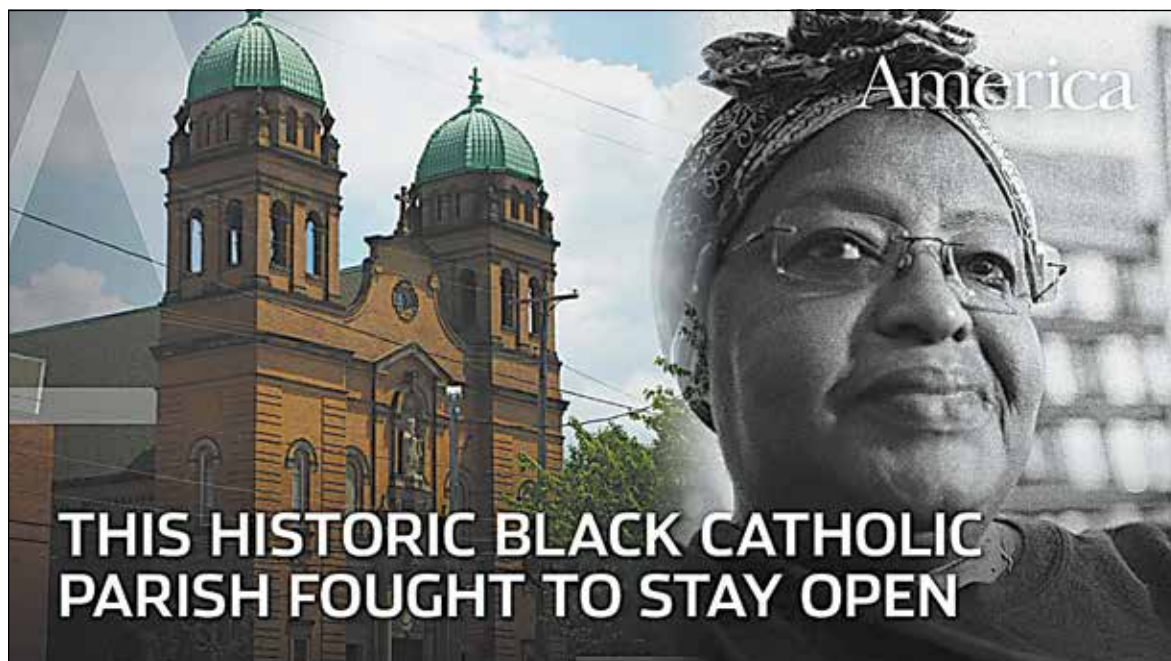
**Honorable Mention****Should Catholicism have big-tent approach?**

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

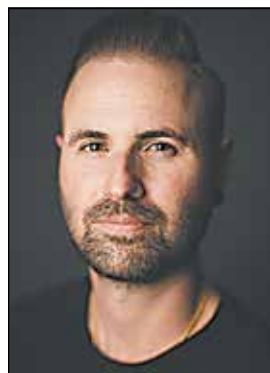
*This is a charming and well-made story that merits recognition for its technical quality and slice-of-life storytelling.*

## 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 able to 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.

**AW361b: Best Multimedia Package – News**



## 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' Ordination, 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 audio 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

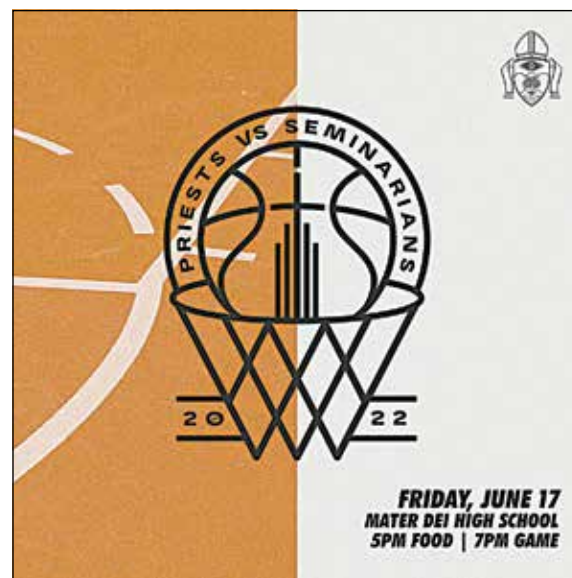
Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange, Shay Ryan, Patrick Gulpo, Jazmin de Guzman, Chris Tran

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, Abenezar 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

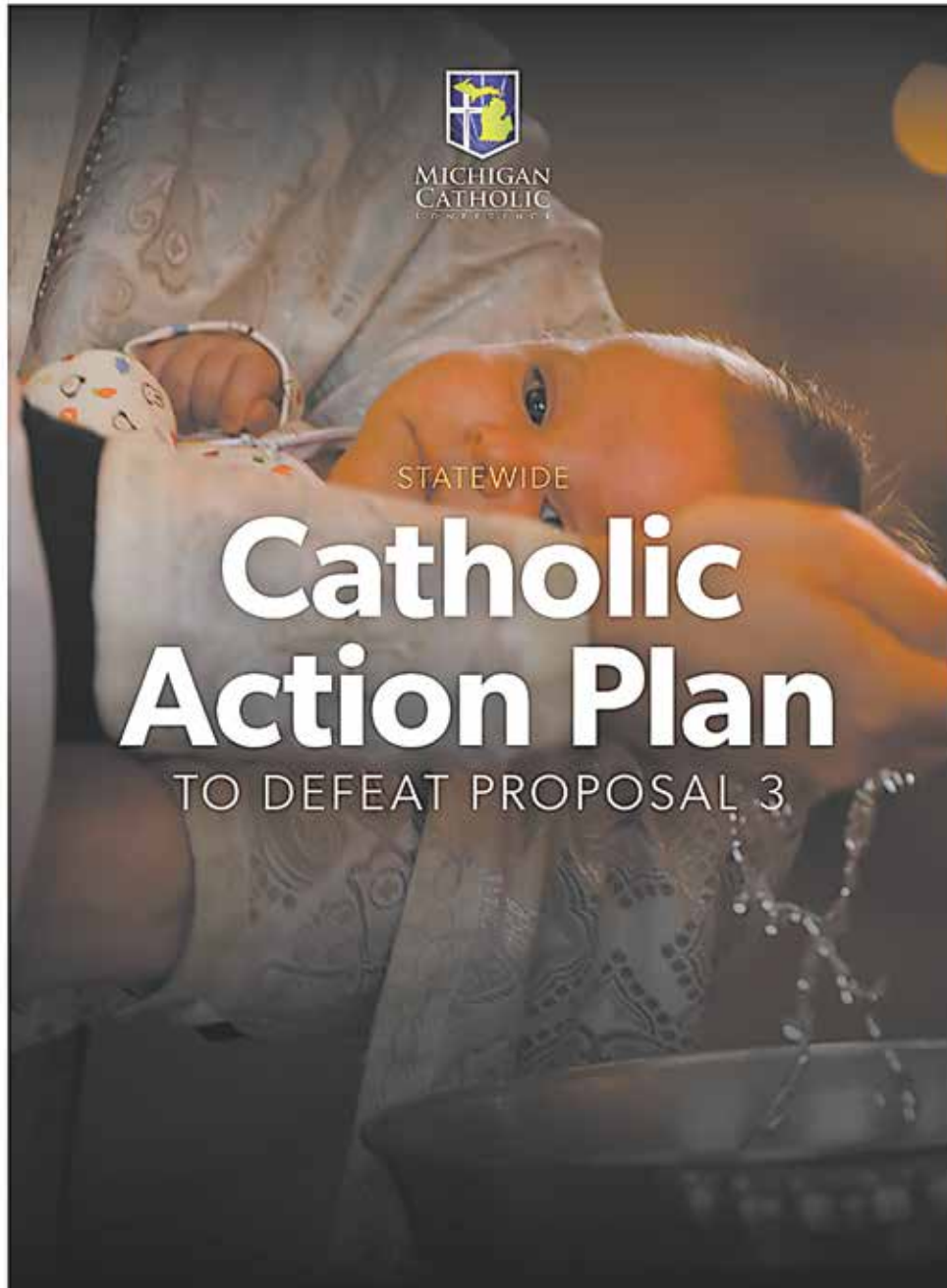
*What a marvelous example of the power of a simple message: I am here. We encounter three major issues in life, being fired, dealing with a son dismissed from school because of fighting and a pregnancy, all presented in a video where no words are spoken and where none are needed. And the first of a series 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 its 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

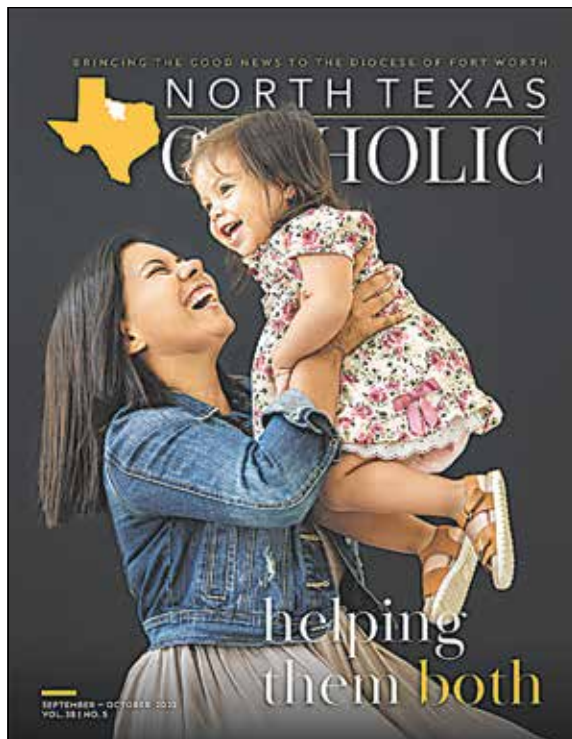
#### St. Anthony Messenger

Franciscan Media, Christopher Heffron; Susan Hines-Brigger; Pat McCloskey, OFM; Daniel Imwalle; 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

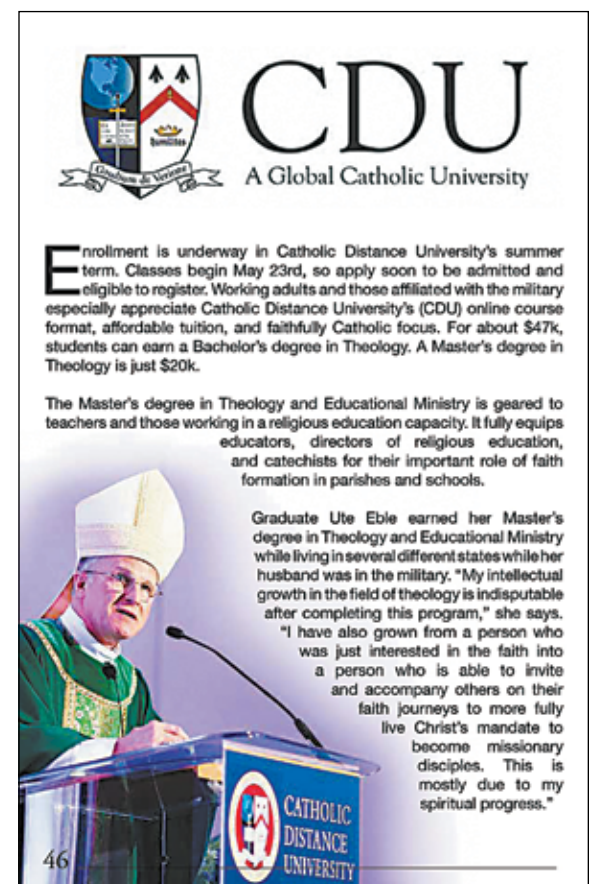
*"Diálogo para poner fin al racismo" takes us through an important conversation with Cardinal Wilton Gregory which is easy to understand and connects to our Catholic faith. To accomplish effective change, we must pray and have sincere dialogue to guide us towards reconciliation so everyone can treat 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

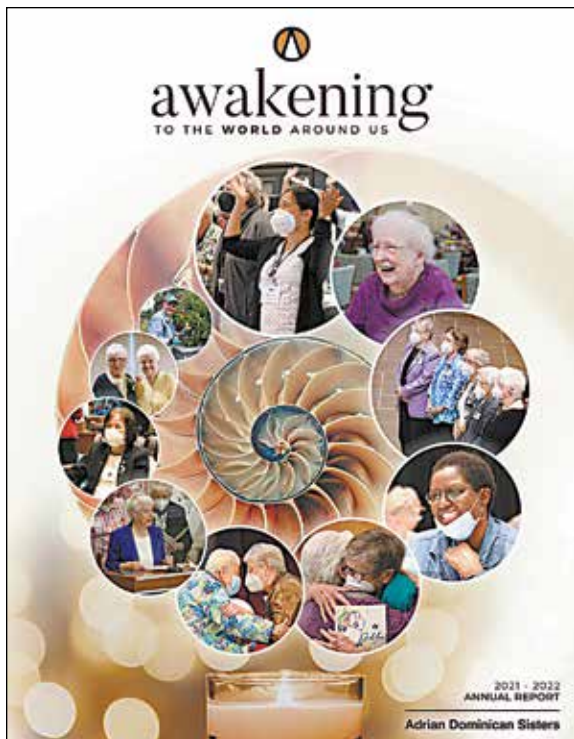
La Voz Católica, Emilio de Armas, Manolo Villaverde, Rocío Granados, Ana Rodríguez-Soto, Maritza Álvarez

