2023 awards issue

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Congratulations, everyone!

Our focus is all God’s people

From the Awards Committee

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

The entries honored each year reflect the wide variety of topics covered by our publications. That certainly refutes the stereotype that Catholic journalists spend their time covering Masses or following the bishop around the diocese.

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

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

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

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

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

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

So again, congratulations to all.

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

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

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

We 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!

A time to celebrate!

From the President

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 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 longitudinal 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

Alt11: 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.

Alt121: 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.

Honororable Mention
Nicole Hahn
Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

Alt131a: 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 dfi storytelling elements to keep narratives moving along. Good sense of pace, too.

Honororable Mention
Aaron Lambert
Denver Catholic

Honororable Mention
Pablo Kay
Angelus

Alt131b: 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.

Alt141: 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.

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.
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
Joshua Schipper
Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

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.

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

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 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  
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

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.

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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

Third Place
New priest ordained for the Diocese of Rochester
Catholic Courier, Jeff Witherow

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

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
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

THIS HISTORIC BLACK CATHOLIC PARISH Fought TO STAY OPEN

AW351a: Best Freestanding Presentation of Online Video - Feature

Hector Capei, Executive Producer; Anthony Colon, Director; Jeev T. Varghese, Creative Producer; Rob Kaczmark, Producer; Danielle Conklin, Line Producer; Christopher Weingart, Assistant Director and Colorist

We apologize to Indigenous Peoples. 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.

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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; Zacharias Martin, 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
Gotto 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.

First Place
First Place
Fairfield Carmelites: To Last 1000 Years
Spirit Juice Studios, Rob Kaczmark, Seneca Lester, Branden J. Stanley, Victoria McEachern, Haley Rossi
This mini-documentary is marked by gorgeous cinematography and a fascinating story. It excels particularly at working around the creative limitation of not being film the cloistered nuns at the heart of its story.

Second Place
Think Like A Jesuit: How Catholics can overcome the liturgy wars
America Magazine, America Media video team staff; Sebastian Gomes, Executive Producer; Kevin Jackson, Producer and Editor; Deniz Demirer, Director of Photography; Ricardo da Silva, S.J., Producer
This well-polished video embellishes the traditional talking-head format with unique camera views and creative graphics. The topic couldn’t be timelier for a pilot episode.

Third Place
Dominican House of Studies: Student Brother Tour
Spirit Juice Studios, Rob Kaczmark, Seneca Lester, Branden J. Stanley, Haley Rossi, Marissa Van Kley
This well-polished video embellishes the traditional talking-head format with unique camera views and creative graphics. The topic couldn’t be timelier for a pilot episode.

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

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; Jennelynn 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
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 - 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

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.

AW361a: Best Multimedia Package – Feature

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

Second Place
Florida Prayer Vigils for Ukraine
Florida Catholic (Orlando), Jean Gonzalez and Florida Catholic Media staff
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 Barringham, 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 Capelazzi and Jeff Witherow
The Catholic Courier tells a simple yet visually engaging and cohesive narrative. Covering the Deacons’ Orientation, the team captures the emotions of a powerful moment. The story takes the reader through a well-constructed beginning, middle and end with thorough interviews and visuals that complement the narrative throughout. A good example of how a well-written story and visuals can come together to tell a powerful story.

Second Place
Deacons’ Orientation, the team captures the middle and end with thorough interviews and emotions of a powerful moment. The story takes
Catholic Courier, Gina Capelazzi and Jeff Witherow
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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 highlighted 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 Abrahmyan, 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 Withrow

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

**Second Place**
2022 Catholic Courier Lenten Guide
Catholic Courier, Gina Capellazzi

**Third Place**
Restore, Lent 2022
Ave Maria Press, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, Author; Valerie Delgado, Illustrator; Gregory Smith, Video Production; Kate Rice, Campaign Graphics; Katie Prejean McGrady, Ave Explores; Lent; Erin Pierce, Parish Resources

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

**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

**AW371f: 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 of the Archdiocese of 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 amazing lighting, editing, and sound. It has great engagement on Facebook. The news stories are relevant and reported thoroughly with excellent visuals.

**Second Place**
Father Gordon Reigle’s Heavenly Inspiration
Northeast Ohio Catholic Report

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

This video is amazing lighting, editing, and sound. 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

**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, TikTok, 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 dePamphilis, Marisa Tocci D’Antonio
The 12 days of Christmas social media campaign goes a step beyond the traditional and sometimes predictable seasonal approach. Instead, the Catholic Charities social media team launched a 12-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 Pollo 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
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

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 Rodriguez-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 heartbreak 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 testimony. 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

AW571t: 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.

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 DiMasi; Father Jose Luis Hernandez
“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 Onamia**
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 Beiscel, 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. Matyssek Jr.
This series of local updates informs readers of current situations involving people and places.

**AW751a: Best Website - Diocesan**

**First Place**
archbalt.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.

**Second Place**
milarch.org
Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, Meg Bett, 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 Aquiles, CNEWA Staff
What makes this entry stand out is its simplicity.
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
AW751c: Best Website - Magazine or Newsletter
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
AW772: Best Electronic Newsletter
Florida Catholic (Palm Beach), Florida Catholic Media Staff

Second Place
Emerging Generation
ONE Magazine, Judith Sudilovsky, George Jaraisi, 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 Whitoko, Beth Tallentire, Mary Seamans, Cliff Gorski, Val Rodell, Nancy Baile, Bishop Larry J. Kulick, Monsignor Raymond E. Riffe.

Honorable Mention
AW771: Best Web and Print Package
Broken, Not Crushed
ONE Magazine, Hikma A. Abdulmejid, Abenezer Israel, Laura Ieraci, David Bratnick
Powerful story and well told. The writing is superb. The images are memorable and impactful. Quite inspiring to read and see and listen to. Beautiful work. Such a beautiful woman, well captured.

Second Place
Closer to the People
ONE Magazine, Anna Nekrasova-Wilson, Laura Ieraci, Konstantin Chernickin, David Bratnick
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 Seams, Paul Pulko, Mike Lutcotch, Monsignor Raymond E. Riffle, Bishop Larry J. Kulick
The complexity and insightful design and roll out of this appeal made it stand out 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, Mataea Gregg, Katie Hamel

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 McCoy, Renata Copshey

C305a: Best Diocesan Pastoral Message – Package

First Place
The Eucharist - The Sacrament of Charity
Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

Second Place
I AM HERE
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
Creating a Culture of Life
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.

Honorable Mention
Catechists A Credit To The Love Of Faith, Church
Diocese of Camden, Communications Department, Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan, Bishop of Camden

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 Seams, 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
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Third Place
I AM HERE
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.

C315: Best Initiative or Campaign – Package

First Place
CALL TO SHARE
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
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

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.
Third Place
U.S. locations of boarding schools for Native American 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

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
I AM HERE Podcast
This podcast, which shares the testimonies of local Catholics, feels intimate and allows people to express their vulnerabilities. The stories are relatable and inspiring.

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. It 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; Edmund 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
Archdiocese for the Military Services 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
Archdiocese of Detroit, 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
“The 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 Wultkowski, Jr., Assistant Director

C341: Best External E-newsletter

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

Second Place
Weekly Newsletter
Archdiocese of Detroit, Emily Mentock, Creative Director; Edmund Reyes, Director of Communications and Marketing; Leah Butalid, Content Coordinator
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 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
Gulf Coast Catholic.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.

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.
Magazine Division

GM11a: Magazine of the Year – National General Interest Magazines

First Place
U.S. Catholic
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 good tool to liven the Knights and to publicize their 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

GM11b: Magazine of the Year – Diocesan Magazines

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

GM11c: 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
Combini Missions Magazine
Combini 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.
GM11d: 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

GM11d: 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.

GM11e: 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 Klingssick, 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

GS11: 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...
of the people of Venezuela but linked to positive 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

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
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

First Place
Sponsor a Prison
Shalom Media USA INC., Shalom Tidings, Shalom Media
This submission demonstrates competent composition, an awareness of its audience’s concerns, and a multipronged approach to persuading readers, including student testimonials.

