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We have much to learn from one another

To all the winners: Congratulations!

From the President



Gretchen R. Crowe
PRESIDENT
Catholic Media Association

Dear Catholic media colleagues,

One of my favorite things to do each year after the Catholic Media Conference ends is to sit down with the fat awards issue — issues just like this — and read about all the work that has been accomplished by members of the Catholic Media Association in the prior calendar year. The breadth of talent and creativity, the storytelling and mastery of craft, the witty headlines and great imagery never fails to amaze me. I always learn from the work that is on display, and I know I am not alone.

We have much to learn from one another, and that’s one of the big gifts of belonging to the CMA. Not unlike being members of the body of Christ, we are all members of this smaller, more intimate body, joined together by our work in different, but still related, branches of Catholic communications and media. And though we might compete “against” one another,

we know the competition is one that serves only to improve and strengthen the important work each of us does. That’s one of the reasons why the CMA is such a unique association — we are all in this together, in service to the Gospel.

And so I can’t wait to sit down with this issue and read it cover to cover once more, marveling at all the work we do to, as our association mission statement says, “contribute to the Church’s mission of communicating the Good News and evangelizing the modern world by engaging and supporting Catholic media.”

Thank you for taking the time and energy, and for committing the resources, to enter the CMA awards. To all the winners: Congratulations! I can’t wait to learn from you.

In Christ,

Gretchen R. Crowe
President, Board of Directors
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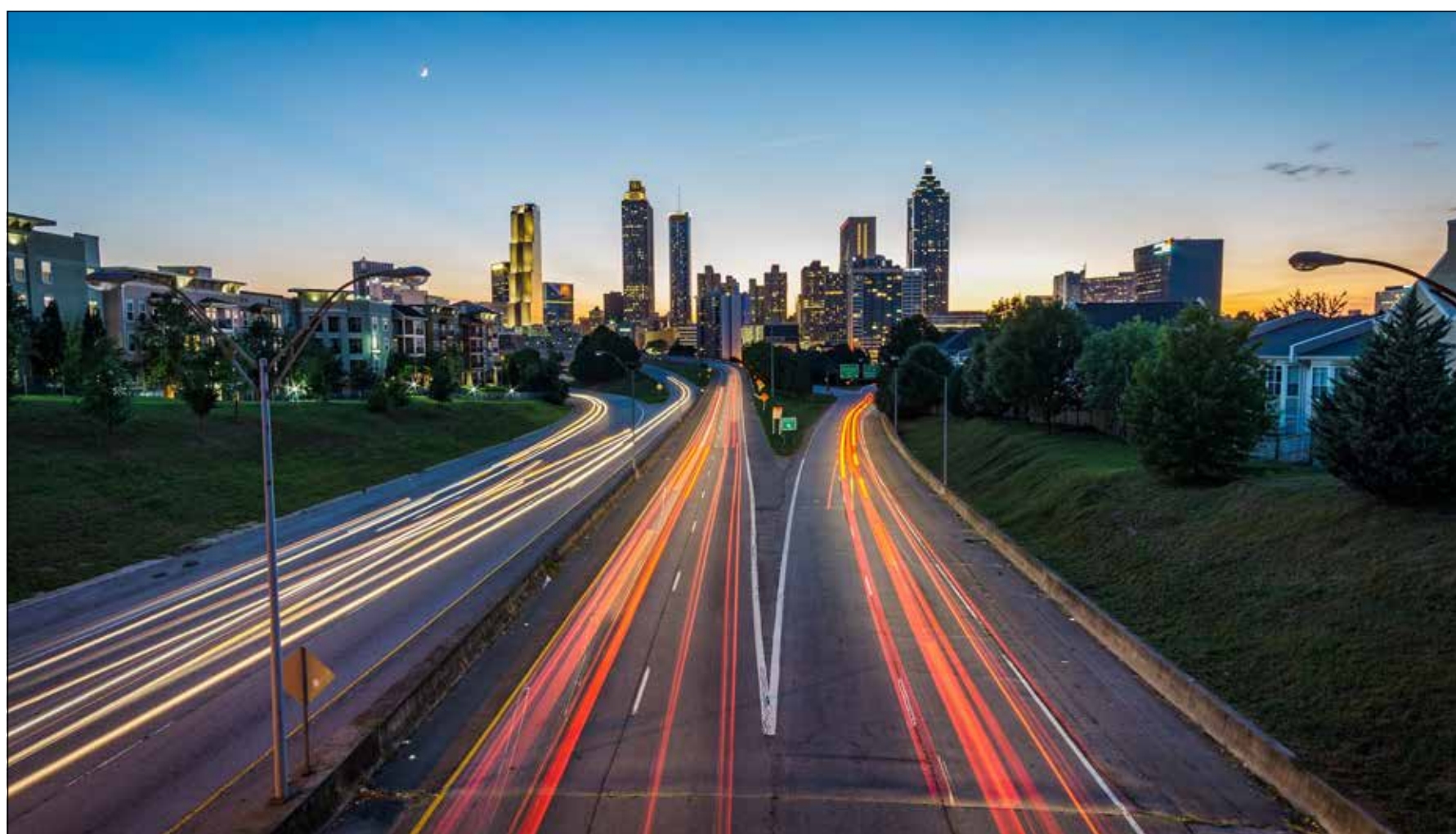
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All Member Awards