*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**

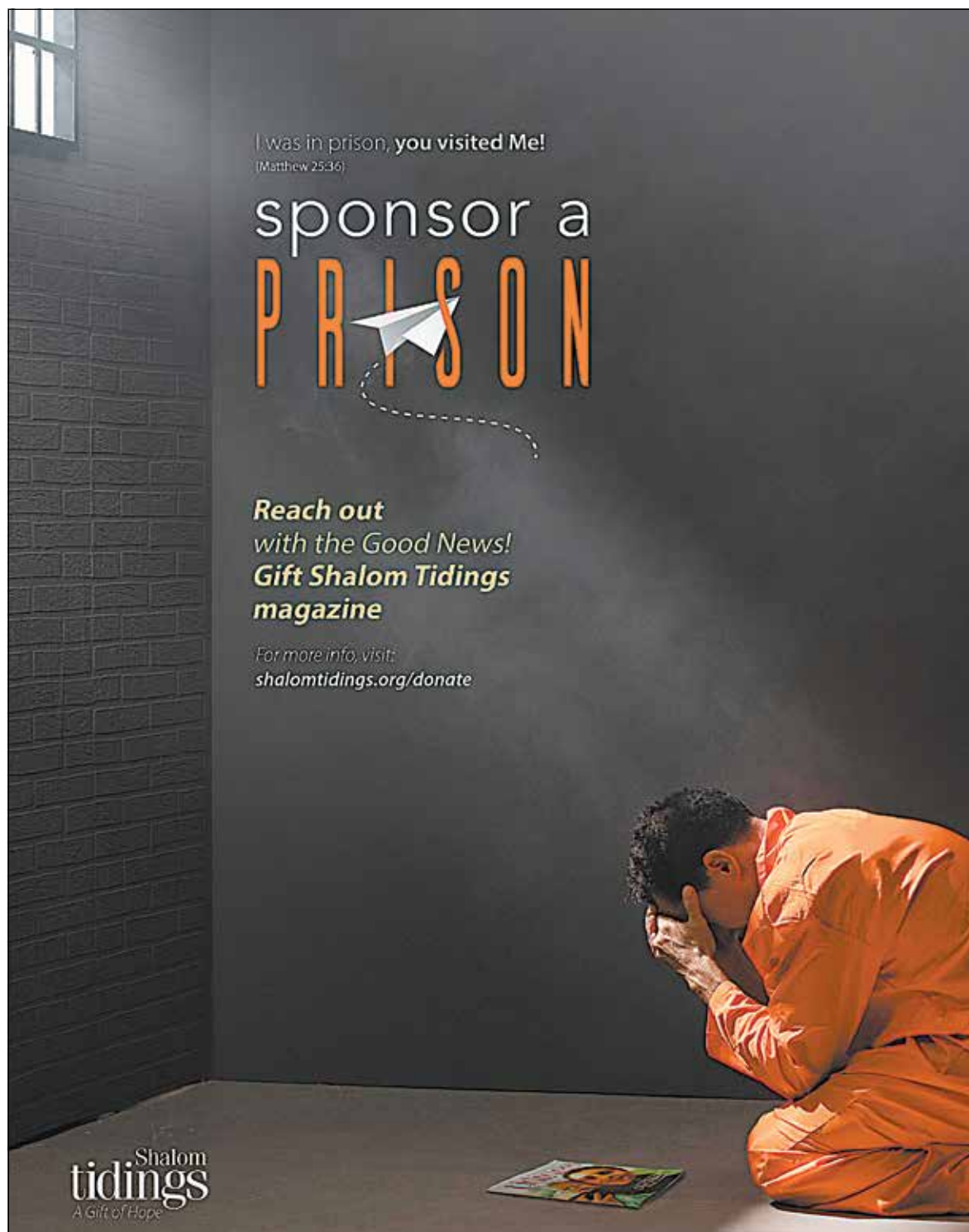
**Sponsor a Prison**

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**

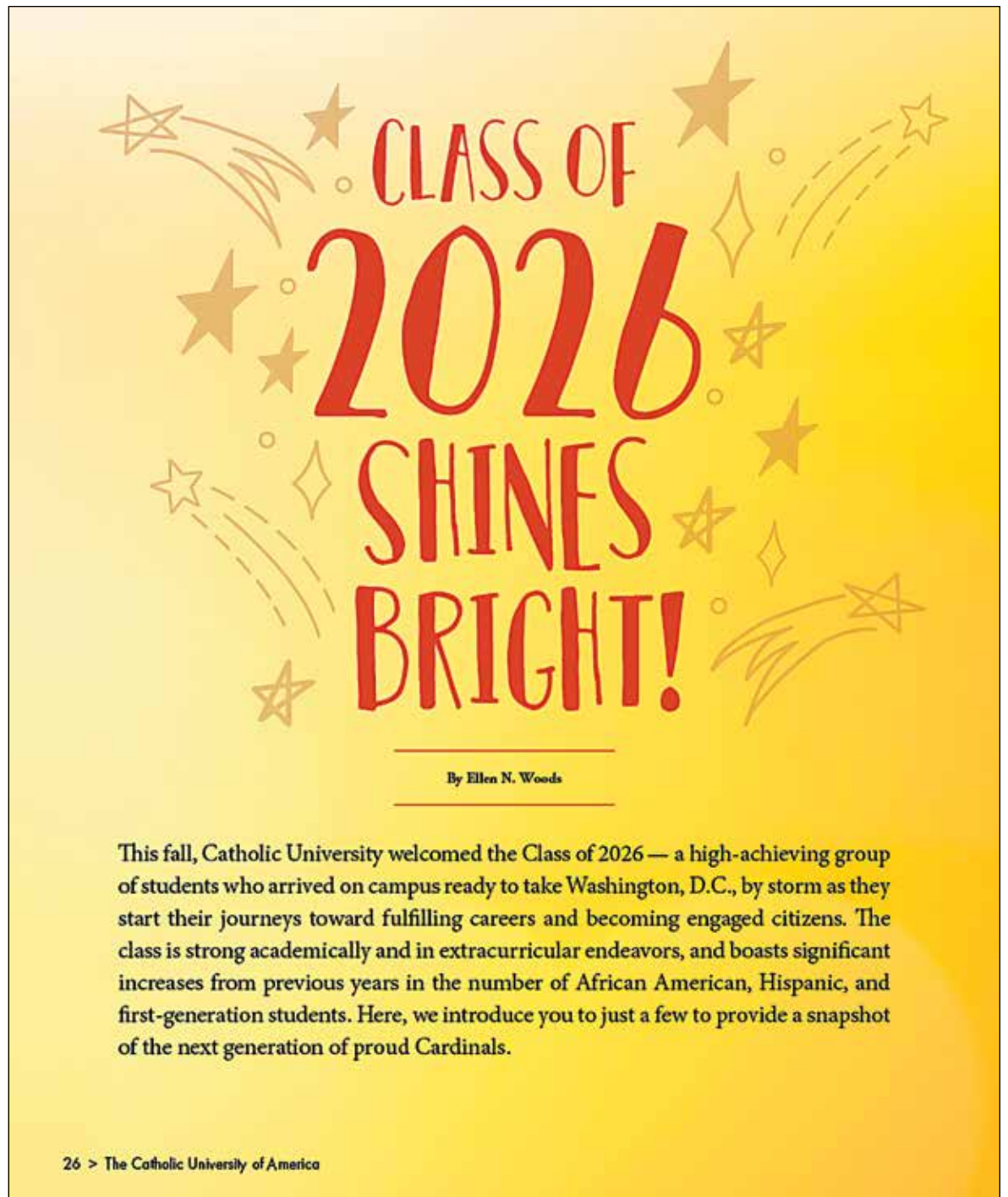
The Catholic Accent, John Zylka, Robin Mull, Beth Tallentire, Cliff Gorski, Jordan Whiteko, Jennifer Miele, Mary Seamans, Paul Puleo, Mike Lucotch, Monsignor Raymond E. Riffle, Bishop Larry J. Kulick

**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.*

*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.*

**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.*

**Second Place****Helping Survivors Survive**

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

**Honorable Mention****Show me the honey**

Catholic Review, Gabriella Ferraro O'Brien

**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****The Bee's Knees**

The Catholic Telegraph, Emma Cassani, Margaret Swensen

**Honorable Mention****Restoring Trafficked Victims to Life**

Maryknoll, Regina Gelfer

**M351b: Best Layout of Article or Column – Mission Magazine (Overseas and Home)****First Place****Reassuring Presence**

ONE Magazine, Paul Grillo

**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*

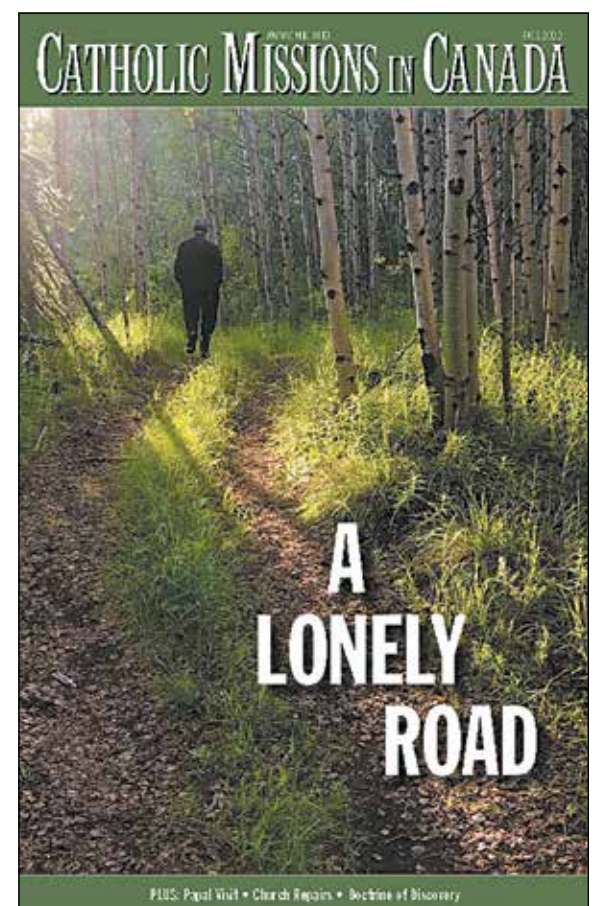
*everything crumbles to red damage, destruction, and chaos (and communism?) at the bottom. It's also the rare piece of graphic design to make effective use of the fading tool. It's in rough thirds (on a grid). The original layout is never lost. And the central image is a subtle Madonna. Brilliant work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



**Seek  
the  
City  
to  
Come**

*Archdiocese announces pastoral planning process for 'our beloved city'*

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If there were no Catholic churches in the City of Baltimore, what kind of church would the city and community need? That question lies at the heart of a new initiative announced by the Archdiocese of Baltimore in late September focused on renewing parish ministry in the city, called "Seek the City to Come."

The two-year listening and discernment process will focus on the 57 parishes in the city and a few new-in parishes in Baltimore County, with the goal of more vibrant ministry, although likely with fewer churches open for worship. In a video announcing the effort, Archbishop William E. Lori said, "As we look at the center of our archdiocese, Baltimore City, we all too often see vivid reminders of how much God's healing love and saving message is needed. "As a church, we cannot insulate ourselves from any of this. Rather, we have to minister, not only in the neighborhoods of the city, but also to them, and more precisely, with the people who live in our neighborhoods." The theme for the process comes from St. Paul's letter to the Hebrews, "For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the one that is to come" (Heb 13:14).

faiths — are dropping. The COVID-19 pandemic also made ministry and participation in the church more challenging. The process will include six to 12 months of listening, including site visits to every parish; four to six months of discussion to envision the future; and four to six months to discern the next steps. Implementation could take years, with the goal to bring new life, energy and pastoral activity. New structures or buildings could also be considered. Archbishop Lori made clear the church is who is leading and facilitating the effort. Bishop Lewandowski noted that churches that are open now might eventually be used for something else that serves the area, such as housing, training centers, daycare or senior centers, and outreach to the poor and those without homes. The archdiocese is supporting churches and locations that served the city well "in the 1950s or even the 1980s, but they don't serve the church today," he said, adding that parishes need to ask their neighbors how a church can best serve them. He said some churches have become too insulated. They may say they serve the community by giving out food or other services. "And my question is, did you ever ask them to come inside? Did you ever invite them to church or at least pray with people?" Bishop Lewandowski said. He responds to those who say they don't wish to proselytize by saying if they had been inviting people all along to pray with them, they might not be in a dire situation. "The reason you're feeding people is because you're Catholic and there's no reason you shouldn't share that," he said. Although Catholic Charities does a great job serving the needs of people throughout Maryland — as the largest nongovernmental provider of services in the state and the third-largest Catholic Charities agency in the country — parishes need to be doing that as well, the bishop said. "Actually, our parishes are disconnected significantly from Catholic Charities in the work there, when there would be tremendous value for them to connect." Those involved in the planning process emphasize that the effort is not just about numbers — of parishes or parishioners — but they help tell the story. Bishop Lewandowski noted that the archdiocesan facilities office has calculated that if each Catholic church in the city had Mass at one given time — for example, 10 a.m. on a Sunday — there would be seats for 25,000 people, but that Mass attendance at all times for all the parishes in the city on a typical weekend is fewer than 2,000. City parishes accounted for about 840 baptisms last year, but more than half of those were at just four parishes combined, with the other 400 or so baptisms spread out among the other 53 parishes, he said. "The majority of churches in the city have many more funerals than baptisms. Some have not had baptisms or weddings for

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people, but Mass attendance at all times for all the parishes in the city on a typical weekend is fewer than

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The archbishop noted that the church is at a crossroads locally and globally. "It is getting progressively harder to do more with less. The city's population is declining — racism and gentrification have played a role in dramatic population shifts," he said. Studies have shown that the number of Catholics — and those affiliated with many

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**M371: Best Use of Typography**

multiple stories at once and moves in fantastic ways. The longer I look, the longer I want to look.

**Third Place**

**Ignatius 500**

Jesuits Midwest Magazine, Kurt Metzler

This is a strong standalone piece of art and there's so much at play here. It's a perfect didactic collage. It tells one big story, by continually telling smaller stories. The color is rich and vibrant. Another important word here is 'Engaging.' It's also an active piece of art. It keeps you looking at it and it keeps telling you more — even as it seems to be looking back at you.

**Honorable Mention**

**September 2022: You Are the Plan**

Denver Catholic, Patrick Finegan

**Honorable Mention**

**Health Progress Fall 2022**

Health Progress, Nathan Hackett, Illustrator, Norma Klingsick, Designer

**M371: Best Use of Typography**

**First Place**

**Seek the City to Come**

Catholic Review, Gabriella Ferraro O'Brien

This is how it's done. Just flexing the total palette; every available tool, used at once, all together. The headline, subhead, author, byline, body text, pull quotes, pull quote statistics, magazine name, date and page number all have unique looks. And yet, it's all cohesive. They're all different, but also all one thing. Different fonts are used graphically too, to create shapes within the two-page spread. Adding fresh color is just a cherry on top.

**Second Place**

**The Josephite Harvest**

The Josephite Harvest, Pantea Amin Tofangchi

Fonts are used here in a different way — to engage the viewer with diversity. It's a kitchen sink technique. And when they are used in tandem with different words, these same concepts almost become personas. They gain a spirit. It's clever artistic variety and a form of visual poetry and it makes you want to look longer. It really holds you and leads you right down the page (even if you don't agree with all the fonts used for all the virtues). The coloration is also great; subtle but majestic.

**Third Place**

**Christmastide Lessons from Linus and the Lowly Shepherds**

Denver Catholic, Filippo Piccone, Simona Fava  
Pretty fun fonts here. They're strong and bold and familiar and they dance around the page like a song. You can almost hear them.

**Honorable Mention**

**Pow! The Knights Behind a Comic Book Revival**

Columbia, Alton Pelowski

**Honorable Mention**

**Stretching the Agenda**

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

**M511: Best Guest Column/ Commentary**

**First Place**

**A Letter From Ukraine: A Land of Life, A Land of Mass Graves**

ONE Magazine, Archbishop Borys Gudziak  
A gut-wrenching account of the human toll tied to the crisis in Ukraine. The writer pulled no punches in setting the scene.

**Second Place**

**A Letter From Lebanon: Living in Solidarity With the Dispossessed**

ONE Magazine, Sister Magdalena Smet, P.S.N.  
A compassionate account of the simple act of "being there" for the people of a chaotic place, Lebanon namely, and the pains that come with offering hope and faith to those in need. The writing displays the trials and tribulations the can often challenge faith.

**Third Place**

**Take Down the Sign**

The Josephite Harvest, Ralph Moore, Jr.  
Writer pointedly addresses an important subject — the lack of acknowledgment of African American holy ancestors and the immediate need for the Church to integrate racially and presents the specific case of someone, Mother Mary Lange, who should be considered for sainthood.

**Honorable Mention**

**The Final Word: Extra Love & Joy**

The Catholic Telegraph, Ann Poirier



## 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-García. 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

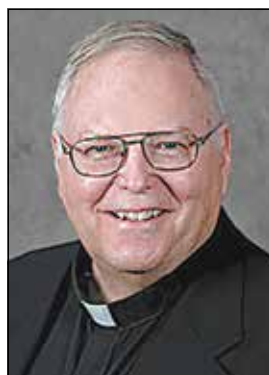
Excellent reflection on often distorted recollections of times past as 'golden,' yet the troubling issues that exist today are reminiscent of those that existed 1,700 years ago. Then as now, the writer shares, there are positive, peaceful paths forward.