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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

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

Third 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.

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

This fall, Catholic University welcomed the Class of 2026 — a high-achieving group of students who arrived on campus ready to take Washington, D.C., by storm as they start their journeys toward fulfilling careers and becoming engaged citizens. The class is strong academically and in extracurricular endeavors, and boasts significant increases from previous years in the number of African American, Hispanic, and first-generation students. Here, we introduce you to just a few to provide a snapshot of the next generation of proud Cardinals.

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

Third Place
Reassuring Presence
ONE Magazine, Paul Grillo
This winning layout displays photography to maximum effect by using closeups for emphasis and by integrating graphic elements with the photographs. The words flow on the page and welcome the reader.

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

Honorable Mention
Restoring Trafficked Victims to Life
Maryknoll, Regina Gelfer
This layout makes the text easy to read and effectively displays the fine photographic elements.

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 graduates 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...
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
Archdiocese announces pastoral planning process for our beloved city
BY CHRISTOPHER QUINCY

The archdiocesan facilities office has calculated that if each Catholic church in the city laid Mass at one time, there would be seats for 25,000 people, but Mass attendance at all times for all the parishes in the city on a typical weekend is fewer than 2,000.

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**
7 Days a Pastor: Reflections from Father Andrew Nelson
Parable Magazine, Father Andrew Nelson
A well-written, interesting set of opinion pieces. The author made the content fun and enjoyable.

**M513c: Best Regular Column – Religious Life**

**First Place**
Spirited Sisters
Connection (NETWORK), Sr. Erin Zubal, OSU; Sr. Emily TeKolste, SP; Sr. Ellis McCulloh, HM
This set of opinion pieces really stands out for evidence-based writing and depth of analysis.

**Second 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.

**Third Place**
Deacon to Deacon: Deacon Dominic Cerrato, The Deacon magazine
The Deacon, Deacon Dominic Cerrato
Honorable Mention
The Catholic Culturalist
Denver Catholic, Dr. Jared Staudt

**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 – Spirituality**

**First Place**
Where Health Happens
Health Progress, Rachelle Reyes Wenger, Kathy Curran, Dennis Gonzales, Fr. Charles Bouchard, OP, STD
This set of opinion pieces really stands out for evidence-based writing and depth of analysis. It also prevents repetition and makes referencing background easier. It'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.

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**M513f: Best Regular Column – Art and Life**

**First Place**
Culture: Films
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**Second Place**
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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.

**M513g: Best Regular Column – Religious Life**

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**M513h: Best Regular Column – Spirituality**

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The Catholic Culturalist
Denver Catholic, Dr. Jared Staudt
Second Place
Extending a Hand of Hospitality
Maryknoill, 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

Second Place
Reducing Stress and Fostering Well-Being Among Health Care Staff
Health Progress, Kelly O’Shea Carney, Aristide Economonopolos, 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
Catholic Health Care Systems Confront Racism Through ‘We Are Called’
Health Progress, Kathy Curran, Dennis Gonzales, M. Therese Lyshaught, 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.

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.

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
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.

M533e: Best Essay – Professional & Special-Interest Magazines

First Place
The Journey Within
Linacre Quarterly, Ana Maria Dumitrut, M.D., Ph.D.
Very well-written and understandable essay 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...
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 Resurrecion: 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

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
Paw! 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
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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
Ascerticism 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
Curse 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

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

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

Honorabe 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.

Honorabe Mention
Steadfast Servant: At 91, Deacon “Tacho” Perez inspires Wichita Falls parish with his dedication to God and others
North Texas Catholic, Susan Moses

Honorabe 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
Sacrred 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 Trochcio
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 team who worked on these pieces.

Second Place
Reassuring Presence
ONE Magazine, Magdy Samaan
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.

Third Place
Faith Saginaw, Danielle McGrew Tenbusch
 graceful story! Glad to have read.

M576: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues – Call to Family, Community and Participation
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

Honorabe Mention
Father Napoleon explains parts of the Mass
Faith West Tennessee, The Catholic Diocese of Memphis
Powerful storytelling. Took a potentially “boring” topic and made it quite interesting. LOVED.

Honorabe Mention
Creative Penance
Faith Saginaw, Danielle McGrew Tenbusch
Cool story. Great use of quotes, very personable piece.

M577: Best Reporting of the Celebration of a Sacrament
First Place
Celebration of a Sacrament
Mass Transit
First 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.

Honorabe Mention
Faith West Tennessee: Inspired by His Catholic Education, Dick Gadomski Supports Current and Future Students
FAITH West Tennessee, The Catholic Diocese of Memphis

Honorabe Mention
Mass Transit
Northwest Catholic, Jean Parietti
Teens teach suicide awareness to save lives
Northwest Catholic, Jean Parietti
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.

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Honorabe Mention
Emerging Generation
FAITH West Tennessee, The Catholic Diocese of Memphis

Honorabe Mention
Young adult realities

Honorabe Mention
Very neat! Conversational writing. Very good.
Vermont Catholic, Cori Fugere Urban

Honorabe Mention
Took a potentially “boring” topic and made it quite interesting. LOVED.

Honorabe Mention
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Vermont Catholic, Cori Fugere Urban

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.

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, Shamane 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

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

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

First Place
Listening to the Voice of Creation
Maryknoll, Margaret Vamosy
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 Enviromnetal 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

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

Still the owners of the animals have been charged to protect their privacy.

M monte di Dio began when a group of women who were once the breadwinner of a family who were living on the streets of Rome as they recall and they started a small business at home to support themselves. Their hard work has been recognized by the city council and the Vatican. When their mother passed away, they started a business, the Little Prince Center, to help the children in need.

The Floating Church of Cambodia
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Honorable Mention
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M579d: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues – Life and Dignity of the Human Person
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 text,” 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
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

**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

**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
A trio of sisters writing thoughtfully on topics that are largely philosophical, but also the lifelike 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.
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 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

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.
MAGAZINE AWARDS

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 comprehensive 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 unsloops 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 Cesana
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
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, Rachelle 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
Second Place
In pursuit of understanding
Angelus, Elise Italiano Ureneck
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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 better). 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 moment. 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, Abenezer 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

A Day in the Life
A Barcelona’s day starts early and ends late, with lots of people in between. We followed her in a lab to get a glimpse of her work there.

M821a: Best Photo Story – Feature
M811b: Best Multiple Picture Package – News

First Vows

On Saturday, August 13, 2022, at St. Thomas More Catholic Community in St. Paul, Minnesota, two 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 cross (see below left), which he will keep for the rest of his life. Pronouncing first vows is the culmination of those Jesuits’ ten years spent at the novitiate, where they have further discerned their vocations and learned more about how to pray, live 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 this will now be known as “sindericans” (as opposed to Jesuit brothers). After pronouncing first vows, Jesuits enter first studies, a two- to three-year part of graduate coursework in philosophy and theology, where most obtain master’s degrees.

M821a: Best Photo Story – Feature

First Place

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

Second Place

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

M821b: Best Photo Story – News

First Place

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

Second Place

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

Third Place

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

M831a: Best Story and Photo Package – By an individual

First Place

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

Second Place

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

Kenyan seminarian reflects on his vocation journey and commitment to mission

by John Siyumbu

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.

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

M847: Best Photograph – Sacramental
A Metal Box Called Home
ONE Magazine, Nazik Armenakyan

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.

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M840: Best Photograph – Feature Photo
First Place
A Metal Box Called Home
ONE Magazine, Nazik Armenakyan
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 for.
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.
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 :)
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

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

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 heaven. The design here catches your eye, it tells a story, it makes a promise 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 Dejolie-Meth
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. Downsize: 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
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 ad and ad sequences.

Honorable Mention
Catholic Schools Week
Arlington Catholic Herald, Arlington Catholic Herald Advertising 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, reapportionment
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 “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

N361: Best Front Page
First Place
Our Sunday Visitor Newspaper
Our Sunday Visitor, Chelsea Alt and the Staff of Our Sunday Visitor
Three great covers from Our Sunday Visitor. All are dynamic and all answer the first question of “Does it standout on a news rack” with a resounding yes. Dynamic, yet simple, type of Roe v. Wade overturned over the top of excited faces compares well with the of the great pages of history. And heads for smaller stories move readers around the page. Summer Trivia grabs the eye and excites. And the type and bold simplicity and graphic of “We Must Know JESUS. Are all winners.