AI111: Advertising Business/Marketing Professional of the Year

First Place
Jennifer Miele

Diocese of Greensburg

Jennifer Miele's unparalleled media evangelization transforms everything from podcasts to on-camera hosting into gold. Her leadership not only produces diverse media but also cultivates community through engaging events and innovative apps, enriching the diocese immensely.

Second Place

Michael J. O'Neill

Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communication
Michael O'Neill's expansion of both online and print revenue is commendable. He skillfully increases revenue streams, enhances efficiency, and broadens the audience, demonstrating an impressive blend of creative strategy and practical expertise.



AI121: Communications Director of the Year

First Place
Dennis Kellogg

Catholic Diocese of Lincoln

Dennis Kellogg's direct involvement and

innovative strategies, from newspaper redesign to a new youth-focused sub-brand, distinguished him as Communications Director of the Year. His initiative to enhance homilies and engage with diocesan leaders over 350 miles further demonstrates his exemplary leadership.

Second Place

Jennifer Drow

Diocese of Orlando

Jennifer Drow's success in communications for the Diocese of Orlando springs from her ability to work with the offices of the diocese, but also with parishes. She has been called "a blessing" and a "lifeline" by many of the people that she works with.

Third Place

Jarryd Gonzales

Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange

Jarryd Gonzales has pioneered the first diocese-wide emergency communications plan for the Diocese of Orange, highlighting the importance of preparedness in the Catholic community.

Honorable Mention

Camille Garcia

Diocese of Austin

Honorable Mention

Jennifer Antkowiak

Diocese of Pittsburgh



AI131a: Editor of the Year

First Place

George Matysek Jr.

The Catholic Review

The best editors give voice to people who deserve it and insight to readers who need it. That is certainly the case here.

George Matysek Jr. is an exceptional word editor and a strong advocate of insightful coverage of sexual abuse survivors.

Second Place

Laura Ieraci

ONE Magazine

Laura Ieraci is overseeing work at the highest level. For this entry, the stories and visuals are consistently stunning. Readers are well-served by the choices of coverage and the depth in which the stories are told. Great news coverage does not happen by accident; it is well-planned and well-executed. The readers of ONE magazine are served with outstanding coverage thanks to Laura's leadership.

Third Place

Jo Ann Redmond

Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

There were many impressive entries in this category. Ultimately, a great editor is responsible for finding and executing outstanding news coverage for readers. That's certainly the case here. Jo Ann Redmond's outstanding, insightful work stands out because of the enterprise nature of the stories.

Honorable Mention

Pablo Kay

Angelus

The diocese is served well by this fantastic news coverage. Their dedication to serving audiences in two languages is especially impressive.

Honorable Mention

Patricia Mahoney

Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange

Members of the Diocese of Orange are fortunate to have Patty as the editor. She is serving readers well.



AI131b: Editor of the Year

First Place

Vladimir Mauricio-Perez

Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communications

El Pueblo Catolico has a

strong mix of written and visual content with a wide range of engaging topics about church life and beyond. It is clear from the magazines themselves and the nomination letter that Vlad has done a great job publishing high-quality content geared toward the Spanish-speaking Catholic community. The layout, photographs, articles, and formatting all point to a strong editor. All the advertisements were catered for their readership.



AI141: Graphic Artist/Designer of the Year

First Place

Gabriella Ferraro O'Brien

The Catholic Review

Nice work highlighting the funky student fashions. A very polished portfolio

showing the ability to work in a variety of ways.

Second Place

Fabiola Rodriguez

The Tablet

I especially loved the World Youth Day Travel Guide. It was fun and compelling, creative, and engaging.

Third Place

Abigail (Witte) Buettner

St. Louis Review

This artwork is solid and effective illustration work. They are simple and get the message across.

Honorable Mention

Michelle Hildebrandt

Diocese of Lansing

AI151: Multimedia Journalist of the Year

First Place

Eric Peat

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

Solid clear reporting, great use of the camera and sound bites, and a common sense approach to reporting on these Roman Catholic men and women, this is journalism that puts faces to the faith and shows the church living its mission in everyday sports activities. At a time in history when so many regard Catholicism as stuffy or outdated, this reporting opens a window into the everyday lives of Catholics, both lay people and clergy and reveals that they are anything but that. These Catholics are strong, healthy, vibrant and having fun, supporting one another, and deeply committed to the faith. Admirable, practical journalism deserving of it a first-place finish.