### 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?

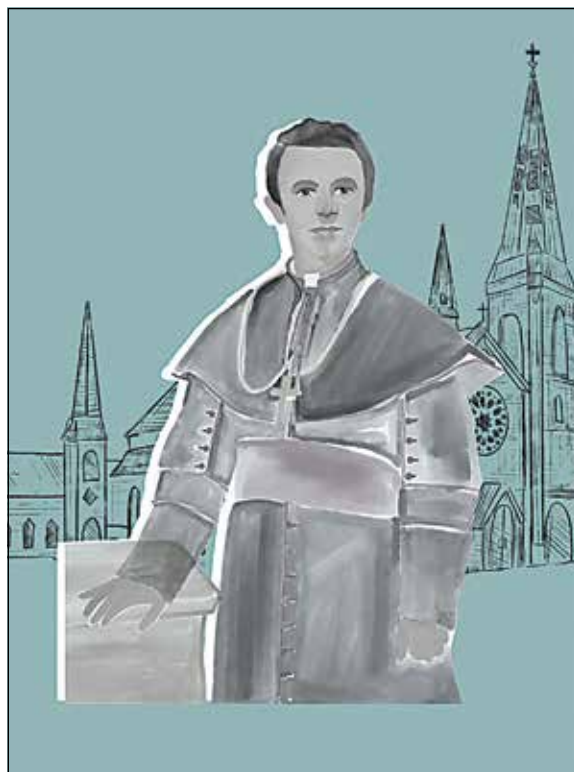
America Magazine, Nathan Schneider

## 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

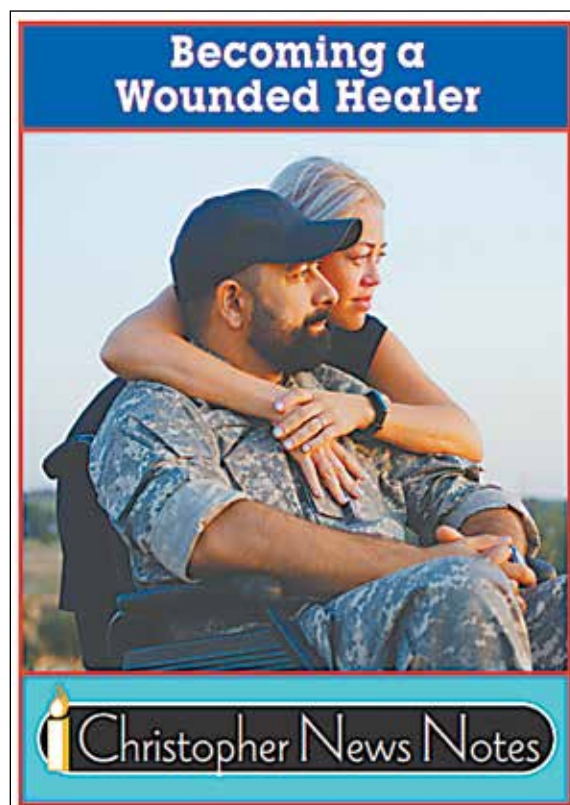
#### A Bright Spot

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 Thurau

*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.*



**Honorable Mention**

89-year-old Bennington referee still a teacher on the court, playing field  
Vermont Catholic, Cori Fugere Urban

**Honorable Mention**

Standing Tall: Jim Goldsworthy's faith-forward leadership makes a positive impact  
North Texas Catholic, Susan Moses

**M571c: Personality Profiles – Religious Leader****First Place****A Fighter for God**

Columbia, Ed Langlois

*A fine portrait with a lot of voices, context and compassion. A rich retelling of an exceptional man.*

**Second Place****A Shepherd in Combat Boots**

Franciscan Media, Susan Hines-Brigger, Author; Mary Catherine Kozusko, Designer

*A compelling piece with great historical perspective and photographs. Good writing, presentation.*

**Third Place****Gridiron Fathers**

Columbia, Columbia staff

*Great piece. Not often that journalists are allowed such access. Good quotes and details.*

**Honorable Mention****Steadfast Servant: At 91, Deacon “Tacho” Perez inspires Wichita Falls parish with his dedication to God and others**

North Texas Catholic, Susan Moses

**Honorable Mention****The Call of the Spirit: Edmundite Father Carter studies the Church through a historical lens**

Vermont Catholic, Cori Fugere Urban

**M574: Best Original Poetry****First Place****A lullaby for baby Jesus**

Northwest Catholic, Mauricio I. Pérez

*The strong writing and emotional.*

**Second Place****Sacred and Wounded**

Maryknoll, Joseph R. Veneroso, M.M.

**M575: Best Reporting on a Special Age Group****First Place****Why a Dementia Diagnosis Does Not Need to Be a Death Sentence**

Health Progress, Karen Love, Cynthia Huling Hummel, Elizabeth Shulman, Sara Damiano, Rafael Bloise, Susan Donley, Julie Trocchio

*Wow, this is an amazing example of excellent reporting coupled with clear and compelling storytelling. The articles on living with dementia are easy-to-read and understand, and the authors do an excellent job of weaving together facts and figures with personal stories. Kudos to the entire*

**M571c: Personality Profiles – Religious Leader**

*team who worked on these pieces.*

**Second Place****Young Adult Faith Leads to Action**

Maryknoll, Maria-Pia Negro Chin

*An interesting and easy-to-read article that covers the important issue of young people in the Church today. The author does a great job of incorporating trend data as well as personal stories.*

**Third Place****Teens teach suicide awareness to save lives**

Northwest Catholic, Jean Parietti

*Strong coverage of teens working to prevent suicide. The author does a nice job of representing a variety of voices in the article while explaining the teen program.*

**Honorable Mention****Emerging Generation**

ONE Magazine, Judith Sudilovsky

**Honorable Mention****Young adult realities**

Horizon, Journal of the Natl. Religious Vocation Conference, Sister Nicole Trahan, F.M.I.; Sister Lynn M. Levo, C.S.J.; Father David Songy, O.F.M. Cap.; Sister Ana Cecilia Montalvo, F.Sp.S.

**M576: Best Reporting on Catholic Education****First Place****‘St. Eugene is our village’**

Angelus, Steve Lowery

*Strong writing using a conversational tone makes it easy for readers to dive into the story and learn more about one family's relationship with a local school. Well done.*

**Second Place****Reassuring Presence**

ONE Magazine, Magdy Samaan

*Clear and compelling writing, paired with excellent reporting to provide needed details, makes this article a winner.*

**Third Place**

This Catholic high school is 70% Latino – four times the national average – and still growing

America Magazine, J.D. Long-García

*An interesting story that does a nice job personalizing a national trend.*

**Honorable Mention****Faith West Tennessee: Inspired by His Catholic Education, Dick Gadomski Supports Current and Future Students**

FAITH West Tennessee, The Catholic Diocese of Memphis

**Honorable Mention****Mass Transit**

Faith Saginaw, Danielle McGrew Tenbusch

**M577: Best Reporting of the Celebration of a Sacrament****First Place****‘Our world needs Jesus’: Newly ordained Bishop Frank Schuster points to ‘the remedy for the dark times we live in’**

Northwest Catholic, Kevin Birnbaum, Debbie Adams

*Wonderful descriptive writing. Powerful and timely topic. Good story! Glad to have read.*

**Second Place****Prepared to Serve: Ten men are ordained permanent deacons for the Diocese of Fort Worth**

North Texas Catholic, Joan Kurkowski-Gillen, Reporter; Juan Guajardo, Photographer/Videographer; Jayme Donahue, Photographer; John Paul Guajardo, Video Editor

*Powerful storytelling. Quick to get to the heart of things, kept it interesting and keeps the reader connected and invested. Good work.*

**Third Place****Adaptive Sacrament Preparation**

The Catholic Telegraph, Patricia McGeever

*A unique topic, yet so timely. Very touching. Good story, great story telling! Emotional.*

**Honorable Mention****Father Naples explains parts of the Mass**

Vermont Catholic, Cori Fugere Urban

*Very neat! Conversational writing. Very good. Took a potentially “boring” topic and made it quite interesting. LOVED.*

**Honorable Mention****Creative Penance**

Faith Saginaw, Danielle McGrew Tenbusch

*Cool story. Great use of quotes, very personable piece.*

**M579a: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues – Call to Family, Community and Participation****First Place****A Bright Spot**

ONE Magazine, Gohar Abrahamyan

*Wonderful writing pulls us quickly into a family struggling to survive in a 270 square foot metal*



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, Sharmene 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.*

**M**eseret’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 Hasegewin 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 Arzeo, 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 Certhi Niculescu  
 with photographs by Petterik Wiggers

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





**B**lossoming 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 Insaaf 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.

**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 seen. 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

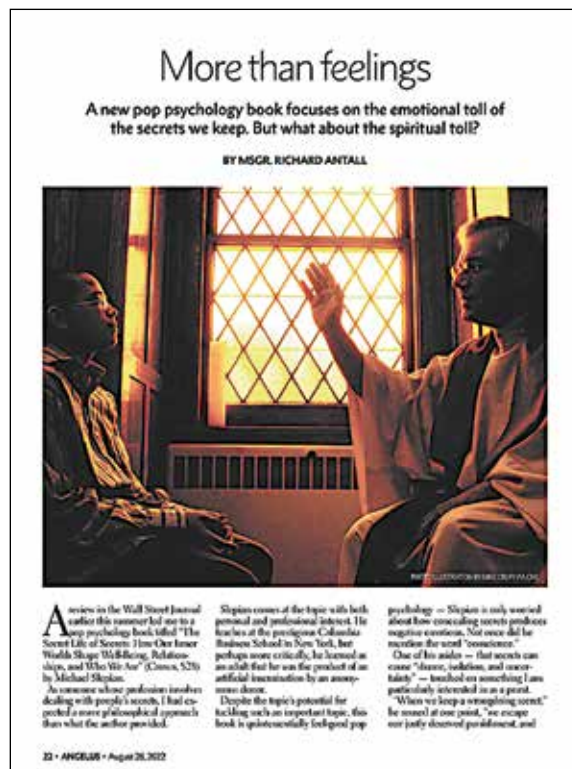
*Far and away the best review in the category. An expert reflecting on another expert can be like someone pulling fruit off two different trees with two hands at the same time. I enjoyed both sides. The author speaks with authority and from experience — and shows how these are different things. Insightful 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’**

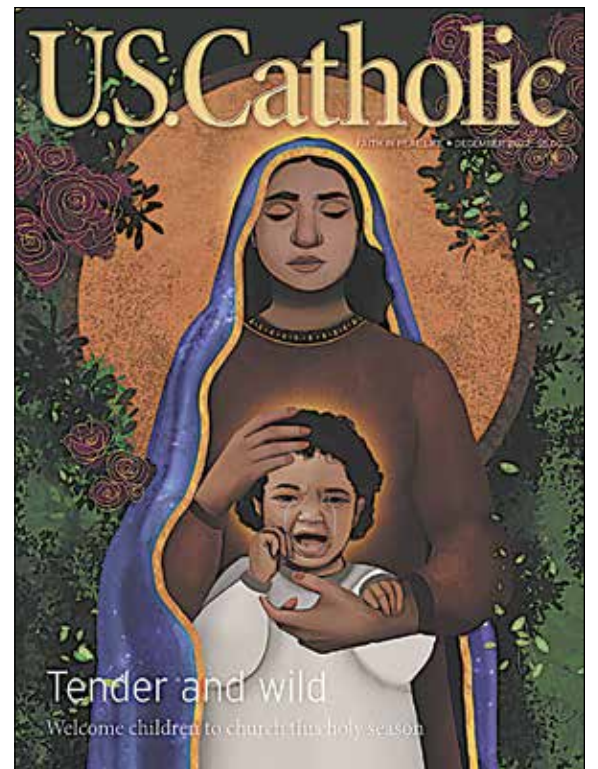
America Magazine, Jim McDermott, S.J.

*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*

*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, Rachele Barina, Erica Smith

## M598b: Best Writing – In-Depth

### First Place

#### How to save men

Angelus, Elise Italiano Ureneck

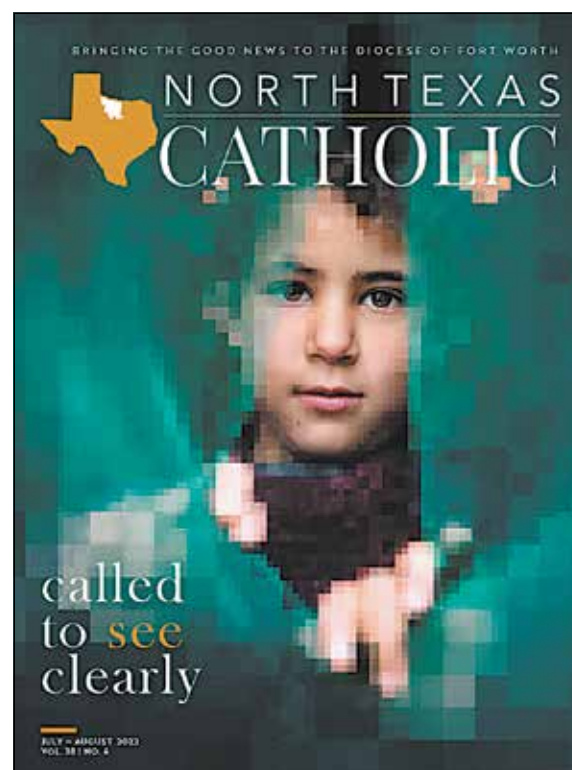
*Fantastic. Unbelievable. And a blessing in so many ways. Somebody finally did it. This is a massive wound in western culture and the author examines it like a doctor. No judgment — just symptoms, more symptoms, effects, and antidotes. Effortlessly told, without every losing pace. Smooth transitions, 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

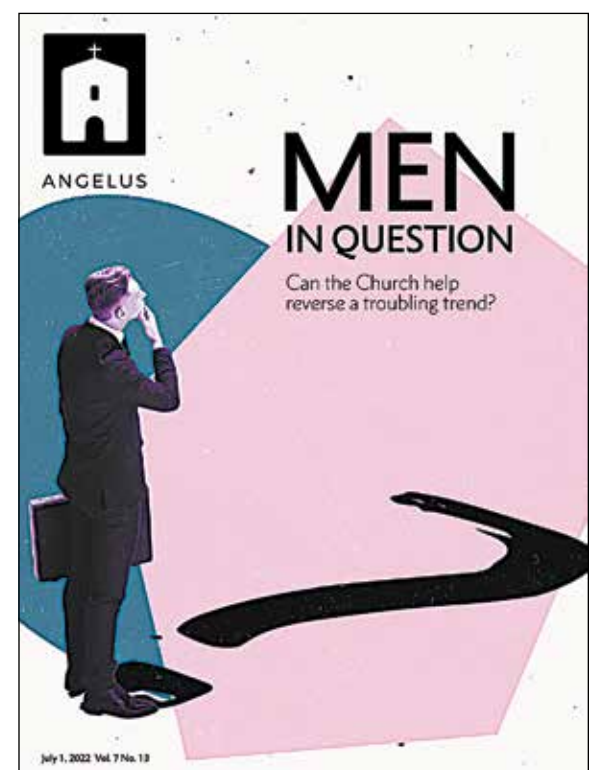
#### Flexible Catholic workplaces aren't just good for parents. They're also good for the church.

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.*



M598a: Best Writing – Analysis



M598b: Best Writing – In-Depth





# A Letter From Lebanon

Living in solidarity with the dispossessed

by Sister Magdalena Smet, P.S.N.  
with photographs by Raghida Skaff

EMERGENCY RELIEF

Sister Magdalena Smet of the Little Sisters of Nazareth visits with a sick, elderly woman in her home at Dbayeh, a refugee camp north of Beirut.

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.*



**On Saturday, August 13, 2022, at St. Thomas More Catholic Community in St. Paul, Minnesota, five Midwest Jesuits pronounced first vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience in their first public statement of commitment to the Society of Jesus.**

Each Jesuit received a vow cross (see below left), which he will keep for the rest of his life. Pronouncing first vows is the culmination of these Jesuits' two years spent at the novitiate, where they have further discerned their vocations and learned more about how to pray, living in community, and the Society of Jesus.

All of the Jesuits who took vows this year are in formation to become a Jesuit priest, and thus will now be known as "scholastics" (as opposed to Jesuit brothers). After pronouncing first vows, Jesuits enter first studies, a two- to three-year period of graduate coursework in philosophy and theology, where most obtain master's degrees.

**M821b: Best Photo Story – News**

**First Place**

**'Go On!'**

Columbia, Andrey Gorb, Sebastian Nycz, Tamino Petelinšek

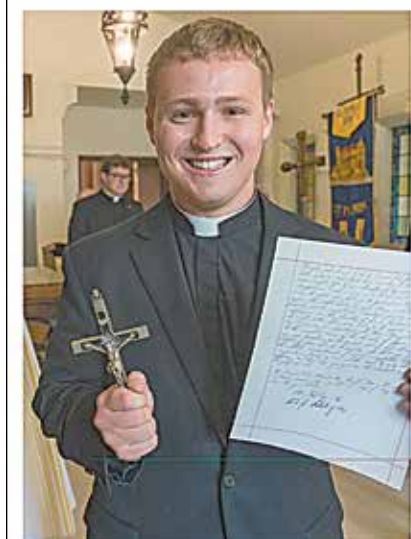
*Excellent story telling using photos that stands out for versatility, high quality, and important subject matter.*

**Second Place**

**Ordination 2022**

Jesuits Midwest Magazine, Steve Donisch, Jeff Zmania

*Important ritual captured in this photo story that reveals great humanity in subjects.*



From left, Jesuits Brennan Doer, Patrick Fehner, Austin Klemm, Edin Martindale, and Kyle Virth  
Photo: Dave Heback  
Photos (left, above left, and top): Don Doll, S.J.

