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***A Journey through the Catechism* Named ACP 2025 Resource of the Year**

BALTIMORE, MD —The Association of Catholic Publishers (ACP) is proud to announce that *A Journey through the Catechism*, published by Ave Maria Press, has been named “Resource of the Year” in its annual “Excellence in Publishing Award” competition.

This is the second time in 3 years that a book focused on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* has been the ACP “Resource of the Year.”

The judges emphasized how well the author, Fr. Daniel Mahan, director of the Institute on the *Catechism* at the USCCB, captured the heart of the *Catechism* text in this new title and made it very accessible. The question-and-answer format and the beautiful sacred art included throughout present the Catholic faith with wisdom and clarity. They agreed that this is an excellent resource for homes, classrooms, OCIA, and parish libraries.

Another Ave Maria Press book, *Jesus, Make Me Fully Alive: 30 Holy Hour Reflections*, was this year’s runner-up. This spiritual guide encourages Eucharistic Adoration, making it not only a doable practice, but appealing one, wrote one of the judges. Its approachable style is ideal for high-schoolers, college students, and young adults.

A Journey through the Catechism took first-place in the “Resources for Ministry” category. *Jesus, Make Me Fully Alive* was the first-place winner in the “Prayer: General” category.

The Resource of the Year is judged by a three-person panel. They evaluate the first-place winners of the Excellence in Publishing Awards in 19 different categories including Music based on 8 criteria that address audience appeal, potential impact on Catholic thinking, action, and faith/spirituality, and whether it would be a Catholic “classic” or best seller.

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