Second Place
Reporting on the sacred and the profane
The Pilot, Nan Wilkins, Gregory L. Tracy, Antonio M. Enrique
Quality 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.

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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

Honorable Mention
Sharing their Charisms
Arlington Catholic Herald, Pia Hovenga

N365b: Best Use of Graphics – 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
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!

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 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!

Second Place
Christmas Traditions 2
The Tablet, Fabiola Rodriguez
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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
This is 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. Impactive. 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.

N511: Best Regular Column by Bishop or Archbishop

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

Second Place
What I Have Seen and Heard
Catholic Standard, Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory
The warmth in the writer’s voice creates a sense of optimism even when discussing the unknowns of a post covid world. That tone coupled with historical context provided to help readers see a path forward helped this piece stand out.

Third Place
The uncertainty of illness can also lead us to God
Catholic Star Herald, Bishop Dennis Sullivan
The nonfiction narrative approach to bring messages vividly to life made this piece stand out.

Honorable Mention
Herald of Hope
Catholic Herald, Milwaukee, Archbishop Jerome E. Listecki

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 Solís
These columns go far and well beyond one individual’s opinion. The writer offers informed insights that support thoughtful, well-founded viewpoints. Jose Solís 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.
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.

Second Place
Colleen Roy Homefront column
The B.C. Catholic, Colleen Roy

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

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

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

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
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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

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.

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

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
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
Exceptional 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.

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 engaging storytelling that builds and is translated to its relevant climax.

Second Place
Fr. Michael Rennier’s column
Aleteia.org, Fr. Michael Rennier
At once information and transformative. Shows honest, humbling heroism in vulnerabilities that inspires similarly honest reflection.

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.”
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

Third Place – Political Issues
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.

Honorable Mention – Immigration
Arlington Catholic Herald, Zoey Maraist and Leslie Miller

Honorable Mention – Political Issues
Welcoming the Neighbor
St. Louis Review, Jennifer Brinker

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.

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

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...
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.

**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, Laurentta 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 governmental 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.

**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

Outstanding effort to unite past, present, and future. This country (is the war diverting our attention from closer at hand) and the exploration of bigger issues (an elderly woman pointing up to what was her apartment) combine to create an outstanding discussion.

**Honorable Mention**

Supporting Kentucky: Cleanup Efforts in alignment with IAN’S AFTERMATH

The Tablet, John Lavenburg

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 (the war diverting our attention from closer at hand) and the exploration of bigger issues (the war diverting our attention from closer at hand) combine to create an outstanding discussion.

**Honorable Mention**

IAN’S AFTERMATH

The Tablet, John Lavenburg

As gun deaths rise, many health care groups call for more funding for research into mental illness and violence prevention. 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 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.
optimism that caring church members can be involved in slavery. The stories pull no punches in addressing the Church’s history of being feelings rejected and ignored in church, of racism after Black students expressed their feeling of overcome bigotry, like white students joining Blacks in communities but also offers insights into how to address issues. And of the church's history of being for Catholics to get involved in Black Lives Matter movements at a crossroads. With Roe likely to fall, March for Lifers see action. The opening paragraph of the main story in this powerful 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 thrill stories and finding home for Ukrainian and Afghan refugees.

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 Cusay, Laureneta 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.

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
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 thrill stories 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
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

Pilgrims attended Mass at St. Barbara Catholic Church in Philadelphia Feb. 6, 2022. (CNS photo/Chaz Muth)

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PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — When Joseph Gester retired from the U.S. Marine Corps and moved to suburban Philadelphia 50 years ago, he attended Mass at a few different Catholic churches with predominantly white congregations near his new home in Montgomery County and was met with an unwelcoming reception. “I wasn’t received there,” Gester, 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 definitely not wanted there.”

He had navigated racism in just about every American institution in his life and had learned how to peacefully...
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 Musaccchio
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 Stechsulthe

Honorable Mention
Pray that all will defend and respect every human life
Tennessee Register, Andy Telll and Rick Musaccchio

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
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 Musaccio
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

Second Place
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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 keeping 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.

Honor Mention
Anything and Everything
The Leaven, Joe Bollig
Great writing that tells a great story of people, unity, and community.

N537b: Best Feature Writing – Non-Weekly

First Place
SMALL Faith Communities’ BIG Impact
Idaho Catholic Register, Emily Woodham and Gene Fadness
This is the winner because of solid writing, and reporting. Readers get to see not one face or one Small Faith Community, they get several. They also get to hear the people and the deacons. “They dub themselves the ‘ungodly hour group... Along with the coffee, the group reads the Gospel passage for the following Sunday.” Using several groups of people tell the vibrant and exciting faces of faith is a winner.

Second Place
New Ministry Equips Emergency Responders to Lean on Faith
The Florida Catholic, Priscilla Greear
The writer introduces readers to a new and necessary group of Catholics for First Responders. Police and EMTs, firefighters. Quality use of quotes and description show readers this group that becomes uplifted by gathering at church and sharing faith.

Third Place
Owyhee’s Hallowed Ground
Idaho Catholic Register, Gene Fadness
A tiny parish comes to life through this reporter. We hear the dedication of the “retired priest, “I’ll come here as long as I can walk,” said Father Taylor. And the members of the parish, “My family were ranching people. This is the strongest connection to the Old West of any place I know,” one said. Or the Duke Bulanon family, a Filipino family who make up the “choir” for the small congregation that typically numbers between 15 and 20.

Honorable Mention
Easter welcomings
Hawaii Catholic Herald, Anna Weaver

Honorable Mention
Take courage
Arlington Catholic Herald, Meghan Bartlett

N537c: Best Feature Writing – National Newspaper or Wire Service

First Place
As pandemic eases, will the Communion cup come back after COVID-19? Then too: Are they ordinary chalices? — or the Duke Bulanon family, a Filipino family who make up the “choir” for the small congregation that typically numbers between 15 and 20.

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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 out 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, Aprilline Henson 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 grips the reader in a vivid manner.

Honorable Mention
On the road: Austria & Germany
Arlington Catholic Herald, Ann M. Augherton

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 Descrated 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 gating 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
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 Sadowksi
Deep, detailed reporting on an ongoingly 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, Cindy Wooden

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 vantage points. 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

First Place
N565b: Best News Writing on a Local or Regional Event – Non-Weekly
A miracle in Miami?
Florida Catholic (Miami), Rocío Granados and Tom Tracy

Second Place
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. 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.

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 Marais

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
Fish fry is 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
Abortion expansion in NY
Catholic Courier, Jennifer Burke and Mike Latona
Strong coverage that explains state abortion rights disparities

Third Place
National newspaper or Wire Service
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.

Honorable Mention
Ten 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.

**Honor Mention**
Cardinal and clergy abuse survivor forge friendship of healing, activism
Jersey Catholic, Joe Jordan

**Honor Mention**
A pilgrimage 10, make that 12 years in the making
Arlington Catholic Herald, Ann M. Augherton

**N567b: Best News Writing Series – National Event**

**First Place**
As Build Back Better stalls, faith leaders call Biden, Senate to ‘moment for courage’ on climate
National Catholic Reporter, Brian Roewe, Aleja Hertzler-McCain
Outstanding coverage on climate legislation — this work includes strong reporting, powerful quotes, and the context readers need to fully understand the issues.

**Second Place**
Racism in the U.S. confronted by Catholic leaders
Catholic News Service, Cindy Wooden

**Honor Mention**
Ukrainians refugees in Poland
Catholic News Service, Dennis Sadowski

**N568b: Best News Writing Series – International Event**

**First Place**
Moscow patriarch seemed to bless the war on Ukraine: What does that mean for ecumenism?
Aletheia.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.