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**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



**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.*

**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*

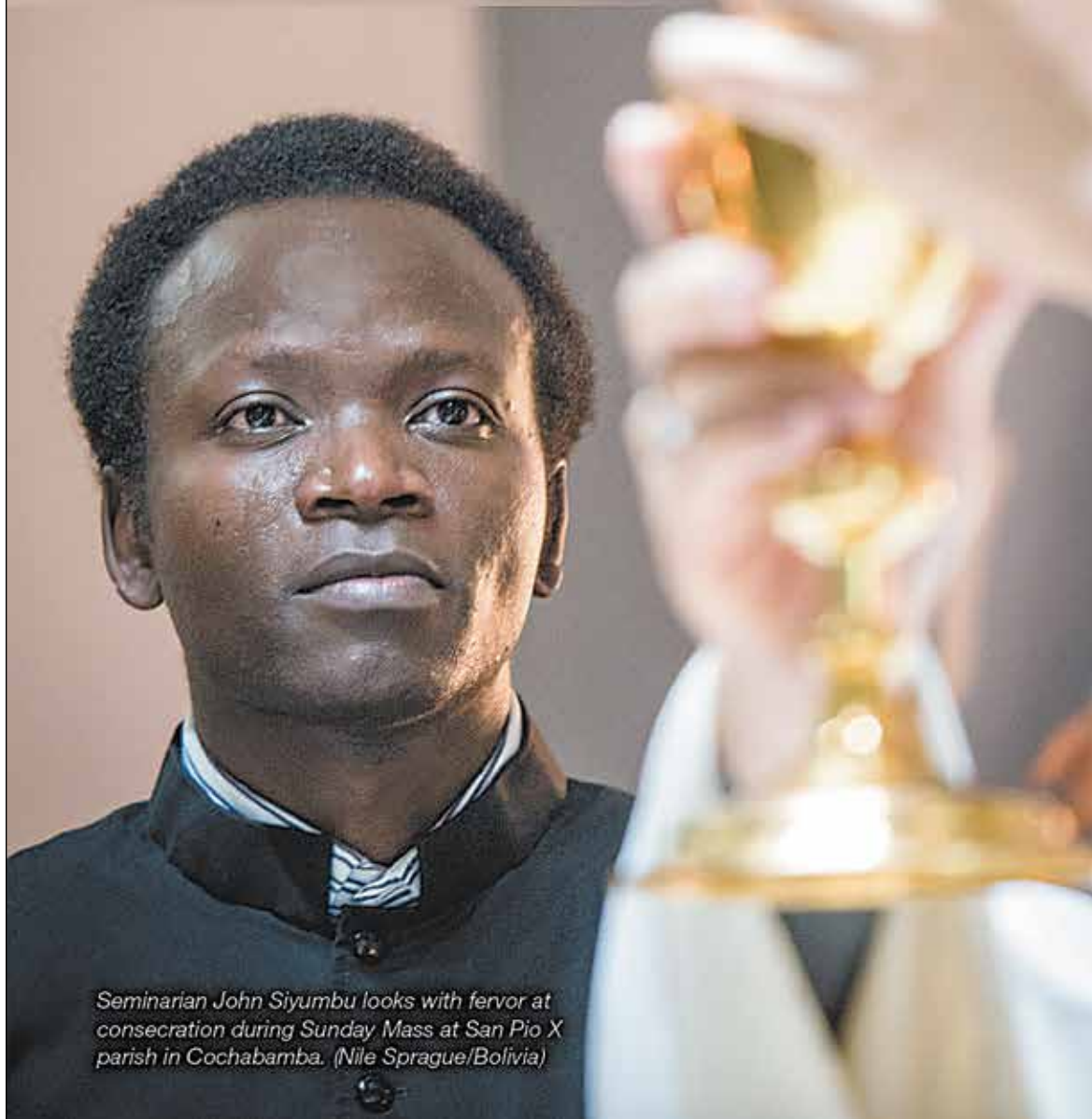
M840: Best Photograph – Feature Photo



# 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. Jubilance, 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, Jim DelCioppo, Michael Gray, 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 stand out 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

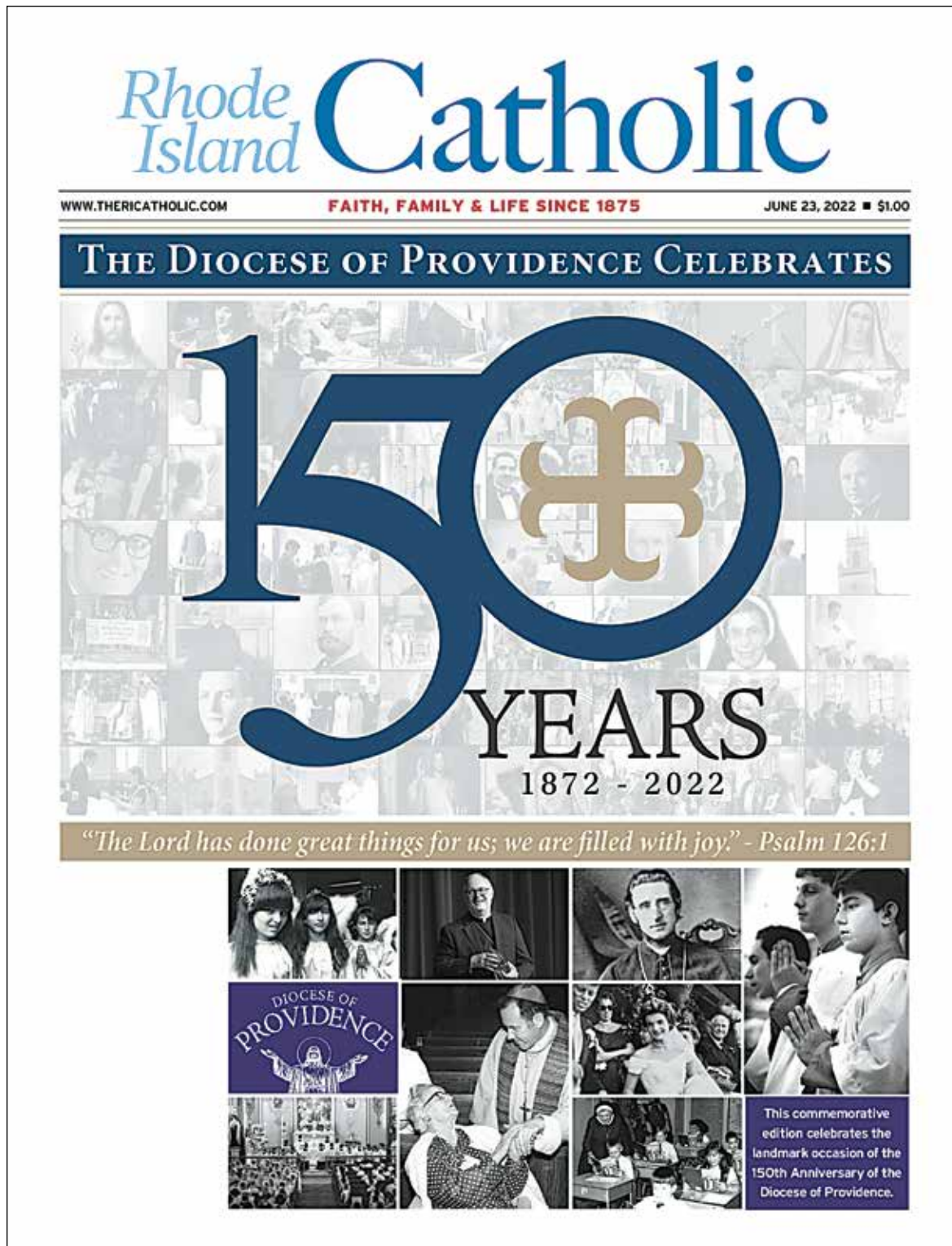
#### St. Louis Review

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. Listeki

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)



March 25, 2022



BY JOSE SOLIS

**F**ew 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)



BY MICHAEL SEAN WINTERS

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October 28, 2022



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.

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.

## 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. John Enzler

## 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



## 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 Eisenhauer

*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 welcomes**

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



N565b: Best News Writing on a Local or Regional Event – Non-Weekly

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



*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. Aughterton

**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**

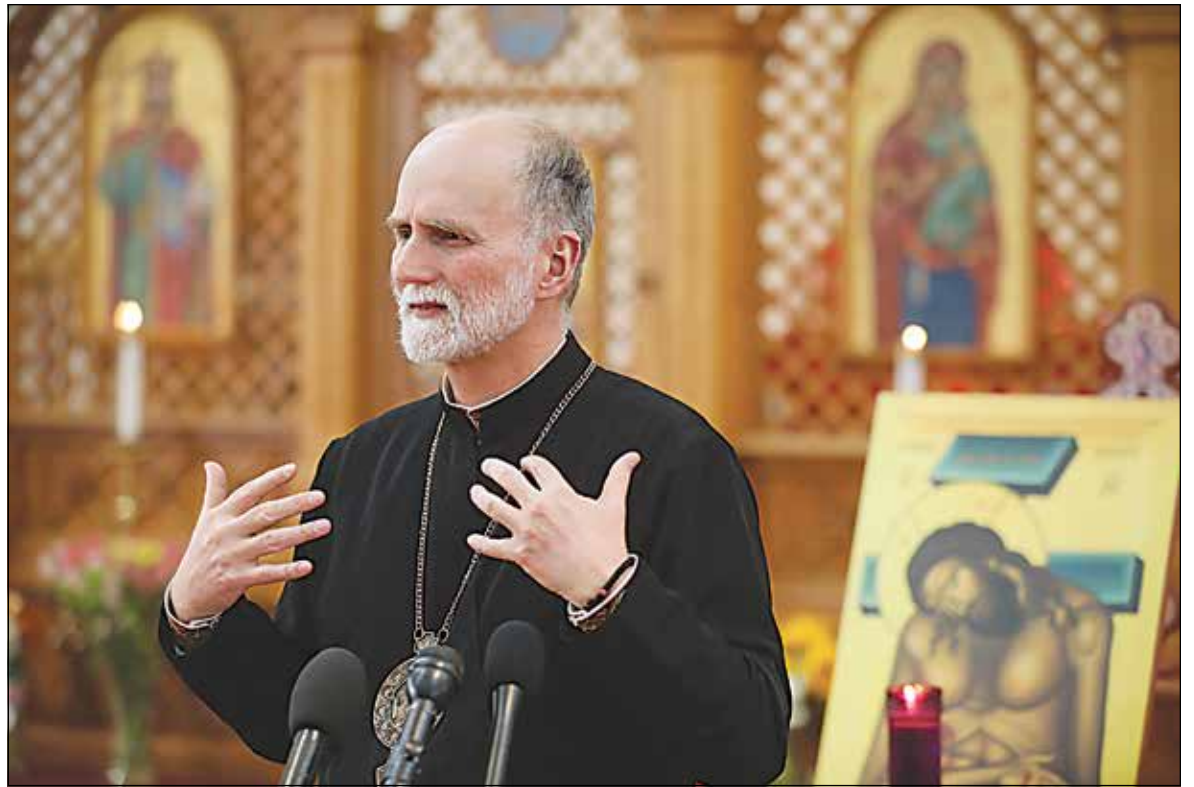
**First Place**

**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 Capecchi

*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, Laretta 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**

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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)



July 26, 2022



BY BRIAN FRAGA

**K**elly Easter won her legal battle to become a foster parent to refugee children. But Easter still feels like she's "in limbo."

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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 Health 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 Rosebud 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 Stephanie of Good Shepherd Parish, Olathe, looks calm, cool and collected as she rounds the oval in the 800-meter race. Lee Sobolik finished at that distance. She also competed in the 1000, finishing second, and the softball team, finishing third.



**POWERBALL**  
Oliver Thomas, an eighth grader representing St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Lawrence, dominated the softball throw with a throw of 120 feet, 3 inches. Thomas showed off her versatility by winning the 3000 meter and also finishing second in the 800 meters.



**IN THE PACK**  
Sam Lopez, a fifth grader competing for Prince of Peace Parish, Olathe, keeps pace with the leading pack of runners in the 400-meter race. Lopez would finish second in the event. He also ran the 3000 and finished fifth.



**THEY'RE OFF**  
The 1200-meter race is off to a blistering start. Starting around the corner are: (from left) Holy Cross of St. Agnes, Rosebud Park; St. Matthew's; St. Joseph's; St. Joseph's; St. Joseph's; St. Joseph's; St. Joseph's; St. Joseph's; St. Joseph's; St. Joseph's; St. Joseph's; St. Joseph's.



**SHOELESS HENRY**  
Henry Morgan, an eighth grader representing Holy Trinity Parish, Lawrence, is a natural at the high jump. Morgan cleared the bar with a jump of 5 feet, 10 inches, a personal best for him and good for second place.



**CHANGING HANDS**  
Samuel Hunt, a seventh grader from Holy Trinity Parish, Lawrence, makes a perfect handoff to teammate Brady Briggeman in the 4x200-meter relay. The Sacred Heart boys finished in third in the race.



**FLYING**  
St. Agnes' Brad Olson goes soaring in his long jump attempt. The seventh grader landed 22 feet, 2 inches away, good for fifth place in a highly competitive field.



**THE OTHER BRADY**  
Brady Briggeman of Holy Trinity Parish, Lawrence, gives his best shot in the shot put competition. He did the other Brady proud with a second place throw of 44 feet.



**WIND IN HER HAIR**  
With her hair flying, Emma Delaney of Corpus Christi Parish in Lawrence gives it her all on the track. Delaney competed in the 400-meter final, the long jump (second place) and the 3000-meter (third place).

N811c: Best Multiple Picture Package – Sports

## N596a: Best Print Special Supplement – On a Bishop’s Transition

First Place

Blessed with a new Bishop

The Catholic Times, Doug Bean, Editor; Tim Puet, Reporter; and Kimberly Colston, Designer  
Fantastic elements and collaboration by the staff.

Second Place

‘Follow Christ’ – At Jan. 25 ordination, Bishop Williams encourages faithful to share Gospel

The Catholic Spirit, The Catholic Spirit Staff

## 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. Aughterton  
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

**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 Blaich

**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**

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**FAITH & FOOD**

**Famed priest and chef fires up the faithful with Lenten cooking series at St. Clement's Pages 10-11**

CINDY SCHULTZ PHOTO

N840: Best Photograph – Feature Photo



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. Aughterton

**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.*

*in the viewer/reader and makes one want to read more about what is going on. Great colors and lighting. Nice work!*

**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**

**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!*

**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**

**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**

**Holy Week**

Arlington Catholic Herald, Zoey Maraist, Pia Hovenga, Ana Lucia Batista, Joe Cashwell, Marvin Molina

**Honorable Mention**

**Steubenville adoration**

St. Louis Review, Jacob Wiegand

**Honorable Mention**

**Christmas blessings multiplied**

The Valley Catholic (TX), Paul Binz, Rick Trevino

**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!*

**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**

**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!*

**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*



**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 Division

## 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 Católica, 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 Católica, Rocío Granados, Cristina Cabrera Jarro, Ana Rodríguez-Soto, María 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



**4** La Voz Católica | **NUESTRA COMUNIDAD** | septiembre de 2022

**“Tenemos que estar donde la gente está y donde necesitan ser atendidos”**  
La gestante tiene más de 5 semanas. Un...

**6** La Voz Católica | **NUESTRA COMUNIDAD** | octubre de 2022

**Elegir la vida y no el aborto**

**Los Centros de Ayuda al Embarazo de la Arquidiócesis de Miami son una alternativa para las madres que consideran el aborto**

**4** La Voz Católica | **NUESTRA COMUNIDAD** | agosto de 2022

**“La misericordia de Dios está presente para ellas”**

**Los Centros de Ayuda al Embarazo de la Arquidiócesis de Miami son una alternativa para las madres que consideran el aborto**

S521i: Best Coverage – Treatment of Vocations to Priesthood, Religious Life or Diaconate

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#### First Place

##### Ser un Hermano

Misioneros, Deirdre Cornell, John Siyumbu, M.M. These are three stylistically different stories, but all three have in common their writing excellence and their eloquent descriptions of three individuals who followed the call to help their communities. Very inspirational.

#### Second Place

##### Hermano Carlos Ruiz hace votos perpetuos como Hermano en la congregación de La Salette

El Católico de Rhode Island, Hortencia Medina This is a sweet story about a humble man who heard a call to service and followed it.

### S531: Best Editorial

#### First Place

##### En tiempos volátiles

El Pregonero, Rafael Roncal Takes on the incivility and polarization of both personal and media discourse with a measured but bold and direct tone. The author gets to his point quickly and clearly and has something fresh to say.

#### Second Place

##### Una simple cuestión de justicia

El Pregonero, Rafael Roncal This is a measured discussion of the reparations

question, and it makes a compelling argument for the full complex society to work on repairing the continuing destruction being affected by the legacy of slavery. Reasonable, not equivocal.