Second Place

Jordan Whiteko

Diocese of Greensburg

Journalism that produces the kind of response demonstrated by this entry is clearly work which has touched many people and made a difference not only in their lives but that of the local church. Jordan Whiteko's The Catholic Accent Podcast engages guests and viewers, encouraging them to delve deeper into their faith and is well-produced with the host coming across as natural, comfortable and putting everyone at ease while moving the

conversations along. That skill as a professional communicator, combined as it is with the savviness of a strategist, though, is what really pushed Whiteko's entry over the top by ensuring his work would produce such great results for the church.

Third Place

Mary Shovlain

The Good Newsroom Archdiocese of NY
The Good Newsroom shines, presenting news in English and Spanish that celebrates the Archdiocese of New York's diversity, with superb technical production enhancing its strong storytelling.

Honorable Mention

Peter Finney Jr.

Clarion Herald



AI161: Photographer of the Year

First Place

Juan Guajardo

Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth

Every picture tells a distinct and powerful story and each is packed

with emotion that evokes emotion. There's grief, yearning, gratefulness, joy, reflection, shared happiness, and hopefulness. Technically, the photos are flawless - use of light, depth of field, color, motion, and backgrounds all work together to create a rich tapestry. This photographer is a true documentarian.

Second Place

Jacob Wiegand

St. Louis Review

Masterful use of light. The images are vivid, arresting, and evocative, leading one to wonder just what each subject is thinking about. The themes of family, faith, and spiritual contemplation are captured beautifully.

Third Place

Jeff Witherow

Catholic Courier

People/faith-focused approach captures emotions from solemn to hopeful to joyous. Excellent mix of angles, ranges, and colors to create varied compositions.

Honorable Mention

Paul Jeffrey

Maryknoll

Honorable Mention

Lukas Keapproth

Loyola University Chicago



AI171: Social Media Professional of the Year

First Place

Matea Gregg

Diocese of Salina

This social manager's content stands out with a daily variety of

high-quality videos, graphics, and news, driving a significant increase in engagement across all platforms.

Second Place

Shay Ryan

Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange

Instagram really stands out with a noticeably distinct look and feel of high quality and creative photos, videos and graphics, and consistent above average engagement. The YouTube channel is particularly impressive, with many high quality videos.

Third Place

Katherine Laguna

Diocese of Orlando

The social manager produced many successful campaigns across multiple platforms with impressive graphics and especially reels. Graphics and photos are also excellent.

Honorable Mention

André Escaleira, Jr.

Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communications

Honorable Mention

Andres Almendarez

Diocese of Austin



AI175a: Writer of the Year

First Place

Jonathan Liedl

National Catholic Register

Masterful writing paired with solid research and reporting. This exceptional combination delivers compelling stories regardless of topic.

Second Place

Chris Herlinger

Global Sisters Report

Exceptional writing that takes reader from the front lines of war to its aftermath decades later to the opera and beyond. Keen attention to detail sustains engagement no matter the topic.

Third Place

Olivia Poust

ONE Magazine

Engaging storytelling. Attention to high-level detail brings stories to life and provides essential historic and human context.

Honorable Mention

Rhina Guidos

Global Sisters Report

Honorable Mention

Don Clemmer

U.S. Catholic



AI181: Videographer/Video Producer of the Year – Diocesan and National News Organizations

First Place

Matt Riedl

Diocese of Lansing

What makes Mr. Riedl's work stand out is his unique and yet intimate approach to each story. Mr. Riedl goes beyond just making a shot look good, he tells the audience a compelling story with every shot, regardless of the angle. Mr. Riedl captures the essence of each story through his own lens and makes each stand out through its visually poignant narrative.

Second Place

Chris Tran

Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange

Mr. Tran's attention to detail while capturing big events makes his work worthy of recognition. Mr. Tran's Day in the life of a priest vlog is a clear standout in compelling storytelling. His attention to detail as he follows Father Daniel Seo throughout his day is an enjoyable watch. The narrative is engaging and makes you want to watch until the end.

Third Place

Preston Thompson

Diocese of Nashville

Mr. Thompson's diverse and visually compelling stories highlight his creative storytelling, with an attention to detail that deserves recognition.

Honorable Mention

Andrew Kleczek

Archdiocese of Detroit

Honorable Mention

Peter Finney Jr.

Clarion Herald

AI182: Videographer/Video Producer of the Year – Radio, Television Station or Film Companies

First Place

Jane O'Connor

Grotto Network

The pieces are exceptionally produced, showcasing meticulous craftsmanship and a profound connection with the subjects. Excellent work!

Second Place

Kevin DeCloedt

Grotto Network

Impressive collection of videos that effectively convey important narratives to the audience. Excellent job!



AI191: Podcaster of the Year

First Place

George Matysek

The Catholic Review
George Matysek, Jr.

These episodes impressed me with their variety. The conversations were

lively, and didn't sag - something that is a frequent challenge with this format. Matysek is a strong, informed interviewer.