**Honor Mention**
The whole of Ukraine is my relative
The Catholic Register, Michael Swan

**Second Place**
A time of need, an opportunity to serve
St. Louis Review, Laura Kosta

**Honor Mention**
A Heart for Camp: Mike Fretwell’s new lease on life
Idaho Catholic Register, Gene Fadness

**N568a: Best News Writing One Shot – International Event**

**First Place**
Taliban Erases Decades of Progress for Afghan Girls
The Tablet, Enny 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.

**Second Place**
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.

**Third Place**
Outstanding coverage on climate legislation — this work includes strong reporting, powerful quotes, and the context readers need to fully understand the issues.

**Honor Mention**
War in Ukraine
The Leaven, Moira Cullings

**Honor 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.

**Honor Mention**
‘Bleacher Brothers’ Hit the Road to Evangelize in MLB Parks
The Tablet, John Lavenburg

**Third Place**
HOPE & A PRAYER: Haiti struggles to rebound 12 years after earthquake
The Tablet, John Lavenburg
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.
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**Honorable Mention**

**ON POINTE: FROM HARLEM TO BROADWAY:** Dancer saw racism up close while touring the United States in the 1950s

The Tablet, PaulaKatina

**N571b: Best Personality Profile – Non-Weekly**

**First Place**

On the Cusp of 80, Mary Jo Copeland is unwavering

The Catholic Spirit, Christina Cappecchi

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

**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. Nicely 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

**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**

Always faithful — from kindergarten through military service

Idaho Catholic Register, Gene Fadness

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**

Young nun shares vocation journey

Catholic Courier, Jennifer Burke

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**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 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**

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**Third Place**

Always Faithful: From kindergarten through military service

Idaho Catholic Register, Gene Fadness

Semper Fidelis — always faithful — is the Marine creed, but for three young Catholics who remained friends from kindergarten and into the Marines, that motto also applies to their feelings about religion. This easy-to-read, feel-good story focuses not only on their friendship with each other but also
with God. And as they kept God in their lives, they encountered others who exhibited the same level of faith, reminding us that when we turn to God, others are watching. Great pictures of the three together throughout their lives.

Honorable Mention
College Converts
National Catholic Register, Meghan Schultz, Lauretta Brown, Susan Klemond

Honorable Mention
Aussie Battler: Bengal Catholic director builds ministry at ISU while fighting cancer
Idaho Catholic Register, Gene Fadness

N575c: Best Reporting on a Special Age-Group – Children and Teens Younger than 18

First Place
Miami youths stand with migrants at Mexican border
Florida Catholic (Miami), Priscilla Greear
Building a bridge of understanding over the immigration of vitriol and division. What a grand opening of an inspiring and uplifting story of Miami youth crossing the Arizona border into Mexico to walk and talk and pray with youth seeing asylum into the United States. And they also listened to those of their same age talk of fleeing fears of murder and abuse. A remarkable experience gently but forcibly told.

Second Place
Young people challenged to seek Christ
Northwest Indiana Catholic, Marlene A. Zloza, Anthony D. Alonso, 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.

Second Place
Young Catholics want more engagement at Church: Synod Report
Jersey Catholic, Jessica Miano

BRAND NEW

N579: Best Reporting on the Celebration of a Sacrament

First Place
The Eucharist Explained
Arlington Catholic Herald, Zoey Marais
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.

Forced by fire and faith
Young firefighter’s trust in God continues to be inflamed, even in life-threatening moments

By John Scaughnessy
Joe Yhurs 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.
At the first cousin to the young man, Yhurs 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 Bluestar Mountain began on Aug. 7, 2021. After arriving on the scene by helicopter, Yhurs and the seven other firefighters noticed that the fire appeared to be dying out after something about 15 acres, thanks to helicopter crews pouring down water on the mountain.
“The next day, we started work around 7 a.m. in the morning, building a line around the fire to try to contain the remnants of it,” Yhurs recalls. Yet the wind kicked up a short time later. Seeing the uncontrolled fire, leading it to tour 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

Picture: Indianapolis resident Joe Yhurs spent more than a year fighting wildfires in Idaho and Nevada, a fume when he visited his father in God and the power of the rosary help him. (unrelated photo)
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)

Kelly Easter won her legal battle to become a foster parent to refugee children. But Easter still feels like she’s “in limbo.”

### 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

**Celebrating Mass on the farm**

The Catholic Messenger, Barb Arland-Fye

### N581b: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues – Care for God’s Creation

**First Place**

In an area marred by environmental calamity, SSM Heath steps up

Catholic Health World, Kathleen Nelson

*Good mix of a personal story with coverage of a larger issue.*

**Second Place**

As COP27 talks stall, Catholics smash tablets, pray for divine intervention on Sinai

National Catholic Reporter, Doreen Ajiambo

*Evocative writing.*

**Third Place**

Catholic health care explores how to accelerate greening

Catholic Health World, Julie Minda

### 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.*

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**NEWSPAPER AWARDS**

**First Place**

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
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
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 centerpiece 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
**NEWSPAPER AWARDS**

**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.

**Third Place**
The Road to Cardinal
The Southern Cross (CA), Aida Bustos
“arow children this is a joyful and fulfilling package for children. Filled with interesting and informative articles the stories educate readers on the themes of contemporary ecclesiology. The layout is attractive and inviting and the accompanying photos are sharp, visually pleasing and mirror the theologically sound content.

**Honorable Mention**
Abortion in America: The Fight for Life
The Tablet, Michelle Powers, Jim DelCioppo, Michael Gray, James Harney, Faby Rodriguez

**N596c: Best Print Special Supplement – Regular Special Supplement**

**Third Place**
A Holy Death
Catholic News Herald, Kevin Eagan & Catholic News Herald Staff
“A Holy Death” is chockfull of information for a Catholic population that is aging or are caregivers for those who are. Colorful photos depicting key moments facing those confronting death and the necessary steps for caregivers and/or spouses accompany clear texts. A clever pull-out centerfold provides a fill-in-the-blanks guide for anyone needing to know “what to do” in the face of a loved one’s death or impending death. What a helpful and necessary offering for so many!

**N811a: Best Multiple Picture Package – Feature**

**First Place**
Doing the Works of Mercy
The Leaven, Jay Soldner
Compelling set of photos stands out for interesting perspective, important storytelling, and high quality of technical skill on display.

**Second Place**
A Joyful (KiSwahili) Noise
Idaho Catholic Register, Gene Fadness
Joyful and creative set of photos stands out.

**Third Place**
A pilgrimage 10, make that 12 years in the making
Arlington Catholic Herald, Ann M. Augherton
Interesting, high-quality set of photos.

**N811b: Best Multiple Picture Package – News**

**First Place**
The Lord of Miracles
Arlington Catholic Herald, Zoey Maraist
Wonderful set of photos with incredible detail and compelling color that jump off the page. Excellent variety. Top-notch photography. Well done.

**N811c: Best Multiple Picture Package – Sports**
N840: Best Photograph – Feature Photo

Second Place
Rally supported Ukraine
Catholic Courier, Jeff Witherow
Colorful and compelling photos that are full of depth and immediately capture and draw in those who view them. Photos are glorious in their simplicity and tell a complete story before even reading the captions.

Third Place
Called to Serve Neighbor
The Catholic Week, Rob Herbst
A wonderful collection of crisp, clean photos that reveal a wide range of emotions. The photo of the candidates prostrating themselves is especially compelling.

N811c: Best Multiple Picture Package – Sports

First Place
Right on Track
The Leaven, Jay Soldner
Well composed images. A nice variety of action shots from various areas of competition. Good work!

Second Place
Runnin Revs
The Leaven, Kathryn White
Images that do a great job telling the story. Good action sports photography.

N821a: Best Photo Story – Feature

First Place
Holy Week 2022
Hawaii Catholic Herald, Anna Weaver and Dann Ebina
Excellent set of photos that tell a comprehensive story and draw in the viewer/reader.

Second Place
Easter’s New Life
Idaho Catholic Register, The Idaho Catholic Register staff
Wonderful photo story that captures a familiar but important and distinct story for the reader/viewer.

Third Place
Bread from Heaven, Food for the Soul
Idaho Catholic Register, Genavive Edman, Idaho parishes
Great skill in capturing and sharing an interesting photo story.