#### Third Place

##### Lo que una niña me enseñó sobre la Misa

El Pueblo Católico, Vladimir Mauricio-Perez The “call for change” in this editorial is of the most difficult kind – the recognition that what is needed is a personal, radical change. Tone and imagery, narrative, and the argument itself, are compelling.

#### Honorable Mention

##### El pasado nunca es pasado.

El Pregonero, Rafael Roncal Ambitious and literate and reasoned, yet accessible and to the point. A gifted essayist working his craft with great consistency and a fresh voice.

### S532: Best Editorial Page

#### First Place

##### Juntos de nuevo en misa y oración

El Pregonero, Cardenal Wilton Gregory, Papa Francisco, Rafael Roncal, Monseñor John Enzler Strong, simple, uncluttered layout. A close-cropped photo, a pull quote, and the distinctive two-color scheme and headlines — tools are used with discipline. The editor’s column is forceful, an excellent complement to the other columns, and fills a void between secular media and the other messages featured here.

#### Second Place

##### No podemos cambiarlo todo – Los

### Beneficios de la Oración – Ser “Pro-Vida” no termina con el nacimiento

El Católico de Rhode Island, Silvio Cuellar, Rick Snizek, Laura Kilgus and Azade Sarah Perin-Monterroso An attractive, balanced, traditional editorial page with a good range of topics and writers. Well written and edited.

### S534: Best Essay Reflecting on Faith Formation

#### First Place

##### Primera característica del discípulo: Sabe que tiene una misión única del Padre – pgs 4-7

El Pueblo Católico, Vladimir Mauricio-Perez An edition that addresses “learning to see as a disciple” in a variety of ways, from the archbishop’s message through lessons and experiences, supported by effective art and design.

#### Second Place

##### El acompañamiento es necesario para los inmigrantes hispanos

La Voz Católica, Cristina Cabrera Jarro Distinctively develops the theme of support/accompaniment that must be made present for Hispanic immigrants – support on every level, from legal and material to personal to spiritual. Persuasive and informative.

#### Third Place

##### 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

##### Feligrés de la Catedral de la Magdalena ayuda a 'envolver a Ucrania con edredones'

Intermountain Catholic, Laura Vallejo

#### Honorable Mention

##### Libano, 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 Católica, 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 adelante

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 Católica, 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 Católica, 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 Católica, Rocío Granados

Well reported, with several helpful interviews. Gets to the accomplishments and also the interior life of the subject.







— 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/EE.UU.

S575: Best Reporting on a Special Age Group



**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-Pía 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**

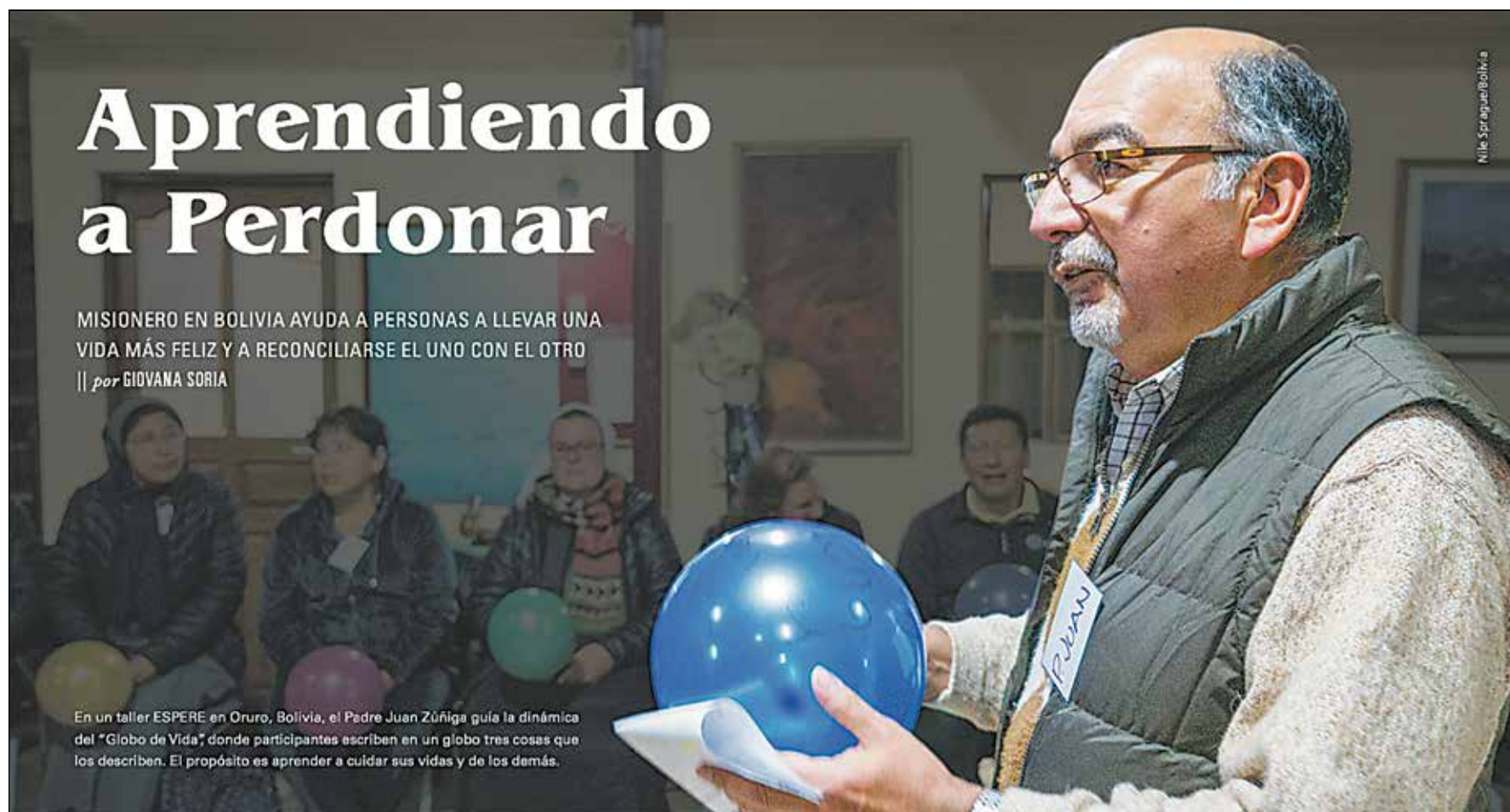
La Voz Católica, Jim Davis

*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.*



# Aprendiendo a Perdonar

MISIONERO EN BOLIVIA AYUDA A PERSONAS A LLEVAR UNA VIDA MÁS FELIZ Y A RECONCILIARSE EL UNO CON EL OTRO

|| por GIOVANA SORIA

En un taller ESPERE en Oruro, Bolivia, el Padre Juan Zúñiga guía la dinámica del "Globo de Vida", donde participantes escriben en un globo tres cosas que los describen. El propósito es aprender a cuidar sus vidas y de los demás.

**R**osario 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".

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 Oberfell, 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 "Cambiamos 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

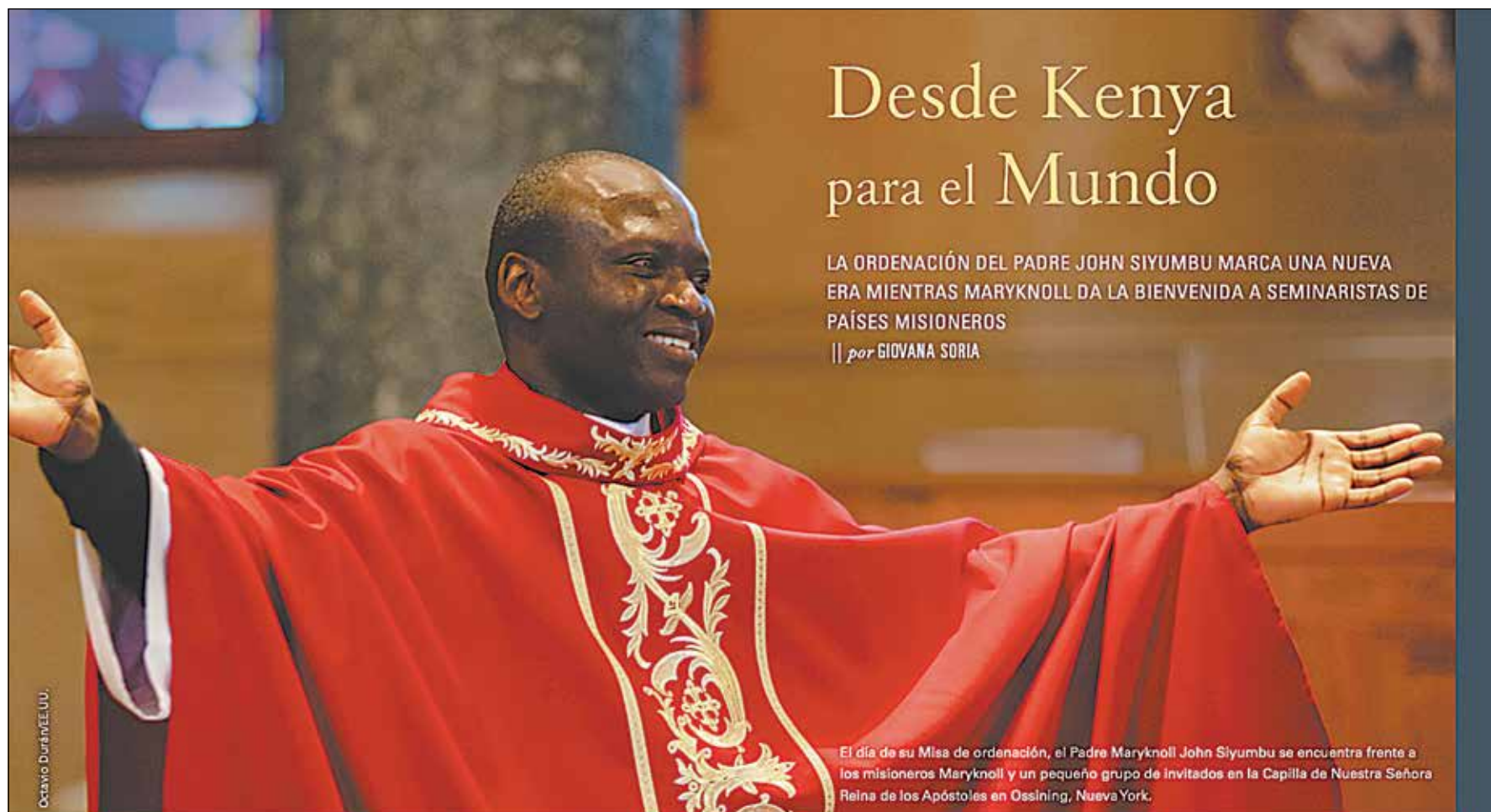
### First Place

#### 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.

**J**ohn 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 descendido, 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

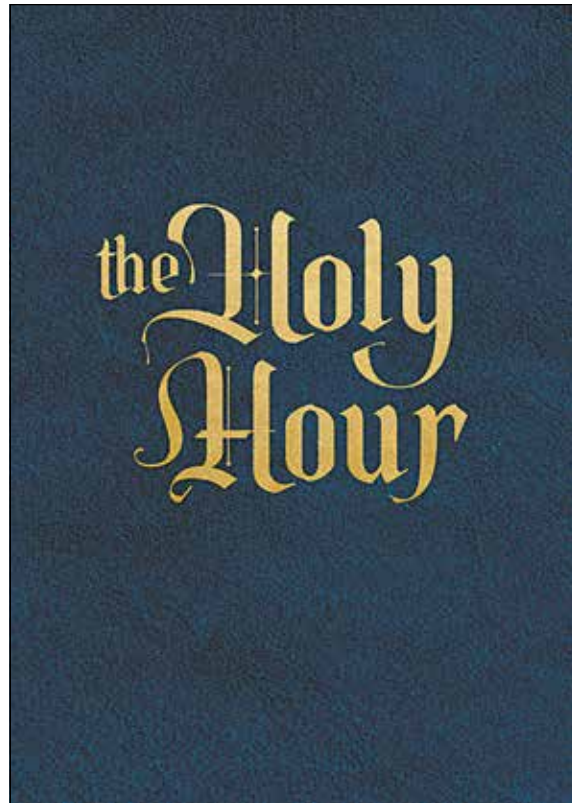
***American Pilgrimage: A Historical Journey Through Catholic Life in a New World, Christopher Shannon, Augustine Institute/ Ignatius Press***

"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.

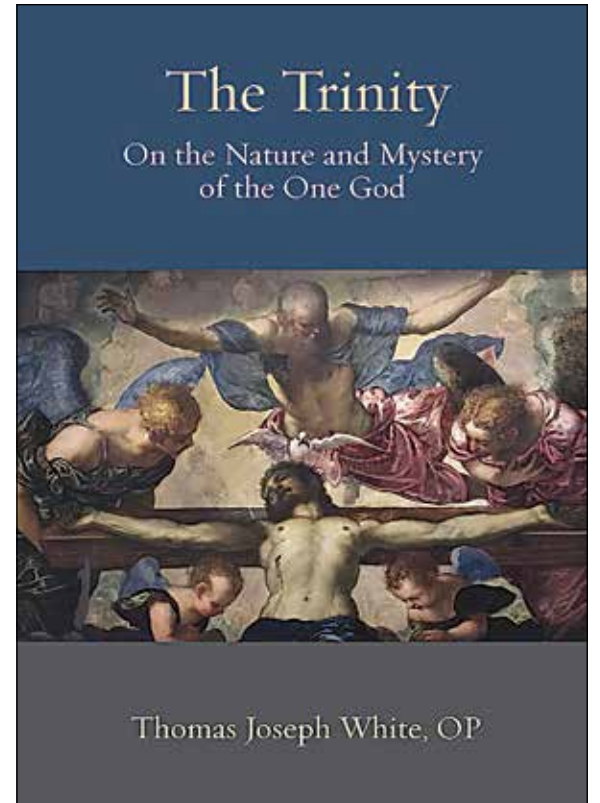
### Third Place

***Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture, Year A, Fr. Mark Toups, 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***

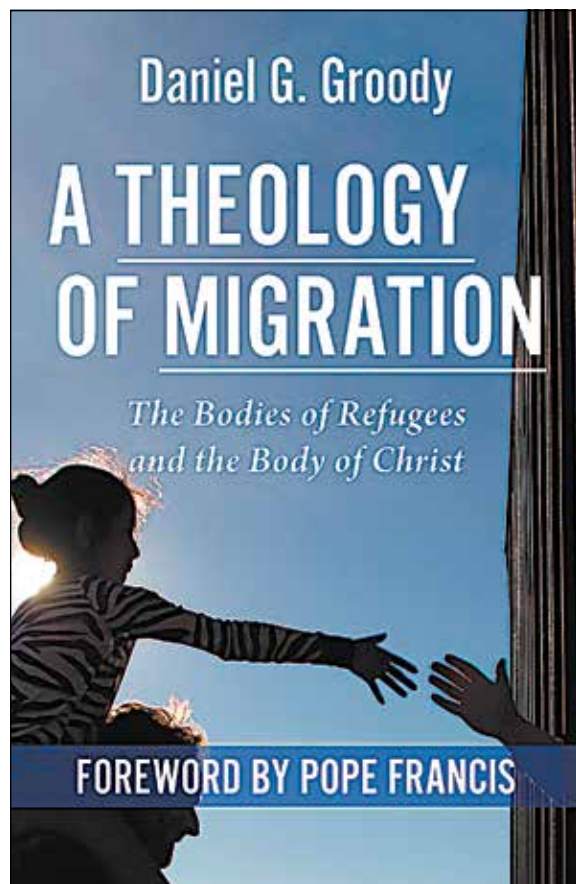
More and more we hear about the spectrum of Autism. Spirituality can be challenge for those who are on the autistic spectrum. This book helps guide a path for those who are autistic and those who are close to them as family or friends. This is a much needed book and unique in the field of spirituality. 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