Second Place

Christopher Guntz

The Catholic Review

I was especially impressed by the in-depth discussion about the bankruptcy and the impact on the faithful and the victims. I thought that discussion, in particular, was thoughtful, compassionate and candid.

Third Place

Bishop Kevin Sweeney

Diocese of Paterson

Bishop Sweeney and Mr. Agnish have a good rapport and that leads to informed, lively interviews. The episode about addiction and recovery was especially constructive and interesting.

Honorable Mention

Josh Long

Grotto Network



AI182: Videographer/Video Producer of the Year – Radio, Television Station or Film Companies

Honorable Mention

Taylor Henry and Archbishop Timothy Broglio

Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

Honorable Mention

Illustration for "The Promise of My Faith"

Grotto Network

Kadna Anda and Becky Rogers

Honorable Mention

Illustration for "A Great Guiding Light"

Grotto Network

Greta Samuel and Becky Rogers



AW332: Best Photo Gallery or Slideshow

First Place

Photo gallery: United in faith, Asian and Pacific Island Catholics gather at National Shrine for 20th annual pilgrimage

Catholic Standard

Mihoko Owada

Among the many entries documenting liturgies, these photos stand out for their high quality, unique composition, and attention to contextualizing the event through its key figure, the Blessed Mother, via careful framing.

Second Place

World Youth Day

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

Joshua Schipper

These consistently quality photos provide a granular, detailed perspective on the experience of a pilgrim at World Youth Day.

Third Place

Synod 2023 Photo Gallery

Outreach

James Martin, S.J.

These varied photos succeed in providing the viewer a rare insider experience of the camaraderie and tone of the Roman synodal gathering.

AW331: Best Illustration with Graphic Design or Art

First Place

Illustration for "Artists Need Us to Use AI Responsibly – Here's How To Do It"

Grotto Network

Becky Rogers

Interesting graphic, visually appealing and very creative. Captures the article perfectly. Good job!

Second Place

"God's Grandeur" - in Comic-Book Form

Jesuit Conference

Julian Peters

Really cool and took a lot of care. Very strong illustration and interesting, audience captivating.

Third Place

A time for reckoning

The Catholic Review

Gabriella Ferraro O'Brien

Lovely illustration. It's eye-catching and peaks interest. Captures article as well. Very good.

Honorable Mention

Final Profession of Vows

Nashville Catholic

Beautiful photos! This entry has captured the joy of this liturgy, a rare feat.

Honorable Mention

Field days at Catholic schools mark the start of summer

Catholic Courier
Jeff Witherow

AW340a: Best Video – Feature

First Place

The Hillsdale Converts | “A New Beginning”

Diocese of Lansing
Matt Riedl

With over 14 thousand views, “The Hillsdale Converts” offers a poignant glimpse into the conversion of 23 individuals to Catholicism during the Easter Vigil. Through compelling visuals, the narrative skillfully navigates the interplay between faith and doubt, delivering an emotionally stirring reminder of the presence of faith and hope in everyone.

Second Place

I said “Yes” | Salina Diocese Seminarian Dinner

Catholic Diocese of Salina
Matea Gregg and Katie Hamel

I Said Yes stands out as a first-person celebration of the Church’s future, offering a unique approach to storytelling. The narrative’s strength lies in its portrayal of inspirational voices from various parishes in the Diocese of Salina, providing a compelling reaffirmation of faith.

Third Place

Faith on the Field: Meet Trevor Williams

Arlington Catholic Herald
Hannah Camerota and Kerry Nevins

Faith on the Field offers an enjoyable profile of Washington National Pitcher Trevor Williams, surpassing three thousand views. Going beyond the typical profile, the story delves into Williams’ personal journey, emphasizing his unwavering commitment to both the game and his faith. Central to Williams’ narrative is the notion that while baseball holds importance, it’s not the most significant aspect of life.

Honorable Mention

Vatican Nativity scene highlights St. Francis, Holy Land

Catholic News Service
Robert Duncan

Honorable Mention

Udder Devotion: Embracing God’s Guidance on the Farm

Catholic Diocese of Erie, Vincent Dragone

AW340b: Best Video – Feature

First Place

Finding Solace in a Skid Row Convenience Store

Grotto Network
Tony Koros, Kevin DeCloedt and Josh Long

Creatively shot picture and sound tell the compelling story of Danny and his family’s store. In 10 minutes viewers get a deep sense of both the intensity and levity of the day to day life in the store. It’s an excellent proof of concept for a longer, even more in depth piece or series on this inspirational man and his work. Well done!

Second Place

Through the Lens of Faith | Jeffrey Bruno (Artis Divina)

Shalom Media
John Jones, Jeffson Fernandez, Roshan Varghese and Binto John

Beautifully shot video and an absorbing, intimate look into one man’s (re)conversion story. Well done!