Honorable Mention
Bocce Camp
Catholic New York, Mary DiBiase 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
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

**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**
The Weary World Rejoices
The Leaven, Joe Bollig and Jay Soldner
A heartwarming story that prominently positions homeless voices and experiences. Great photography that conveys aspects of the story not covered in copy.

**Third Place**
A grandmother’s love, around the ‘breakfast club’ table
St. Louis Review, Laura Kosta, Jacob Wiegand
A touching profile enhanced by touching candid photos.

**Honorable Mention**
Holy Week
Arlington Catholic Herald, Zoey Maraist, Pia Hovenga, Ana Lucia Batista, Joe Cashwell, Marvin Molina

**N840: Best Photograph – Feature Photo**

**First Place**
Faith & Food
The Evangelist, Cindy Schultz
This is just a super fun photo that makes the viewer/reader want to know more. Excellent skill at capturing the emotion and energy of the moment! It’s the type of photo that just brightens one’s day. Great job!

**Second Place**
World Cup
The Leaven, Jay Soldner
This photo is highly effective at capturing the emotion and energy of the moment. It really sweeps in the viewer/reader and makes one want to read more about what is going on. Great colors and lighting. Nice work!

**Third Place**
Good Friday: Re-enacting Christ’s Passion
The Beacon, Joe Gigli
Excellent photography and capturing the story and the emotions. Nice job of capturing the context and conveying a sense of energy with the colors, lighting, and composition. It’s like getting a front-row seat! Great work!

**Honorable Mention**
All for the refugees
The Catholic Sun (Syracuse), Tom Maguire

**N841: Best Photograph – Spot News**

**First Place**
Marquee Event
Gregory A. Shemitz, Gregory A. Shemitz
This is the best photo in the category for a number of reasons. The context (Radio City Music Hall) grabs a viewer’s attention and makes one want to know more. Plus, the photo angle, colors, and lighting all make this a great composition. Nice work at capturing the moment and telling a story through photography!

**Second Place**
Church explosion in Hostyn
The Catholic Lighthouse, Janet Jones
This photo really captures the moment and the emotion of the news story and helps place the viewer/reader at the scene and to understand the story better than mere words could do. Nice composition — great use of silhouette. Nice work!
Third Place
75th anniversary of St. Ann Parish
Arlington Catholic Herald, Zoe Maistra
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 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**

**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 slung 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

**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.

Second Place
Video testimonio: Jose Luis Castro y Mónica Méndez de Castro han estado decorando la imagen de la Virgen de Regnado Familiar, en Lafayette, Tennessee.
El Católico de Rhode Island, Silvio Cuellar

S402: Best Use of Video on Social Media

First Place
Entrevista con el padre Marcos Galvis: Joven, ¿Dios te llama!
El Pueblo Católico, Rocío 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 Virgen de Guadalupe para la celebración diocesana por dos décadas.
El Católico de Rhode Island, Silvio Cuellar

S403: Best Podcast

First Place
Cuéntame Católico
La Voz Catolica, Rocío Granados, Cristina Cabrera Jarro, Ana Rodriguez-Soto, Maria Alejandra Rivas
Each episode is interesting, containing content that is timely, relevant, and entertaining. The interviewers are very good in keeping the episode moving and consistently have good guests with compelling stories/information.
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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! ¡Demosles 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

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
Aceptar la voluntad de Dios
Northwest Catholic, Mauricio I. Pérez

Mauricio’s article is 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, Rocío 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 Catolico, 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 Sziez, 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 he face of financial and other problems.

S403: Best Podcast

Cuéntame Catolico

S362: Best Cover – Newspaper
S521i: Best Coverage – Treatment of Vocations to Priesthood, Religious Life or Diaconate

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.

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

El acompañamiento es necesario para los inmigrantes hispanos
La Voz Católica, Cristina Cabrera Jarro
Distinctively develops the theme of support/accompanyment 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 Miscellanies, 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’
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**S541: Best In-Depth Analysis**

**First Place**
Una batalla por los niños, ¡Niños, sí! ¡Política, no!, Todos deberíamos llorar
La Voz Católica, Ana Rodriguez-Soto, Rocio 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**
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.

**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.

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**S565: Best News Writing – Local/Regional Event**

**First Place**
La Iglesia de Nueva York Reafirma su Compromiso con los Inmigrantes durante el Influyó
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**
Niños, ¡sí! Políticas, no!
La Voz Católica, Ana Rodriguez-Soto, Rocio 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**
Confiando en el Plan de Dios
Missioneros, María-Pía Negro Chin
This short profile with an effective lead, supported by a good interview, and edited and packaged with imagination.

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**S567: Best News Writing-National/International Event**

**First Place**
La invasión de Rusia a Ucrania revive dolorosos recuerdos en centroamericanos
El Pregonero, Miguel Vivanco
Excellent coverage of a very important story. Especially good use of quotes.

**Second Place**
Juneteenth, un faro de esperanza
El Pregonero, Rafael Roncal
Excellent connection between two wars drawing parallels that should help to bring communities together.

**Third Place**
Historico congreso de Raíces y Asas reúne a líderes del Vaticano, CELAM y la USCCB en Washington, DC
El Católico de Rhode Island, Silvio Cuellar

**Honorable Mention**
Especially good use of quotes.

**S571: Best Personality Profile**

**First Place**
Creía que era un católico comprometido... hasta que Jesús me llamó
El Pueblo Católico, Rocio 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.

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**Third Place**
Continuar la obra de Mons. Agustín Román, su entrega, su fe en Dios y en la Virgen
La Voz Católica, Rocio Granados
Well reported, with several helpful interviews. Gets to the accomplishments and also the interior life of the subject.
S573a: Best Reporting – On Cultural Heritage

First Place
Centavo a centavo se construyó la casa de la Patrona de Cuba
La Voz Católica, Rocío Granados

This article on the 50th anniversary of La Ermita in Miami was reporting at its best! The description of the history of how the church was built collecting literally cent by cent and by Cuban workers who recently arrived with the devotion to the Virgin and commemoration of the Cuban exile in the 60s… I felt I was physically there suffering along with Cubans! It’s a beautiful story, knowing that today, devotees are still praying for Cuba and immigrants who continue to arrive are praying for their countries in this national sanctuary.

Second Place
Una Familia Construye su Hogar
Misioneros, Deirdre Cornell

It is so inspiring to read about Maryknoll priest Father St. Vill and how he has welcomed so many Haitians “home” in the U.S. The quotes of the faithful really demonstrate their devotion as they are willing to drive for hours just to hear Fr. St. Vill speak. He’s really worked so hard to construct this family and now they happily give back.

Third Place
El Señor de los Milagros
Arlington Catholic Herald, Pia Hovenga and Ana Lucia Batista

This is such a heartwarming story on the history of the mural in Peru and how immigrants in the US have adopted this tradition of devotion. The pictures really tell a complete story demonstrating the procession, musicians, the faithful and even the youngest children dancing in honor of Christ!

Honorable Mention
En el Adviento celebramos también a la Madre de Dios
Cross Roads, M. Yvette Millán Torres LL.M.

This is a beautiful reminder of everything we should reflect on during Advent.

S573c: Best Reporting – On Immigration

First Place
Migrantes recién llegados reciben ayuda y consuelo en DC
El Pregonero, Miguel Vivanco

Such an exceptional description of the challenges that migrants live through as they are distributed along different places in D.C. makes me feel like I am right next to them. Add to that the picture of the migrants waiting to be transported to a shelter, holding their belongings in a garbage bag and wrapped in blankets, breaks my heart.

Second Place
Extendiendo una Mano de Hospitalidad
Misioneros, Lynn F. Monahan, Deirdre Cornell, Genie C. Natividad, M.M.

This story of an ex-lay missionary who ended up volunteering with the USCCB Project “Operation Allies Welcome” demonstrates a beautiful soul that basically helped people his entire life. The connection of how he used to work at a peace project in Afghanistan only to years later become a part of this project is truly remarkable.