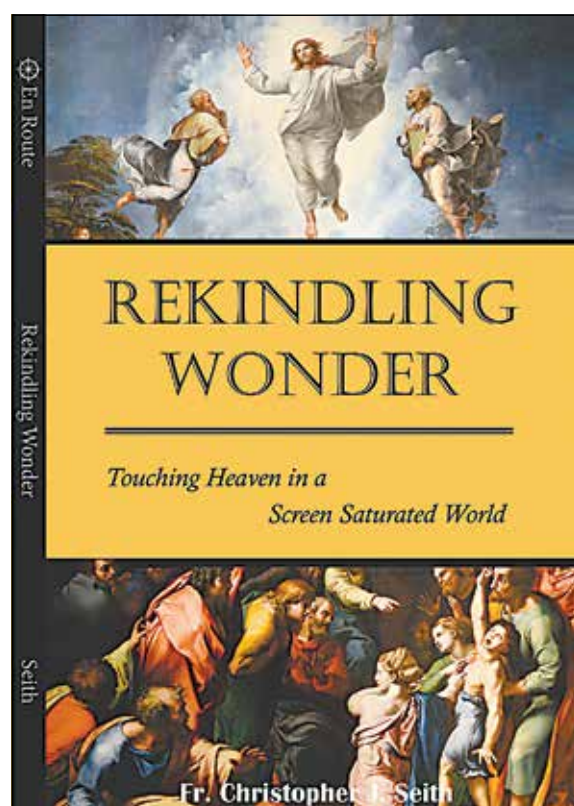
*The Whole Mystery of Christ: Creation as Incarnation in Maximus Confessor*, Jordan Daniel Wood, University of Notre Dame Press

### B03c: Theology - Morality, Ethics, Christology, Mariology, and Redemption

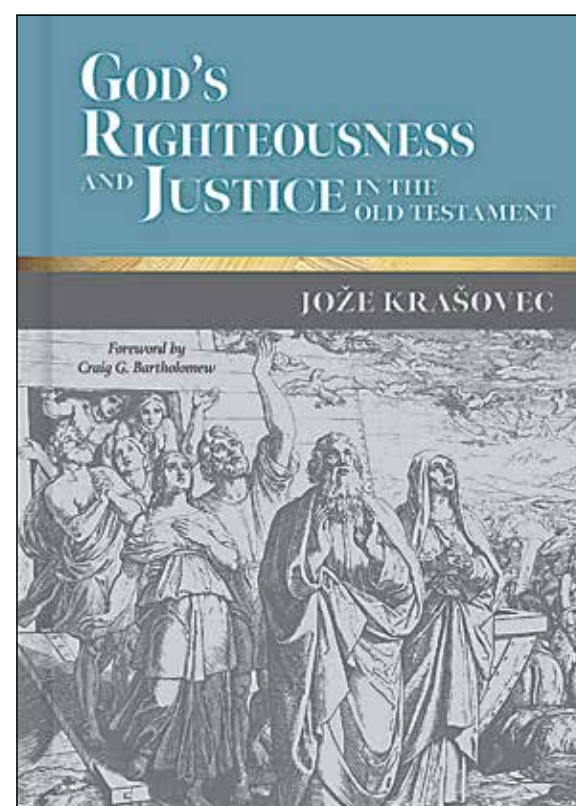
#### First Place

*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,**

**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.

**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 collections 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**

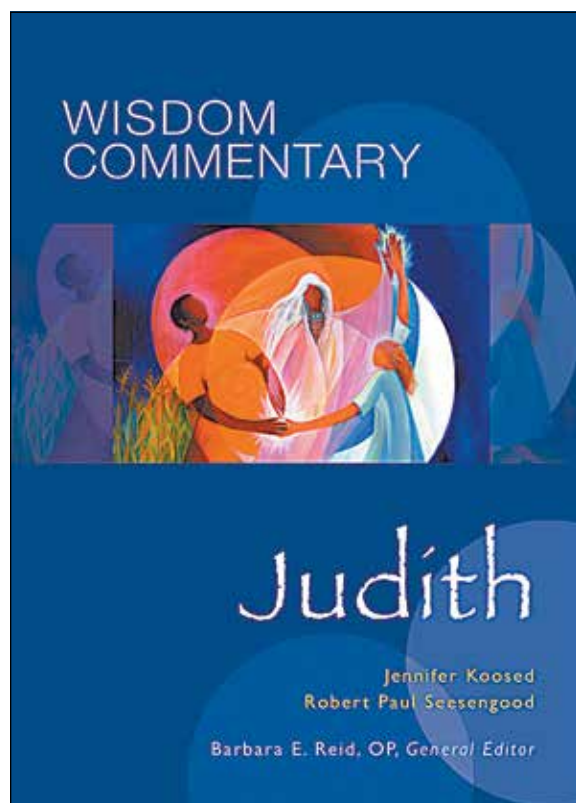
**A Prisoner and You Visited Me: Homilies and Reflections for Cycle A, Contributors include: Richard Rohr, OFM; James Martin, SJ; Phyllis Zagano, Ph.D.; Brian McLaren; et al., Clear Faith Publishing, LLC**

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.

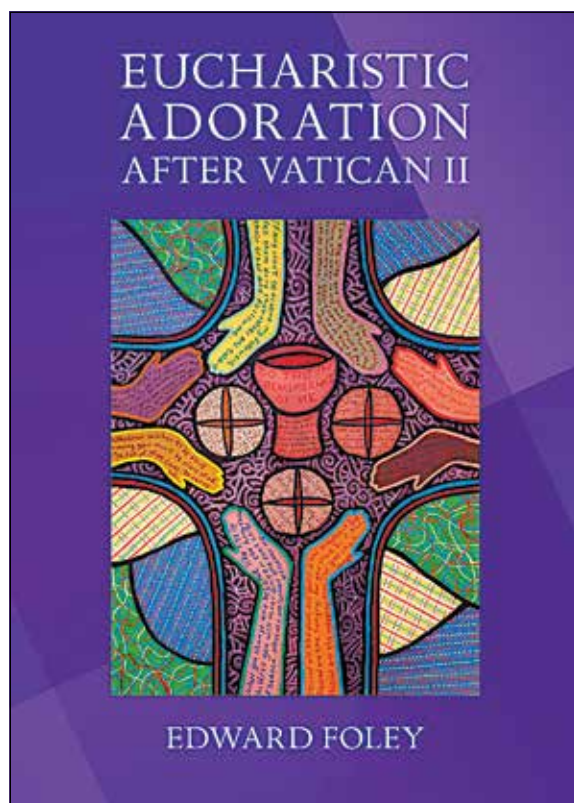
**Honorable Mention**

**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.



B04b: Scripture - Academic Studies



B05: Liturgy



## 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

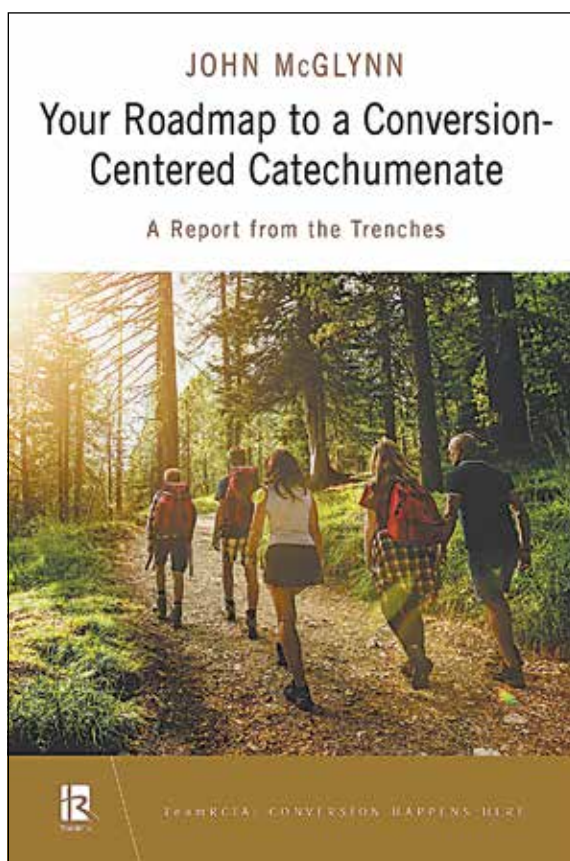
This book strives to help the entire parish community embrace a catechumenal process that is transforming and life-giving. As we journey with those seeking baptism and profession of faith in the Church, all believers participate in a process that leads to conversion of heart and deeper faith — and results in greater unity and leads to joy in sharing the Gospel with others.

## B06c: Pastoral Ministry - Pastoral Ministry – Youth & Young Adult

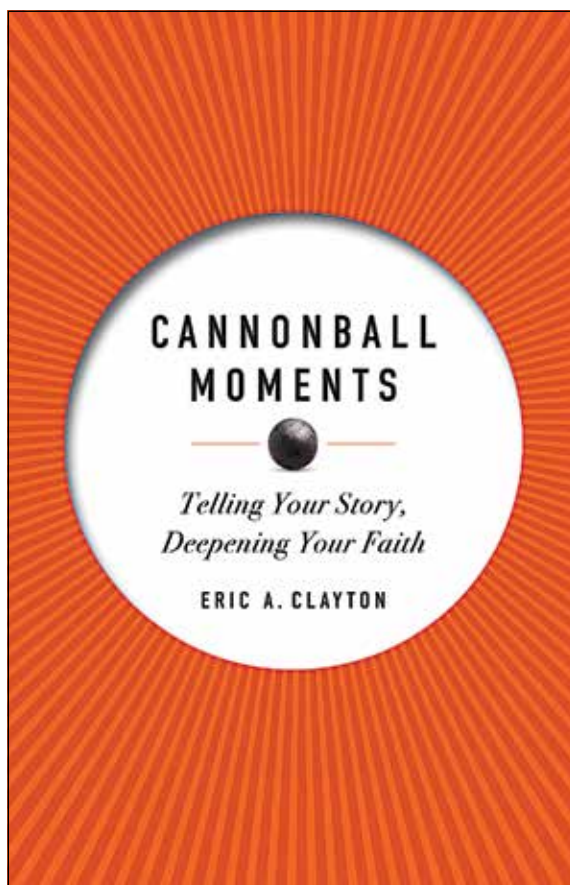
### First Place

*Cannonball Moments*, Eric A. Clayton, Loyola Press

Combining 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

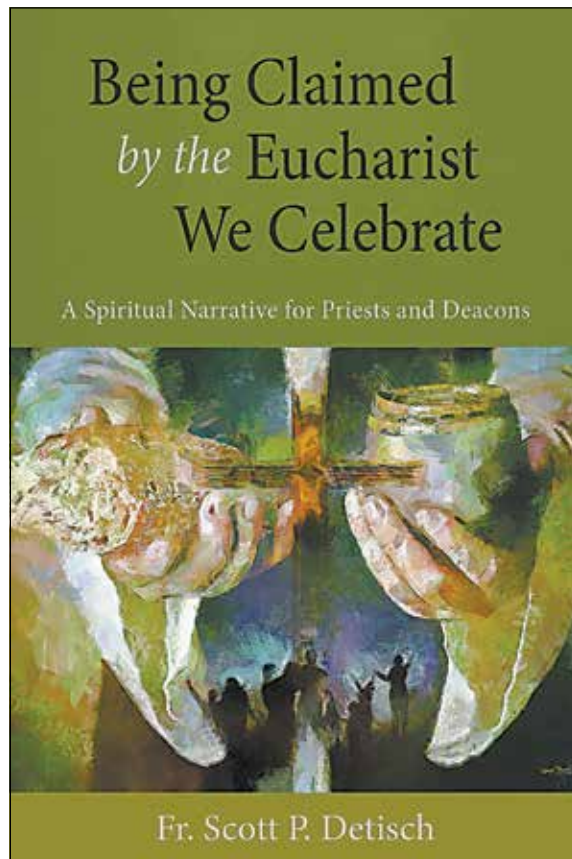
*Louie's Lent, Claudia Cangilla McAdam, Ascension*

## B10a: First Time Author of a Book - Poetry, Essays, Short Stories

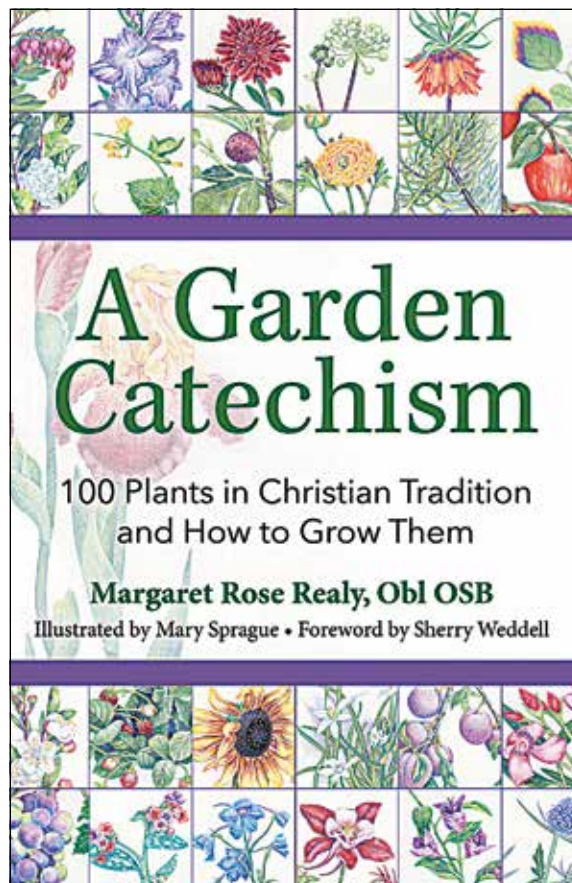
### First Place

*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

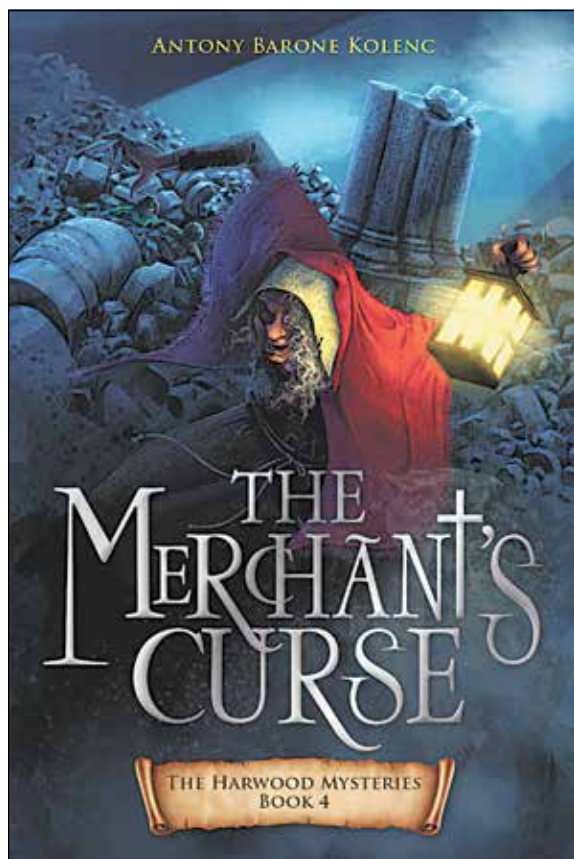
*The Good, the Messy, and the Beautiful: The Joys and Struggles of Real Married Life, Edward and Beth Sri, Ascension*

## B12: Marriage & Family Living

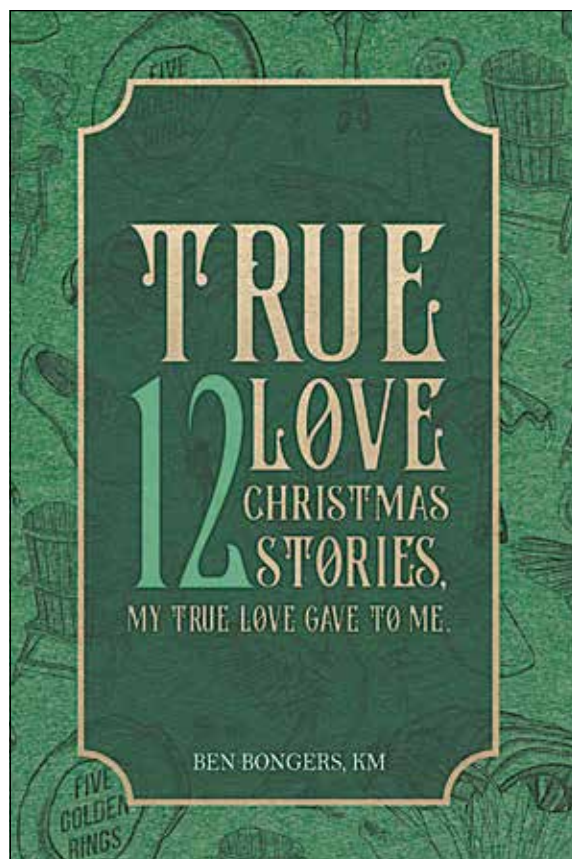
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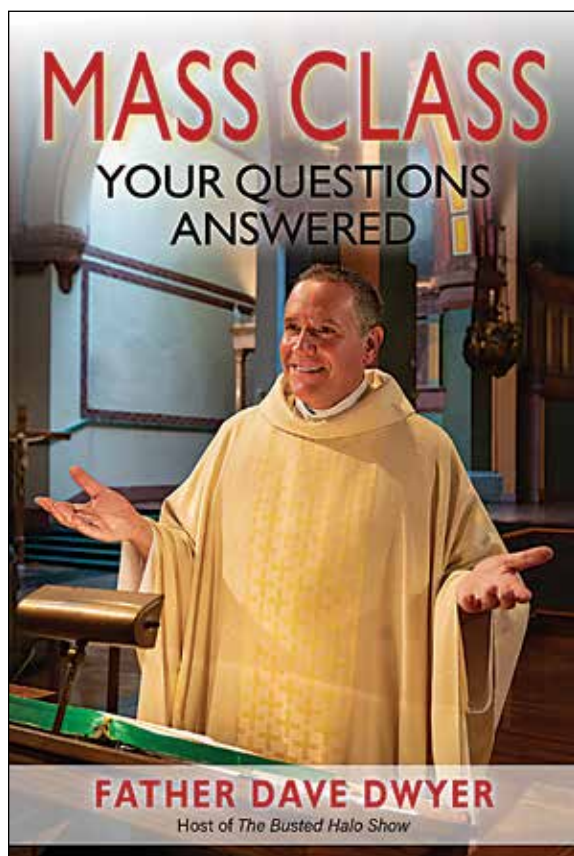