Third Place

The Passion: ND Folk Choir Goes on Tour

Grotto Network
Jane O’Connor and Josh Long

This well-shot and edited piece effectively captures the joy, dedication, and spiritual significance of the choir students’ performance of The Passion. Great job!

Honorable Mention

The Dying Teenager That Inspired Ireland

EWTN News Inc.
Colm Flynn and Patrick Leonard

Honorable Mention

Meriane’s Story

Spirit Juice Studios
Rob Kaczmark, Seneca Lester, Branden J. Stanley, Megan Lanz and Hannah Jones

AW342b: Best Video – Pro-life Activities

First Place

God Plays A Long Game: A Springs of Love Adoption Story

Kruis Studios
Ben Kruis and Kimberly Henkel

Lovely piece, beautifully shot and edited. This video truly captures the depth of feeling of Kate and Brigid’s story. Well done!

Second Place

She’s All Set | A Grotto Short Film

Grotto Network
Kevin DeCloedt, Josh Long and Jane O’Connor
Truly inspiring story, shot and edited very well. Well done on including many voices and perspectives in the piece. Great work!

Third Place

One Big Family: A Springs of Love Fostering Story

Kruis Studios
Ben Kruis and Kimberly Henkel
Beautiful video. Great job getting both perspectives of this big foster family. Well told, and well done!

Honorable Mention

Milk is Life-Saving Medicine

Grotto Network
Katie Rutter, Jane O’Connor and Josh Long

Honorable Mention

The Baird Family Story: A Springs of Love Fostering and Adoption Story

Kruis Studios
Ben Kruis and Kimberly Henkel

AW343a: Best Video – Religious Life

First Place

Work, Prayer, and Fruitcake: Meet Virginia’s Trappist Monks

Arlington Catholic Herald
Hannah Camerota and Kerry Nevins

Work, Prayer, and Fruitcake: Virginia’s Trappist Monks offers a captivating glimpse into the lives of these religious individuals. Combining compelling interviews with seldom-seen footage, the documentary provides an engaging introduction to monastic life. With over 7 thousand views, it’s a visually stunning and memorable viewing experience.

Second Place

Day in the Life of a Priest Vlog

Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange
Chris Tran, Shay Ryan, Noah Fonacier, Paige Brooks and Fr. Daniel Seo

This vlog follows Father Daniel Seo through his daily routine, offering an engaging narrative that sheds light on the priesthood and the significance of faith in everyday life. Father Seo’s charismatic personality adds an enjoyable and informative touch to the video.

Third Place

Consecrated to God

Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth
Juan Guajardo

The tribute to Mary Del Olmo’s devotion to Christ is emotionally compelling and beautifully produced, with strong visuals and seamless narrative flow in under two minutes. Despite garnering over 4,000 views in three months, the absence of Del Olmo’s voice on such a significant day is a drawback.

Honorable Mention

Safeguarding a Legacy: Women Religious & Retirement Resources

Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA)
Jeremy Zipple SJ, Blair Adams and Emily Lepore

Honorable Mention

Ukrainian Sisters Lumen Christi Award

Catholic Extension
Catholic Extension Staff

AW343b: Best Video – Religious Life

First Place

John Paul II Shrine Vocation Series: Father Deacon Andrew

Spirit Juice Studios
Rob Kaczmark, Seneca Lester, Branden J. Stanley, David Naglieri and Megan Lanz

Extremely high production value drives this important visual product highlighting a key figure of the modern Church. Superb storyline, editing, integration of historic imagery and sound design help make this submission a true winner.

Second Place

Priest goes to Prison - Fr. David Michael Moses (Unscripted)

Shalom Media
Robin Varghese, Jeffson Fernandez, Saju Varghese, Alvin Thomas

Impressive visual storytelling - featuring dynamic modern camera techniques, editing flare, and dramatic sound mixing - makes this a powerful submission representing the best in Catholic media today.

Third Place

Sr. MaryPaul Videos

Spirit Juice Studios
Rob Kaczmark, Seneca Lester, Branden J. Stanley, Nicholas Sun and Kevin Moon

Unique and inventive. Well produced, thought provoking and visually engaging video product demonstrates high quality and impactful message delivery while drawing from current social media best practices to reach younger audiences.

AW344a: Best Video – Social Justice Issues

First Place

A Prayerful Interment for Dozens of Uncollected Ashes

Diocese of Lansing
Matt Riedl

Visually compelling and highly engaging storyline make this submission a real standout. Exception use of composition and camera techniques underscore the central theme.

Second Place

Feeding the Homeless Was Late Bishop's Passion

The Tablet
Currents News / The Tablet Staff

A truly riveting narrative celebrating the legacy of selflessness while spotlighting the hardships of life on the street and the need for community resources. Professional video imagery and profound interview segments make this submission a top contender.