S573e: Best Reporting – On a Local Issue

First Place
La esperanza nunca falla

In “La Esperanza Nunca Falla” we are convinced that miracles do happen as Father Luc finds out about his heart donor on the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and gets his actual transplant on the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus — never knowing who the donor is! Father Luc delivers a beautiful message for the reader to believe in miracles and to just have patience and faith.

Second Place
Cientos se unieron a procesión eucarística provida tras legalización de aborto sin límites en Colorado
El Pueblo Catolico, Andre Escaleira, Jr.

It was so impactful to see these pictures of Catholics gathered in prayer in front of Planned Prayer and reading about each participant’s reason for joining and expressing their beliefs that all life is sacred.

S575: Best Reporting on a Special Age Group

First Place
La Fe de Jóvenes Adultos Lleva a la Acción
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Second Place
Jóvenes Misioneros
Misioneros, Ray Almanza, Luna Stephanie, Walter Hidalgo

The writing in these pieces is outstanding.
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.

S575: Best Reporting on a Special Age Group

— anecdotal, detailed, personal, and integrating the reader into the challenges described within.

Spanish Awards

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**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 presentation 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 Catolica, Tom Tracy

**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.
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.

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This series of articles offers a lovely celebration of the influence of personal and group actions and designed to involve the community in conservation efforts.

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**S598a: Best Writing – Analysis**

First Place
**Nuestra historia**
El Pueblo Católico, Equipo de El Pueblo Católico
This series of articles offers a lively 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.

Second Place
**Créame que me siento feliz**
El Pregonero, Andrea Acosta
This is the moving 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.

Third 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.

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**S584: Best Reporting on Vocations to Priesthood, Religious Life or Diaconate**

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**Desde Kenia para el Mundo**
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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**
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**S598b: Best Writing – In-Depth**

First Place
**La Voz Católica, Ana Rodríguez-Soto**
La Voz Católica, Ana Rodríguez-Soto, Rocío Granados
This is an excellent, well reported and eloquently written series of articles about a very controversial issue in the Miami archdiocese. Well done.

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**S811b: Best Multiple Picture Package – News**

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**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 desecado, pero las necesidades persisten
La Voz Catolica, Tom Tracy

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**S843: Best Reporting on Vocations to Priesthood, Religious Life or Diaconate**

**First Place**

John Siyumbe, nacido en África Oriental, se ha convertido en el primer sacerdote Maryknoll ordenado de iglesias locales en el extranjero desde que la sociedad missionera se abrió oficialmente a las vocaciones extranjeras.
El Cardenal Luis Antonio Tagle, prelado de la Congregación para la Propagación de la Fe, presidió la ceremonia de ordenación en la Capilla de Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles en Nueva York. La Misa de ordenación se celebró el 1 de junio en la Iglesia de la Misión de Nueva York.

En su homilía, el cardenal Tagle recordó constantemente cómo Jesús, el Hijo Único, ha traído a muchas personas a lo largo de su vida, comenzando por su familia, amigos y misioneros Maryknoll que lo inspiraron en Kenia.

"Recuerda, aunque te llamen 'padre', te llamarán todos estos titulares, sigue siendo una cada bajo el cuidado de Jesucristo. Porque solo recibiendo el cuidado pastoral de Jesús por sí, podrás hacer lo que él hace", dijo el cardenal Tagle. "Así que, como el, dona la gracia que te ha sido dada, considera como propia a las personas que están a tu cuidado. Por ellas, dar la misma, incluso tu vida, porque así es como el verdadero pastor cuida al rebaño."

Ciertamente, al público debido a las restricciones del COVID-19, la ceremonia sintió la ausencia de familias, amigos y misioneros Maryknoll, un pequeño grupo de hermanos Maryknoll. Sin embargo, los feligreses de la parroquia y los más de 500 presentes en la Embajada de Estados Unidos en Nairobi, que se unieron a la ceremonia, transmitiéndola en vivo, junto con imágenes de África Oriental, Estados Unidos y Bolivia, donde Siyumbe sirvió durante su Programa de Capacitación en el Estrés.

"Estamos agradecidos con Dios Todopoderoso por el don de la vocación", dijo el Padre Lance Nadeau, Superior General de Maryknoll. "Este día fue también un día de fiesta en cuanto a la renovación de nuestras vocaciones".

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Desde Kenya para el Mundo
LA ORDENACIÓN DEL PADRE JOHN SIYUMBÉ MARCA UNA NUEVA ERA MIENTRAS MARYKNOLL DA LA BIENVENIDA A SEMINARISTAS DE PAÍSES MISIONEROS || por BRIAURA SOBA
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 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” 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

Honor Mention
Cannonball Moments, Eric A. Clayton, Loyola Press

Honor Mention
Understanding the Bible, Fr. Jeffrey Kirby, STD, OSV

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.

Honor Mention
Set the World on Fire, Vinita Hampton Wright, Ave Maria Press

B03a: Theology - Theological and Philosophical Studies

Honor 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

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.
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.

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

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

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, Paullist 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, for a few moments of quiet contemplation.

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

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.

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.

B04a: Scripture - Popular Studies

B04b: Scripture - Popular Studies

B04c: Scripture - Popular Studies

B04d: Scripture - Popular Studies

B04e: Scripture - Popular Studies

BOOK AWARDS
Second Place
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.

Honorables Mention
Angels, Rev. Msgr. J. Brian Bransfield, OSV
Tragic Dilemmas in Christian Ethics, Kate Jackson-Meyer, Georgetown University Press

B04a: Scripture - Popular Studies

First Place
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.

Honorables Mention
Ponder: Contemplative Bible Study for Year A, Mahr 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
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.

Honorables 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 Rus Petrus, editors, Orbis Books
“Catholic Women Preach,” is one of the more inspiring collection of homilies available today. Based on the deep spirituality and insights of the various women authors, the homilies are solidly based on the scriptures and offer refreshing and engaging insights for homilists and listeners. The feminine perspective has long been absent in the preached word, and its inclusion in this work offers a long overdue and pastorally necessary resource for the liturgical life of the Church.

Third Place
A Prisoner and You Visited Me: Homilies and Reflections for Cycle A, Contributors include: Richard Rohr, OFM; James Martin, SJ; Phyllis Zagano, Ph.D.; Brian McLaren; et al., Clear Faith Publishing, LLC
This collection of homilies for Year A of the Sunday lectionary completes the three-volume set previously published. The extensive list of authors, and their contributions, give this book its most significant character. The homilies are solidly rooted in the scriptures and offer thought provoking insights for the preacher and the listener. Every homilist should make use of this resource in their ministry.

Honorables Mention
Words without Alloy, Paul Turner, Liturgical Press
Turner’s work on the history of the lectionary, especially on its development in the deliberations of Vatican II, is a significant contribution for those interested in how the current lectionary came to be such a critical liturgical text.
Honorable Mention
Living Liturgy for Lectors: Year A (2023), Paul-Vincent Niebauer, OSB; Jessie Bazan; Orin E. Johnson; and Jessica Mannen Kimmet, Liturgical Press
This is an excellent pastoral resource for those who are engaged in the ministry of the Word. Every lector should own this book, and those issues that hopefully will follow in the future.

B06a: Pastoral Ministry - Pastoral Ministry – Parish Life
First Place
What Would Monica Do?, Patti Maguire Armstrong and Roxane Beauclair Salonen, Ascension
We live in world not unlike the 4th century of St. Monica and St. Augustine. By sharing the story of Monica’s deep faith and trust in God, this book helps all believers to navigate the trials and struggles of life by seeing the hand of God in every circumstance. By calling the reader to prayer and life in the Church, greater trust and hope in the saving power and love of God leads one to deeper faith.

Second Place
Raising a Catholic Family Today: Building a Domestic Church A Handbook for Parents, John Bosio, Self Published
As families strive to be the first schools of Christian virtue, this book helps parents and children to find ways to grow in prayer, holiness, service and love. As Pope John Paul II always said, the family is the path to the civilization of life and love.