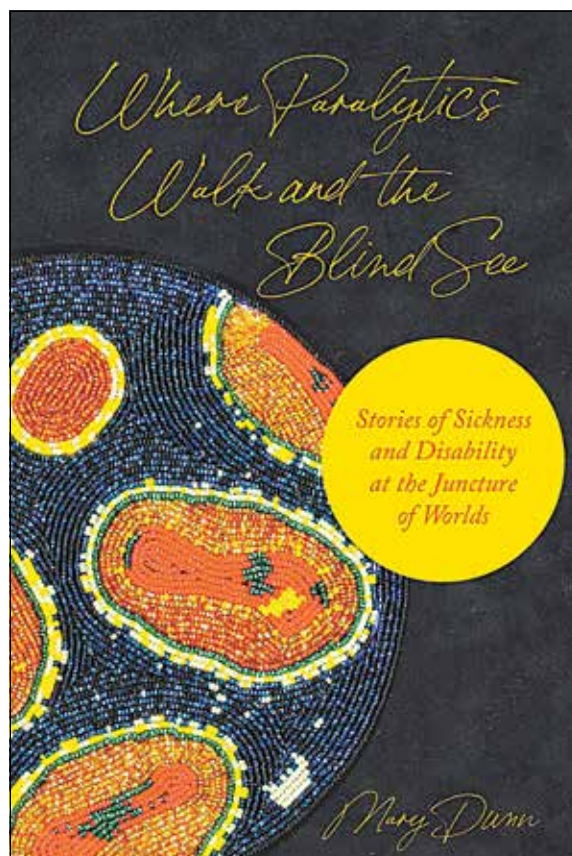
B09: Best Books for Youth



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



B13: History

## 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*

*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 Kellerman'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

*Forgive Everyone Everything, 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**

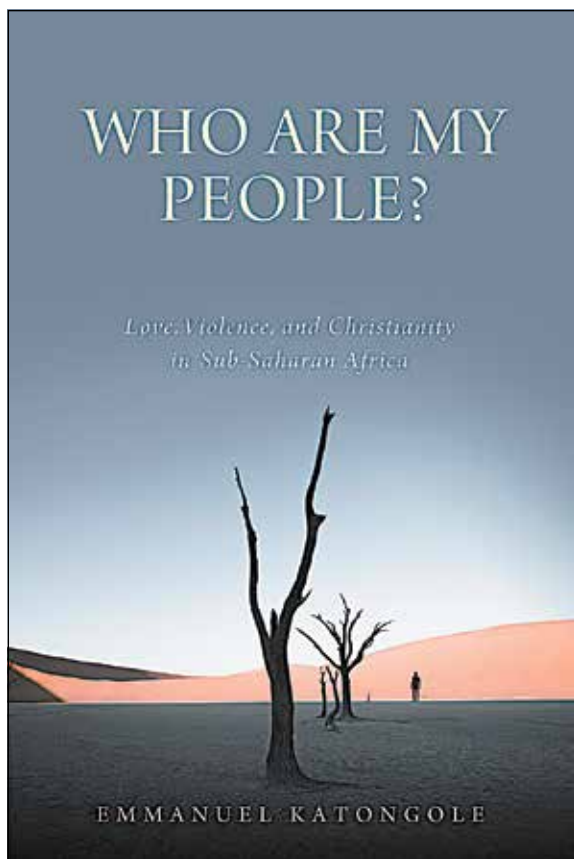
*Diocese of Providence 150 Years: Official 2022 Diocesan Directory, Marie Zagorsky and Laura Kilgus, Rhode Island Catholic*

*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.*

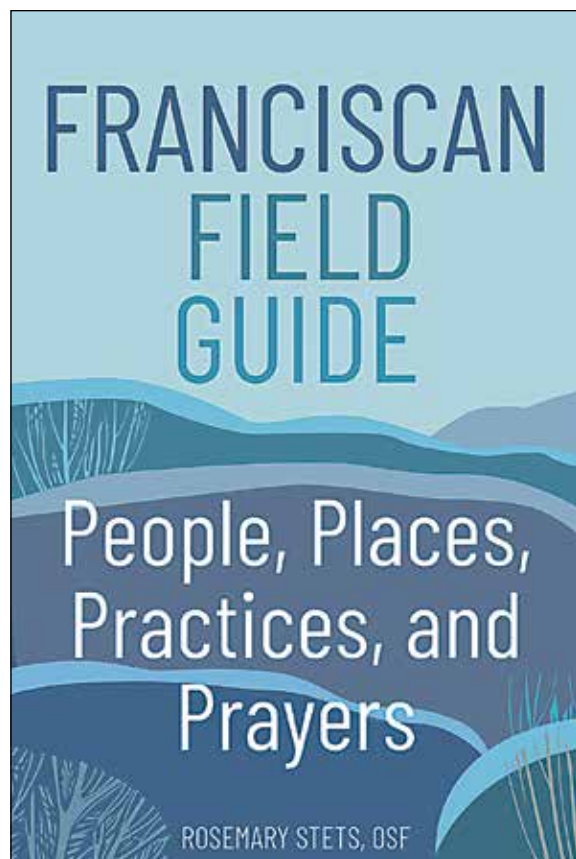
**Second Place**

*2022-2023 Archdiocese of New Orleans Catholic Directory, Jonelle Foltz, Cheryl Dejoie-Methe, Clarion Herald*

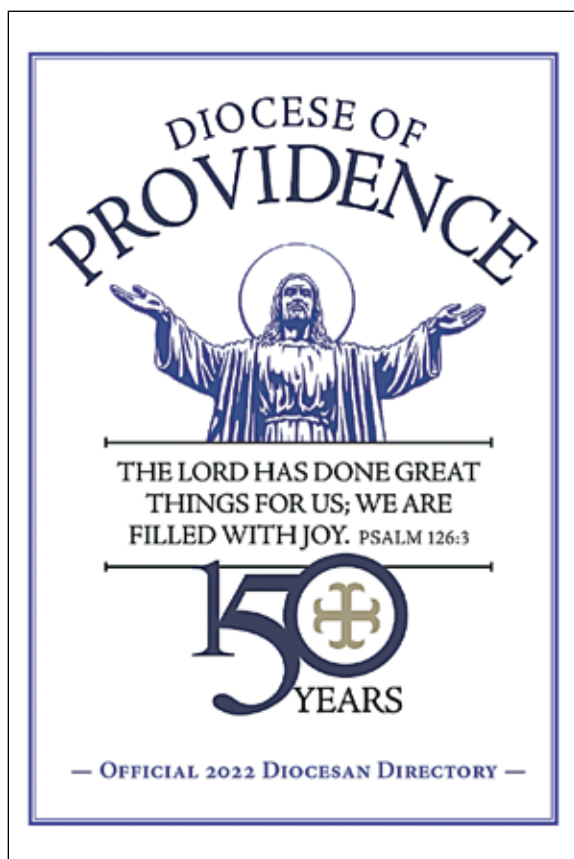
*Table of contents at the beginning and a master index at the conclusion are useful tools directing the reader to appropriate sections, as a directory should do. Tabs are useful and are supplemented*



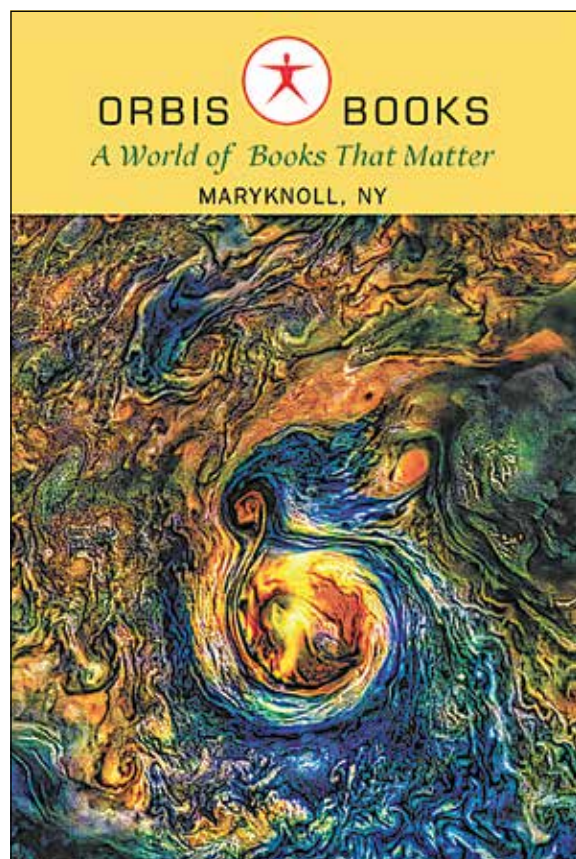
B15: Gender Issues – Inclusion in the Church



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

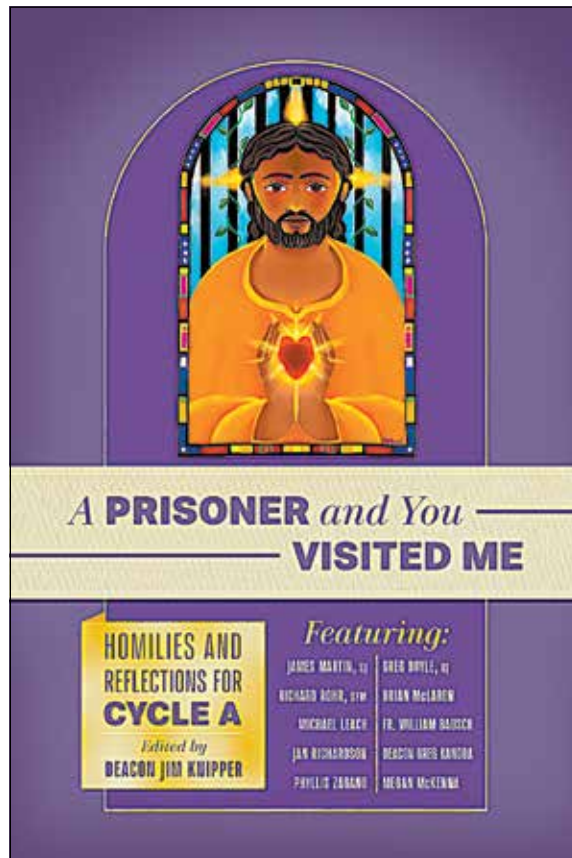
***A Thousand Pounds: Finding the Strength to Live and Love under the Weight of Unbearable Loss*, Brianne Edwards, CatholicPsych Press**

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.

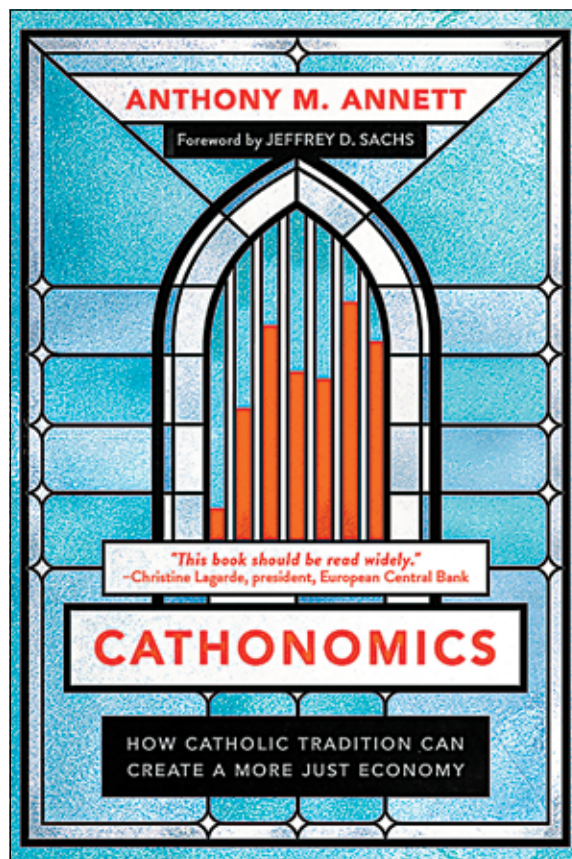
### Third Place

***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

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### 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

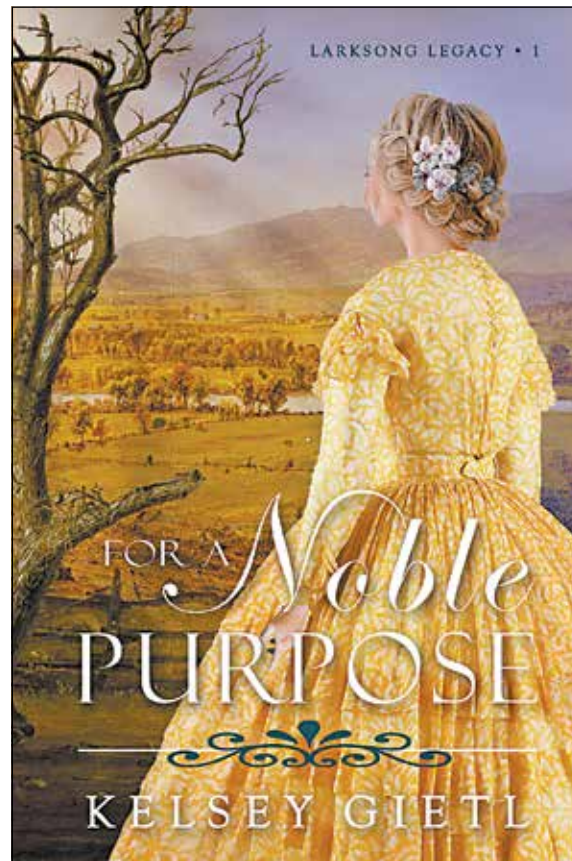
***Chasing Church News, Ed Wilkinson, DeSales Media Group***

### 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 world 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**

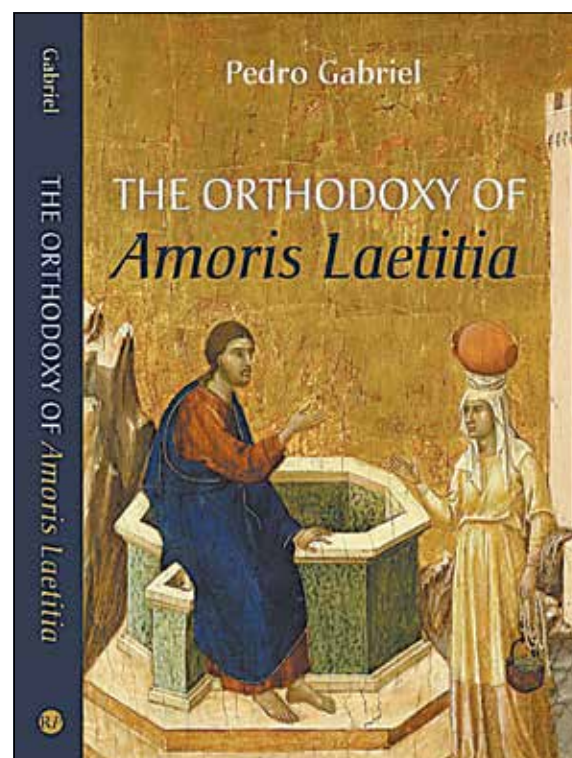
In May 1999, as the tumultuous 20th Century was nearing its close, the internationally respected *National Review* published a definitive list of the "100 Best Non-Fiction Books of the Century." On it, best-selling author/Christian apologist Clive Staples Lewis had two works selected. "Mere Christianity," 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.