Third Place

From Prison to Peacemaker: Felix Rosado's Restorative Justice Transformation

Catholic Mobilizing Network
Catholic Mobilizing Network Staff

Exceptionally well-produced submission, featuring engaging cinematic concepts, strong editing and flawless audio design. Excellent use of composition, color and light.

Honorable Mention

Small Town, Big Heart

Catholic Diocese of Erie
Vincent Dragone

Honorable Mention

Celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe Across America

Catholic Extension
Catholic Extension Staff

AW344b: Best Video – Social Justice Issues

First Place

Cathedral High School - Open House Video

Spirit Juice Studios
Rob Kaczmark, Seneca Lester, Branden J. Stanley, Mlles Miller and Hannah Jones

Creative, well-produced video production

supported by meaningful soundbites, powerful imagery, professional editing and high production value. Excellent story structure and core messaging.

Second Place

A 9/11 Hero: The Story of Chuck Costello

Spirit Juice Studios
Rob Kaczmark, Seneca Lester, Branden J. Stanley, David Naglieri and Marissa Van Kley

Moving and well-produced video product. Powerful, candid and highly emotional interviews, paired with dramatic historical imagery, help make this a strong submission. Superb story structure and video editing.

Third Place

Answering Violence with Forgiveness

Grotto Network
Josh Long, Ben Kruis and Tré Marquise

Highly emotional narrative supported by strong visual media and moving interview soundbites. This story's message is truly inspirational.

Honorable Mention

Utah Knights Support Military Families

Spirit Juice Studios
Rob Kaczmark, Seneca Lester, Branden J. Stanley, David Naglieri and Kevin Moon

AW345a: Best Video – Explainer

First Place

Why Pope Francis' big Vatican meeting next month is so important

National Catholic Reporter
Chaz Muth

What distinguishes this entry is its simple yet compelling narrative. The production team adeptly introduces the complex idea of why Pope Francis's Vatican Meeting is significant in just three minutes, effectively conveying its relevance to the audience. Supported by strong visuals and a clear, well-written script, the story has garnered over five thousand views online.

Second Place

St. Joseph Cathedral Restoration Project

Roman Catholic Diocese of Manchester
Raul Botha and Very Rev. Jason Y. Jalbert

This visually captivating story provides a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the restoration and renovation of Saint Joseph Cathedral in Manchester. What sets this narrative apart is the level of detail included by the production team, offering viewers insight into the restoration process, the Church's community ties, and the individuals involved. Even those unfamiliar with the Cathedral will appreciate the depth of information presented.

Third Place

Why Pope Francis is visiting South Sudan

America Media
Kevin Jackson, Ricardo da Silva, SJ, and Cristobal Spielmann

The production team offers a comprehensive overview of Pope Francis' visit to Sudan, delving into the history of the South Sudan Conflict and expectations surrounding the visit. With over 68,000 views and 167 comments, The Jesuit Review's coverage is detailed and informative, though the story structure could benefit from tighter organization.

Honorable Mention

How to Make a Palm Leaf Cross

Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communications
Neil McDonough and Lyn Dam

Honorable Mention

WATCH: The saintly lives and heroic deaths of the Ulma family

OSV News
Paulina Guzik and the OSV News Team

AW346a: Best Video – The Clergy

First Place

Father John Bluett 60th Priesthood Anniversary

Diocese of Orlando
Jennifer Drow and Katherine Laguna

Starting with a memorable line, this tribute to Father Bluett's 60th anniversary is both fun and insightful. The lighthearted tone and enterprising storytelling make it enjoyable, with emotional and humorous moments. Through archival photos, videos, and interviews, viewers gain a deep appreciation for Father John's commitment to the church, leaving them inspired by his dedication to the love of Christ.

Second Place

Missionary of Mercy - Paulist Fr. Bruce Nieli

Paulist Fathers
Emanuele Sesta and Paul Snatchko

The video stands out by going beyond a standard sit-down interview, providing insight into Father Nieli's life. Celebrating his ordination, the producer captures memorable moments from his ministry. The "day in the life" approach offers a closer look at Father Nieli's work through an informative and enjoyable interview from his own perspective.

Third Place

Answering God's Call to the Priesthood

Archdiocese of Detroit
Andrew Kleczek, Rick Giffin, Emily Mentock and Edmundo Reyes

Answering God's Call to the Priesthood is a visually stunning portrayal of three men preparing for ordination as priests in the Archdiocese of Detroit, garnering over 4.5 thousand views in a year. The producer effectively introduces Richard Dorsch, Jeremy Schupbach, and Andrew Smith, delving into the heart of their stories: what leads someone to unconditionally devote their life to God? While each individual's answer varies, their collective journey is deeply inspiring, serving as a compelling testament to God and the power of faith.

Honorable Mention

Meet the 2023 Ordinandi Class

Catholic Diocese of Arlington
Kerry Nevins, Hannah Camerota, Marvin Molina, Mary Brodeur and Pedro Lopez

Honorable Mention

Is the Lord calling me to be a priest?