B06b: Pastoral Ministry - Pastoral Ministry – Catechetical
First Place
Your Roadmap to a Conversion-Centered Catechumenate: A Report from the Trenches, John McGlynn, Liturgical Press
This book strives to help the entire parish community embrace a catechumenal process that is transforming and life-giving. As we journey with those seeking baptism and profession of faith in the Church, all believers participate in a process that leads to conversion of heart and deeper faith—and results in greater unity and leads to joy in sharing the Gospel with others.

B06c: Pastoral Ministry - Pastoral Ministry – Youth & Young Adult
First Place
Cannonball Moments, Eric A. Clayton, Loyola Press
Combing the art of storytelling through a lens of Ignatian spirituality, this book invites the reader to a deeper awareness of how God is working in our lives, calling us to deeper faith, greater love, and ultimately eternal life. We all need a sense of direction, encouragement, hopefulness and purpose which this book provides.

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
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
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.

Second Place
Three Minutes with God: Reflections and Prayers to Encourage, Inspire, and Motivate, Monsignor Frank Bognanno, Franciscan Media
This book has bite-sized scriptures, devotions, and prayers to walk readers through daily struggles in a meaningful way. Even though each reflection is brief, it is impactful and relatable. This piece is a treasure for those in need of a fresh perspective on life, faith, and hope.

B10b: First Time Author of a Book - Biography, Novels or General Theological Subject Matter
First Place
Mass Class: Your Questions Answered, Fr. Dave Dwyer, Paulist Press
Very well presented, informative, and with a nice sense of humor where appropriate. A very useful book, not only for RCIA but for the general Catholic reader who probably has many of these same questions but has never asked them.

Second Place
All Oppression Shall Cease: A History of Slavery, Abolitionism, and the Catholic Church, Christopher J. Kellerman, SJ, Orbis Books
A much needed contribution for the understanding of this very important subject. To have the necessary perspective and the historical details that support the perspective is welcomed. Overall not only a good read but also a very useful resource.

Third Place
Tragic Dilemmas in Christian Ethics, Kate Jackson-Meyer, Georgetown University Press
A much needed contribution and resource that informs the theological skirmishes and debates. The historical perspective is essential and this book effectively succeeds in presenting/defending the appropriate context through which these historical minds and their teachings may be understood. A very useful perspective.

B11: Family Life
First Place
What Would Monica Do?, Patti Maguire Armstrong and Roxane Beauclair Salonen, Ascension
Second Place
Living Beyond Sunday: Making Your Home a Holy Place, Adam and Haylee Minihan; David and Pamela Niles, Ascension
Third Place
The Good, the Messy, and the Beautiful: The Joys and Struggles of Real Married Life, Edward and Beth Sri, Ascension

B12: Marriage & Family Living
First Place
The Good, the Messy, and the Beautiful: The Joys and Struggles of Real Married Life, Edward and Beth Sri, Ascension
BOOK AWARDS

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

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 Kellerson's book makes available in concise and engaging prose the painful past that must not be forgotten, as well as the developments that drew the Church toward its truest, Gospel-inspired vision of the dignity of every human person.

Third Place
Catholics without Rome: Old Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, Anglicans, and the Reunion Negotiations of the 1870s, Bryn Geffert and LeRoy Boerneke, University of Notre Dame Press

The authors have brought to readers a narrative of what happened in the wake of the First Vatican Council. This account tells the story of this early attempt at ecumenism, which brought together church leaders who rejected papal primacy and the new definition of papal infallibility. It is essential reading for those interested in this understudied topic that continues to influence the discourse among the Christian churches in our times.

B10b: First Time Author of a Book - Biography, Novels or General Theological Subject Matter

Second Place
Walking the Way of the Cross for Caregivers: How To Cope Practically, Emotionally, and Spiritually When a Loved One Has a Serious Illness, Michelle Laque Johnson, Self Published

Third Place
The Obedience Paradox, Mary Stanford, OSV

B13: History

First Place
Where Paralytics Walk and the Blind See: Narratives of Sickness and Disability at the Juncture of Worlds, Mary Dunn, Princeton

Honorable Mention
Afro-Atlantic Catholics: America’s First Black Christians, Jeroen Dewulf, University of Notre Dame Press

B14: Biography

First Place
Francesco: A Story of Saint Francis of Assisi, Madeline Pecora Nugent, Pauline Books & Media

Second Place
Father Ed: The Story of Bill W.’s Spiritual Sponsor, Dawn Eden Goldstein, Orbis Books

Third Place
Pedro Arrupe, Brian Grogran, SJ, Loyola Press

Honorable Mention
Mychal Judge: Take Me Where You Want Me to Go, Francis DeBernardo, Liturgical Press

Honorable Mention
Legacy of Mercy, Gretchen R. Crowe, OSV

B15: Gender Issues – Inclusion in the Church

First Place

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 Deora’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**


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 over-simplified 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


**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 laminating. 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-Methé, 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 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

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.

**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.

B20: Catholic Social Teaching

First Place
Catholicomics: 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
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 — 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.

**Honorouble Mention**

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.

**Honorouble 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**

A good job on a tough topic to tackle in today’s instant gratification, dumbed down society. Well-researched and relatively free of ideology.

**Honorouble Mention**
Sometimes David Wins, Frank C. Pierson, Jr., ACTA Publications

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 Luttikhuizen, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.

The photographs in this book of the sculptures of Jesus make this historical read truly enlightening. We see the art, learn the time period and then are educated about the piece and what was going on in the word at the time it was created. The art is so beautiful and the descriptions that accompany each photo are thought provoking. A great coffee table book.

**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.

**Honorouble Mention**
The Doctor of Bellechester, Margaret A. Blenkush, Pond Reads Press

**Honorouble Mention**
The Saint Nicholas Society, Ben Bongers, KM, EnRoute Books and Media

B29: Other Faith based Novels

**First Place**
Shadowed Loyalty, Roseanna M. White, Chirism 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 fiancéé, for example.

**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.

**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 so I can share it with my young ones next!

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

B32b: 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

Third Place
The Book 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

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 Ignatian 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
Liking 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.

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The Personal Rosary, Patrick Yanke, Self published

B35: Ecumenism or Interfaith Relations
First Place

Second Place
The Hidden “God”: Towards a Christian Theology of Buddhism, Peter Baekelmans, Angelico Press, Ltd.

Third Place

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 McKeeagan, 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

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 for 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’s “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, CFR, 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...
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 you 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 theme of welcoming back with open arms. The artwork has that 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


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. Bilkenush, 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 BARIUS Catholic Illustration, Ascension*

This is a “very” special 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*

Whatever your heritage or spirituality is, you are knowledgeable to help us to “unpack and explore our feminine genius with the women in our lives” — that’s why we need someone wise, spiritual, 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
and philosophical approach. A welcome addition

Massive work reflective of the author’s erudition

Fire

Readings (Cycle A), Peter Kreeft, Word on

Second Place

Without overwhelming. Superb.

Elegantly presented book. Encyclopedic in content

Catholicism, and he does something about it. An

Barron rightly rails against the dumbing down of

on Fire

Letters, and Revelation, Word on

Third Place

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Ave Maria Press

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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.

Second Place

For Real? Christ’s Presence in the Eucharist,

Deacon Dennis Lambert, Liguori Publications

This book is a masterpiece of critical, faith-based

writing! It is well-formatted, professionally edited,

and contains advanced vocabulary for scholars and

educators.

Third Place

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

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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 gossipy, 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 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 Luque 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” 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 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
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

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 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 and will appeal to a broad audience, especially young adults.

Third Place
The Journal, C.E. Rivetto, Self-published (through Covenant Books)
Once you get inside “The Journal,” you won’t be able to put it down. The cover and introductory pages might be a little off-putting, but this delightful read has broad appeal, including young adults. The author cleverly weaves a beautiful storyline of human brokenness and forgiveness between two different time periods. It’s addictive.

Honorable Mention
Miracle at the Mission, Joseph Lewis, Elk Lake Publishing Inc.
“Miracle at the Mission” hits the mark as an entertaining story that follows the adventures of two close Catholic school buddies. The author alludes to the first book in the series just enough to entice the reader to go back and read it, too. While it can be a little “campy” and predictable, the young adult audience (and parents too) will be engaged by the unfolding mystery, history, and possibilities woven into the story.