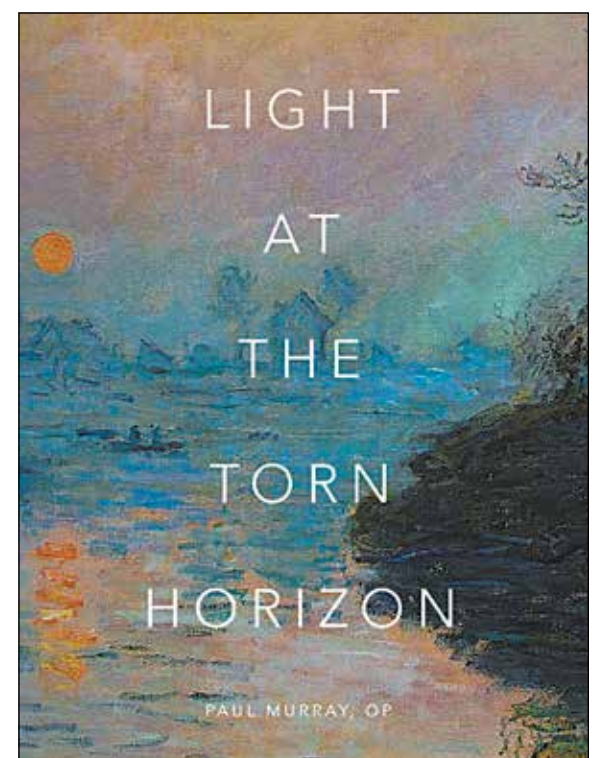
### Third Place

**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

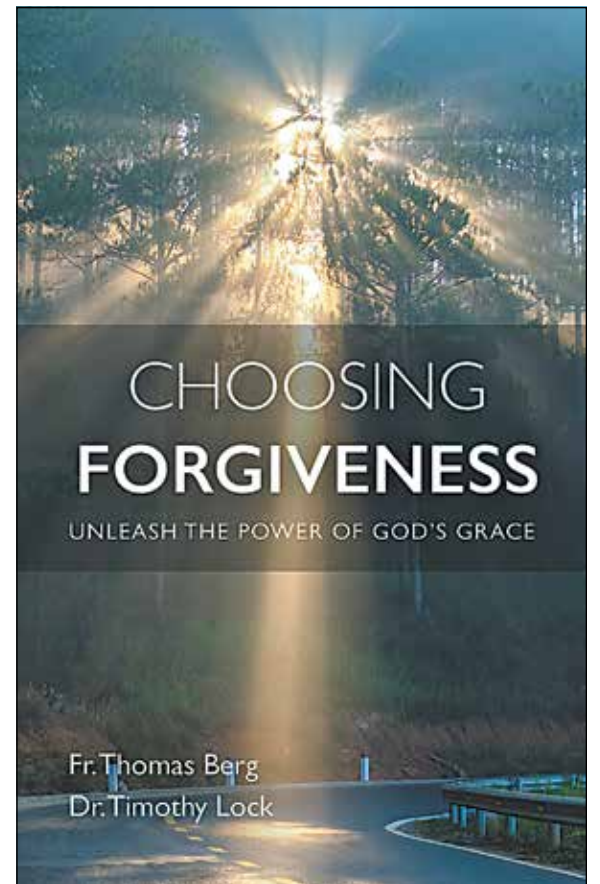
**Marching to a Silent Tune, Gerald R. Gioglio, ACTA Publications**

### 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**

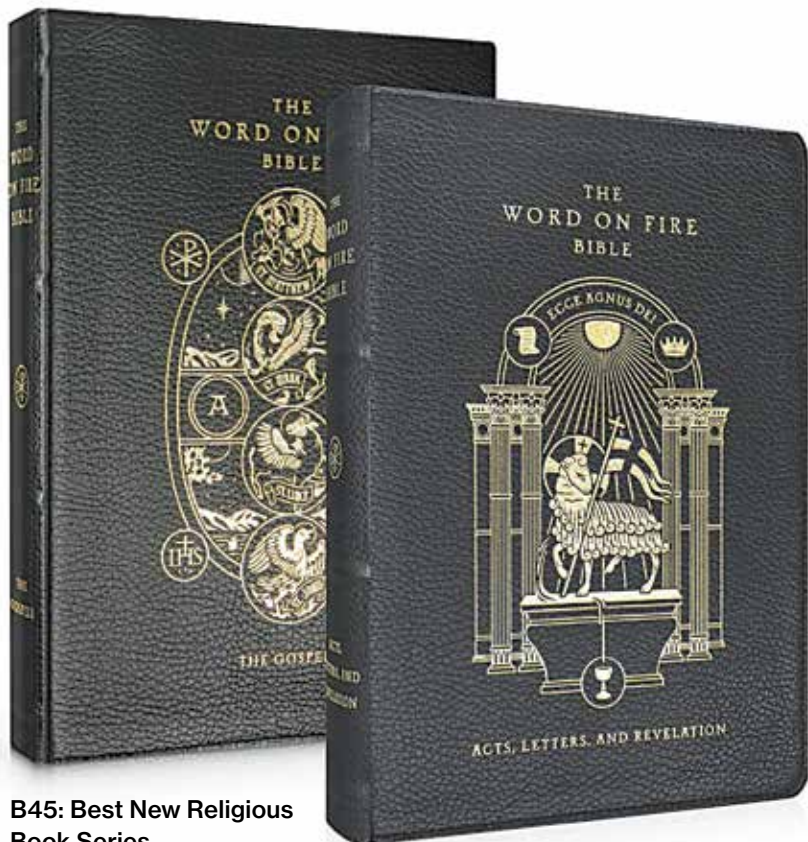
Adult Catholics who believe that their spirituality is almost as important as their physical well-being need people, places, and things to inform and companion them during good times and bad, but most especially in the "thin places" — where God's grace is waiting to happen. In recent years human beings 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.

## B45: Best New Religious Book Series

### 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

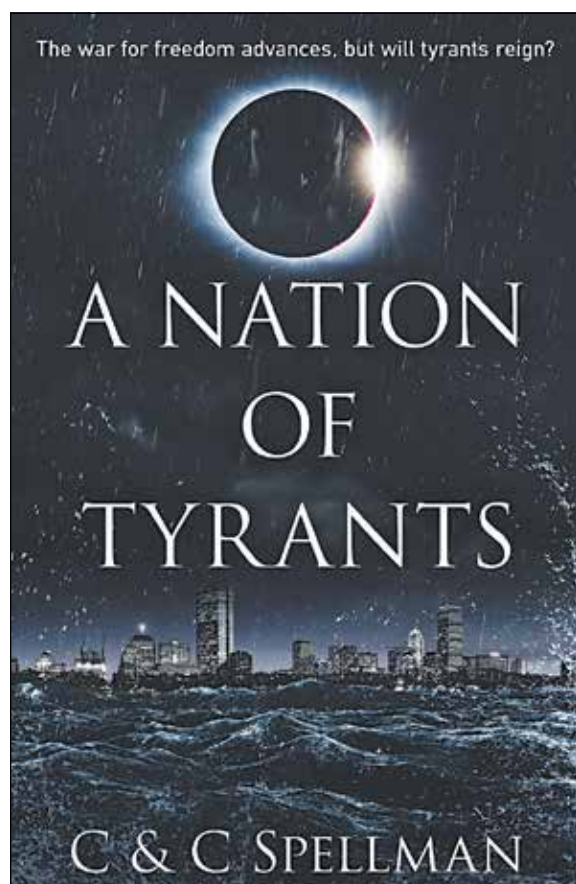
**A Nation of Tyrants, C & C Spellman, Rosemont Books**

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



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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

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#### 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.

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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

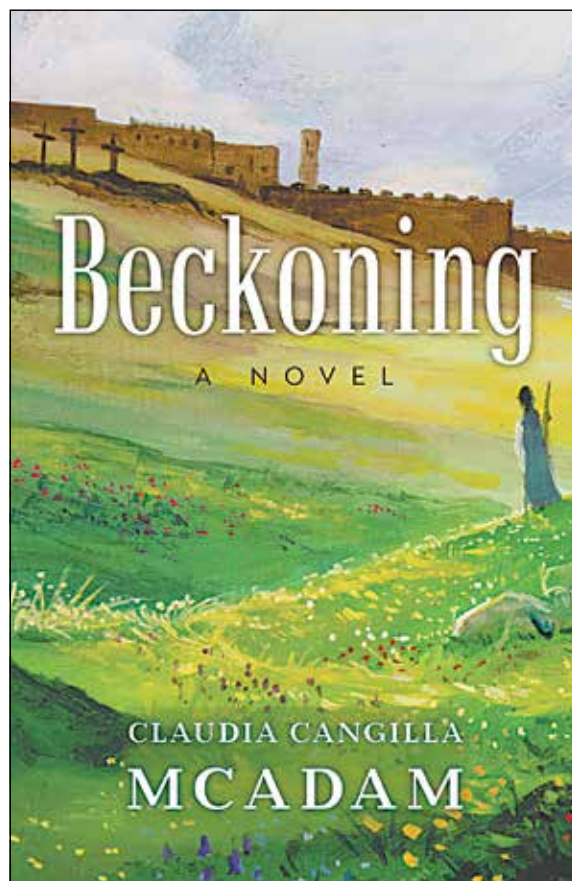
The submissions by Professor Peter Kreeft, "Food for the Soul, Cycle A" and "Food for the Soul, Cycle C" are outstanding reference materials that take the reader through the Vigil/Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist with an intense focus on the two readings, the responsorial psalm and the Gospel. Each 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.

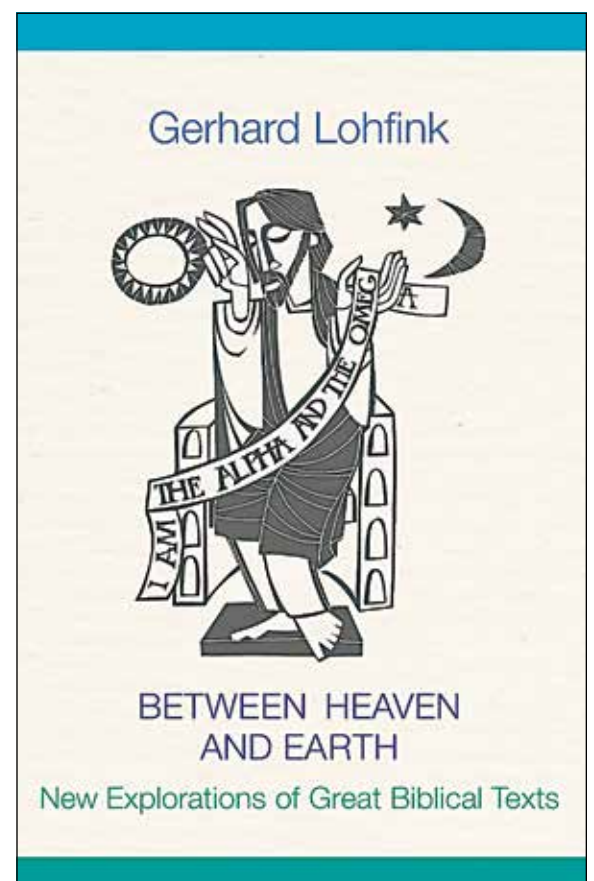
#### Third Place

*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.



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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 Kazmark, 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

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

### G107: Documentary

**First Place**

**Mother Teresa: No Greater Love, Castletown Media, Knights of Columbus**

David Naglieri, Tim Moriarty, Marc Boudignon, George Hosek

**Runner Up**

**Word of Life, Coronation Media**

Gary Gasse, Bill Phillips & the Coronation team

**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

## 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**

### 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,



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**

Filed 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 – Forging 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

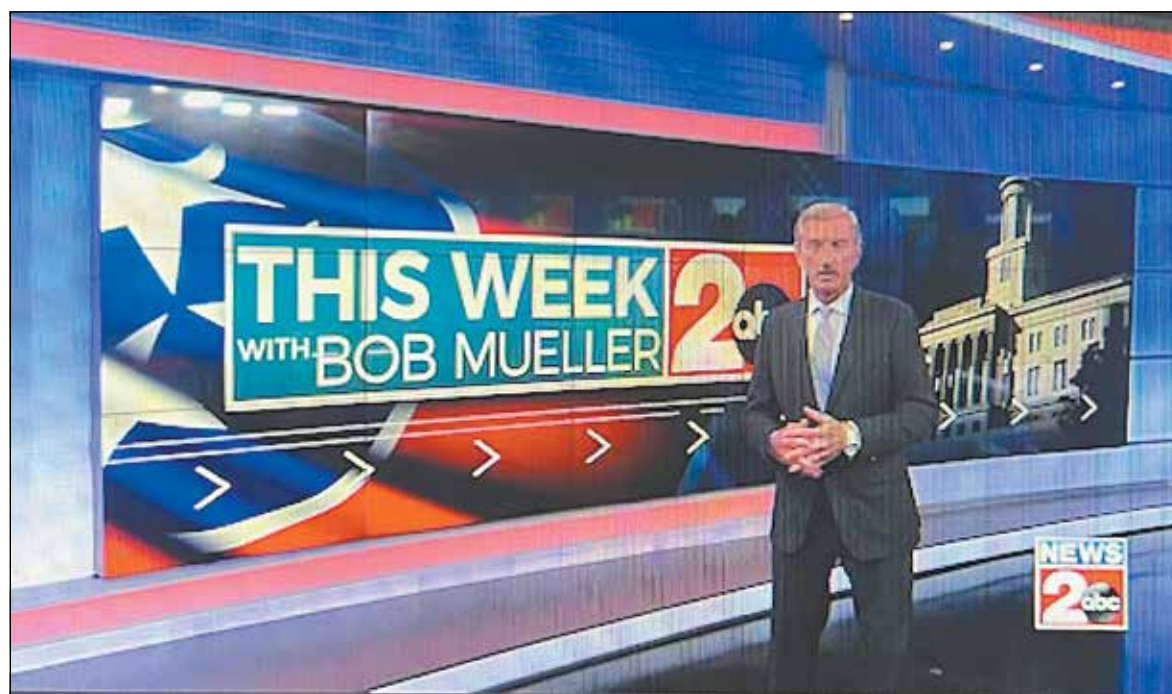
**Television - Spanish**

**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 María 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, Producer

**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 Baltzerson, Tabari McCoy, Zachary Petit and Richelle Thompson. Managing Editor: Kara Gebhart Uhl.

Web page very well done.



# Student Journalism Awards

## S01: Writer of the Year

### First Place

Barry University, The Barry Buccaneer, "Exposing Amazon", Suzannah Young

"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

Barry University, The Barry Buccaneer, "The Busing, Flyer, and Dropping off of Asylum Seekers Across U.S.", Isabel Pulgarin

"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

DePaul University, 14 East, DePaul News, Mariah Hernandez

"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

Lewis University, The Flyer Student Newspaper, "Ruben van Leeuwen: a story of success, change, persistence," "A Season to Remember for "Women's Golf," "Swimmers Set the Bar High for Midseason", Dani Navarrete

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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## NECK & NECK

As polls narrow, Democrats are fighting to retain control of Senate

By ERIC UEDELACKER, 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."

Considering 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 committeeman of Chicago's 43rd Ward. "The Democrats have some really good candidates 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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### Senate polls in key states

State	Democrat	Republican
AZ	45%	51%
PA	44%	49%
GA	46%	49%
NV	47%	47%

By AMBER STOUTENBOROUGH, Multimedia Managing Editor

### GOP's ineffective strategy strengthens Pritzker lead

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

## INSIDE: 2022-23 Basketball Issue

S10: Best Front Page

## S02: Best Article on Social Justice

### First Place

DePaul University, The DePaulia, "Chicago Latinos receive migrants with open arms", Jacqueline Cardenas, Nadia Carolina Hernandez and Stephania Rodriguez

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”, Patrxia 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”, Patrxia 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”, Patrxia 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 wonderful 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.