Catholic Courier
Jeff Witherow

AW346b: Best Video – The Clergy**First Place****How a tragic loss led a top-level executive to become a Catholic priest**

EWTN News Inc.

Colm Flynn and Patrick Leonard

This powerful story chronicles the life, love, and loss of Father Peter Adamski, from his corporate career to his conversion to priesthood. Particularly poignant is Father Adamski's tribute to his late wife, Kathy, conveyed through family photos and a heartfelt interview. This narrative serves as a testament to faith, hope, and love, resonating deeply with viewers as evidenced by its significant viewership of 88 thousand in five months.

Second Place**Knights Support Catholic MLB Chaplains**

Spirit Juice Studios

Rob Kaczmark, Seneca Lester, Branden J. Stanley, David Naglieri and Marissa Van Kley

This story offers an enjoyable and informative exploration of three Catholic priests, all Knights of Columbus, supporting the spiritual needs of the MLB's Washington Nationals. The visuals enhance the narrative, complemented by strong interviews. However, the pacing could be improved, as it feels slow for the topic. Nevertheless, with 17 thousand views in less than a year, the story has clearly resonated with viewers.

AW347a: Best Video – Ordination**First Place****Diocese of Lansing Priestly Ordinations 2023**

Diocese of Lansing

Matt Riedl and Kathryn Mietelka

The soft focus, multiple angles, slow motion, music, and playful light seamlessly work together to beautifully frame the story of an emotional day. The viewer goes through all the emotions with the main subject - nervousness, excitement, tears of happiness, and utter joy. The way the video captures the sounds of him crying at an important moment and the quick-paced joyful scenes at the end is sublime storytelling.

Second Place**Deacon Angel Garcia's Journey to the Priesthood (Ordained May 2023)**

Diocese of Orlando

Jennifer Drow and Katherine Laguna

This video perfectly captures the essence of one priest's good-natured personality and strong faith. The interviewer no doubt played a big role in getting to the heart of the subject, and editor cut the film to show that heart concisely. The subject's anecdotes of hearing from God are particularly powerful and show clearly that this man truly heeded God's call.

Third Place**Three priests ordained for the Diocese of Fort Worth**

Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth

Juan Guajardo

The production value is as good as it gets, with the documentary-style interview setup and crisp b-roll. But the interviews are just as vivid, with the personal stories of three men who answered God's call.

Honorable Mention**NC Catholics NOW Ordination 2023**

Diocese of Raleigh NC Catholics

Kate Turgeon and Tim Robbins

Honorable Mention**2023 Priest Ordination**

The Catholic Telegraph

Margaret Swensen

AW348a: Best Video – Panel Discussion**First Place****Was Pope Francis wrong to only mention Benedict XVI once in his funeral homily?**

America Media

Ricardo da Silva, SJ, and Sebastian Gomes

This is a very professional panel discussion and the production is high quality. The topic is very important and well discussed in detail by all three members of the panel. Each member showed knowledge and care for the significant event they were analyzing.

Second Place**Jesuit Book Club Author Conversation with Fr. James Martin, SJ**

Jesuit Conference

Mike Jordan Laskey and Marcus Bleech

This is an excellent and informative panel discussion. Each member is enthusiastic about the topic and their conversation is casual and easy to listen to. They are engaging to their audience.

Third Place**Married Life: Catholic Edition // Podcast Episode 001**

Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange

Shay Ryan, Noah Fonacier, Paige Brooks and Fr. Duy Le

This discussion is well organized and relevant. The stories are touching and the information shared is helpful to the audience.

AW349a: Best Video – Catechesis**First Place****Faith & Culture: Music in the Black Catholic Church**

Catholic Extension

Catholic Extension Staff

This video is cinema quality with beautiful shots, creative angles, and excellent editing. The audio and visual elements are crisp and make the video engaging, emotional, and superb throughout. It is clear this piece is artistically and passionately made.

Second Place**On the Road to Emmaus: The Catechism**

Diocese of Lansing

Matt Riedl

The speakers in this video show passion, enthusiasm, and knowledge of the subject matter. It is interesting and informative with great editing.

Third Place**WYD pilgrims experience God's mercy**

Catholic News Service

Robert Duncan

This video is well shot and has interesting visuals and engaging interviews. It shows good engagement and is a great watch for all audiences.

Honorable Mention**Do Catholics believe in the devil?**

Archdiocese of Detroit

Joseph Pelletier, Fr. Dave Tomaszycski, Emily Mentock and Edmundo Reyes

Honorable Mention**On the Road to Emmaus: The Angelus**

Diocese of Lansing

Matt Riedl

AW349b: Best Video – Catechesis**First Place****Lourdes, Blessings Bestowed Upon Us**

Skyline Productions Inc

Tim Jeffries and Mary Frances Jeffries

This video includes touching stories, stunning imagery, and well-researched information. The professional editing of footage makes it easy to watch and eye-catching. This topic is extremely relevant and encouraging for the faith.