Honorable Mention
Saint Jerk, D.J. Dixon, Self-published
“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 OK. 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.

B60: Author of the Year

First Place
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 “mones” 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.
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 Bonrell, 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 Dornquast, 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

**G107: Documentary**

**First Place**
Mother Teresa: No Greater Love, Castletown Media, Knights of Columbus
David Naglieri, Tim Moriarty, Marc Boudignon, George Hosek

**Runner Up**
Symphony of Courage, Voice of America
Beth Mendelson, Senior Executive Producer/Director; Euna Lee, Senior Executive Editor; Carol Slatkin, Editor/Producer; Nathan Antila, Writer/Producer

**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
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Allison Dempster, Reporter/Producer; Josh Page, Producer

Runner Up
Defending Conscience Rights for Healthcare Providers, Doctor, Doctor, Inc.
Thomas W. McGovern, MD, Co-Host; Christopher Stroud, MD, Co-Host; Andrew Mullally, MD, Co-Host; Andrea Serrani, Producer

G361a: Single Story - Local Release
First Place
Second-grade recess litter patrol in Beachwood cleans up the playground and the planet, Ideastream Public Media
Zaria Johnson

Runner Up
CBC radio Fresh Air — May 22 Mixed Ability Rugby, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Local Toronto
Jason D’Souza, Host; Helen Bagshaw, Producer

G361b: Single Story - National Release
First Place
The Current, Why an Indigenous man dreaded telling his grandmother he’s a priest, CBC
Allison Dempster, Reporter/Producer; Matt Galloway, Host; Cathy Simon, Producer

Runner Up
The Current: The Woolly Mammoth, CBC
Matt Galloway, Liz Hoath, Ben Jamieson

Television - English
G551a: Single Story - Local Release
First Place
This Week with Bob Mueller the War in Ukraine, WKRN-TV
Bob Mueller, Anchor/Producer; David Van Hooser Photographer/Producer

Runner Up
Escaping Mass and Cass, GBH News
Filmed by Tori Bedford, Howard Powell and Joanie Tobin; Edited by Emily Judem, Reported by Tori Bedford; Produced by Emily Judem and Stephanie Leydon

Runner Up
Cleveland artist Dexter Davis channels road rage shooting into new art, Ideastream Public Media
Dave DeOreo and Jean-Marie Papoi

Runner Up
Sarah Will Walk Again, WZTV Fox 17 News Nashville
Ryan Brooker, Photographer; Dennis Ferrier, Reporter

G551b: Single Story - National Release
First Place
CFN Live — AMT Children of Hope, Catholic Faith Network
Jackie Lukas, Producer/Host; Denise Giammarino, Senior Executive Producer; Nicholas Hintz, Shooter/Editor

Runner Up
CFN Live — The Catherine Violent Hubbard Animal Sanctuary, Catholic Faith Network
Colleen McVey, Sr. Producer/Host; Denise Giammarino, Sr. Executive Producer; Gina Colon Bumbalo, Producer; Nicholas Hintz, Shooter/Editor

Runner Up
The National: Canadian Coyote, CBC
Jorge Barrera, Kimberly Ivany, Aileen McBride

Runner Up
Roadfood: Discovering America One Dish at a Time, GBH
Cliff Sharples, Executive Producer; Laurie Donnelly, Executive Producer; Misha Collins, Executive Producer & Host; Kathy Kingsley, Producer

Runner Up
Seventy Times Seven — Forgiving their Mother’s Murderer, Shalom Media
Mesmin Santosh, 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 McGheeve, Producer; Byron Dykes, Director of Photography & Editor; Bob Herzog, Host; Ricky Henry, Graphics

Runner Up
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Runner Up
Shawn Bradley: Strangely Grateful, KSL TV
Angie Denison, Producer/Executive 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, Executive Director; Lynn Novick, Director, Producer; Sarah Botstein, Director, Producer; Mike Weit, 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 Pico

Runner Up
Santa María de Guadalupe: Mujer Eucarística, Spirit Juice Studios
Rob Kazcmark, 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

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 - Northwestern 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
Sister Saving Sister, Catholic Diocese of Cleveland
Deacon Jim Armstrong, Kay Colby, Carol Kovach and Kathy McLain

Runner Up
Who Are Glenmary Home Missioners?, Thing in a Pot Productions
Katie Rutter, John Feister, Matt Stoltz, Eric Filson

G731: Best Video
First Place
The Root of Medicine, Coronation Media
Gary Gasse, Bill Phillips & the Coronation team

Runner Up
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
Alumni Magazine Awards

AM01: Best Feature Article

First Place
“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”, Kristin Reavey
The image is attractive, with good exposure and 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

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First Place
Mount Saint Mary College, Mount Saint Mary College Magazine, “On the Road Again”, Matthew Frey and Taylor Walton
A timely, interesting alumni 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.

Third 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

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 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 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.”
“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.”

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 easy.”

Second Place
Neumann University, NeuPress, “DEI Council begins, but work remains”, Gia Marcinkowska
“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-
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
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” is a well-constructed essay. It offers the beginnings of Kanye West”, Lauren Harris
“Jeen-Yuhs” is a well-constructed essay. It offers personal observation. By the essay’s end, the author has left precious few of the essay’s creativity. This is the work of a gifted writer. The writer is capable of striking imagery at times.

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 were clear and concise. Definitely a winner!

Second Place
Barry University, The Barry Buccaneer, “Underline Miami Powers Community”, Patrixia Rosario
Good group shot; poster “Thoughts & Prayers Don’t Save Lives. Gun Reform Will.” is very effective. Diversity of students quoted, all to the point.

Third Place
Barry University, The Barry Buccaneer+Q29, “The Parkland Aftereffects”, Patrixia Rosario
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.

S11: Best Use of Graphics with an Article

First Place
Barry University, The Barry Buccaneer, “Underline Miami Powers Community”, Patrixia Rosario
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.

Second Place
University of Dayton, Flyer News, “12:06 p.m.”, Zoe Hill, Tori Miller and Bridgett Dillenburg
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 licl and Kristian 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.

S12a: Best Presentation of Faith on Campus - Single Article

First Place
Lewis University, The Flyer Student Newspaper, “Expanding 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 Gabby 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—
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.

S22a: Best Story and Photo Package - By an individual
First Place
Barry University, The Barry Buccaneer, “Outreach to Haiti”, Liz Galvo
Good photos of Haitian people interacting with the volunteers on a previous trip. A well-written article tells the history of the alternative break program and explains why it was cancelled this year. The students and the people they visited benefited from this effort. It is unfortunate the atmosphere has become so dangerous, and the article is an important step in giving the university an update on the situation.

S22b: Best Story and Photo Package - By two individuals or more
First Place
University of Dayton, Flyer News, “12:06 p.m.”, Zoe Hill, Tori Miller and Bridgett Dillenburger
From the headline to the last graph, this story kept the interest of the reader. This topic is well-researched, well written and timely. The author uses a wealth of sources and captures a broad view of the events and participants involved. It states a concern, where the concern stemmed from and how it was handled from beginning to end. Use of both personal and professional narratives makes this a wonderful example of good reporting on a timely and compelling story. The photography used alongside this text only serves to draw the reader further into the emotions and authenticity of the experience. Well done.

Second Place
DePaul University, 14 East, “An Escape from the Heteronormative: DePaul's Queer Prom”, Grace Del Vecchio and Billie Rollason
This story showcases a timely and sensitive topic and has done so with great care and concern, particularly regarding dignity of the human person. There were wonderfully surprises throughout the article. One suggestion might be in the graph which said that there were “mixed message from Pope Francis” to source what those messages were and to reference a person who felt that way to hear it in their own words. A word of caution, there are a few places within the article that could be interpreted as the author’s view rather than an impartial storytelling. The photography perfectly complements and enhances the overall text. Nicely done.

S31: Best Collegiate Radio Show
First Place
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 interiewee. 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, “Dating App Safety”, 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 show high quality.

Second 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.

S40: Best Publication
First 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
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Honor Mention
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.

Honor Mention
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!