Second Place**Spiritual Principles of Money Management: Part One**

The Marriage Group

Gordon Whitney, Lee Hoffman, and Chris & Jessie Wiegand

This casual and friendly discussion about marriage and money is creatively presented, interesting, and educational. The content is easy to absorb and the presentation is professional.

Third Place**Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family - Episode 2**

Spirit Juice Studios

Rob Kaczmark, Seneca Lester, Branden J. Stanley, David Naglieri and Marissa Van Kley

The video is a lovely tribute to marriage. It has a variety of perspectives and imagery to inform the audience.

AW350a: Best Video – The Eucharistic Revival**First Place****Eucharistic Revival Prayer - Many Languages, One Body**

Catholic Diocese of Cleveland

The Catholic Diocese of Cleveland Staff

The video is beautifully shot and edited, effectively conveying the power of many voices and languages reciting the Eucharistic prayer. Great job on executing a straightforward yet impactful concept.

Second Place**Wholly Trust**

Catholic Diocese of Erie

Vincent Dragone

The piece is well-shot and edited, achieving much with its simplicity, focus, and depth of emotion. Well done!



AW361a: Best Multimedia Packages

Third Place

National Eucharistic Revival Testimonials Social Media Reels

Diocese of Orlando
Jennifer Drow and Katherine Laguna
Well-shot and edited, these short videos effectively convey the powerful blessings of the Eucharist, complemented by an effective use of graphics. Nice work!

Honorable Mention

St. Benedict at Auburndale Catholic High School Reflections on the Eucharist
Catholic Diocese of Memphis

Honorable Mention

Why Mass?
Diocese of Des Moines/The Catholic Mirror
Anne Marie Cox, John Gaffney, Kelly Franzen, Tom Quinlan, Kristi Quinlan and Jon Leonetti

AW361a: Best Multimedia Packages

First Place

A Year of Celebration
Diocese of Austin
Camille Garcia, Shelley Metcalf, Andres Almendarez and Ashley Valle
This package - an entire special website - is extraordinary in every way, showing the heart and soul of 75 years of service. The historical video is riveting and richly detailed. The plethora of photos, videos, and information is beyond impressive. The overall package lives up to the momentous occasion.

Second Place

Inside the New York State Eucharistic Congress
Catholic Courier
Jeff Witherow and Gina Capellazzi
The incredible volume of high quality, visually stunning photos make this package shine. They integrate seamlessly with the constant movement of the unique web page design and rich, detailed story to create a cohesive, vivid tapestry.

Third Place

Guided by Grace: A Catholic Woman's Journey to Enter Religious Life Amid Immigration Challenges

Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc (CLINIC)
Michelle Garcia, Kathleen Kollman Birch and Jeremy Dickey
This entry breaks the mold of traditional multimedia packages with its creativity and uniqueness. The whimsical, artistic illustrations come alive with subtle animation as you scroll down through a master class in storytelling - a thoroughly engaging narrative of one woman's journey of faith in the face of obstacles.

Honorable Mention

Erasing Identity
ONE Magazine
Olivia Poust, Konstantin Chernichkin, Laura Ieraci, Raghida Skaff and Mariana Karapinka

Honorable Mention

For love of Ukraine
Catholic Charities USA
Julie Bourbon and Elias Kontogiannis

AW361b: Best Multimedia Packages

First Place

Problem-solving with robots, drones and 3D printers
Diocese of Charlotte
Troy Hull and Liz Chandler

This presentation effectively utilizes multimedia elements to inform parents, students, and Roman Catholics about innovative Catholic education methods while portraying Catholicism in a positive light. Troy Hull's photographs beautifully depict diversity among Catholic children learning with modern technology, complementing Liz Chandler's comprehensive story that includes perspectives from students, teachers, and donors. The video strikes a balance between sweetness and substance, emphasizing the significance of hands-on learning alongside traditional classroom instruction. Overall, it's a well-executed piece of reporting that engages both readers and viewers. Great work!

Second Place

Knights of Columbus – Ukraine
Knights of Columbus
This multimedia package offers a comprehensive look at the Knights of Columbus' work aiding those affected by the Russia-Ukraine conflict, shedding light on the contributions of parishioners and their families. With high production values, it provides valuable insight into a significant global issue, making it relevant to all audiences.

Third Place

The Covenant Shooting
Diocese of Nashville
Office of Media and Evangelization Staff
Katie Peterson's reporting on the community's response to tragedy showcases the strength of Roman Catholic communities in challenging times. While the entry is compelling and relevant, its lack of additional multimedia elements, such as videos or interactive features, resulted in a third-place ranking in the multimedia category.

Honorable Mention

Knights of Columbus 141st Supreme Convention
Knights of Columbus
Knights of Columbus staff
The Knights of Columbus have presented a polished multimedia package focusing on one of their conventions. While the production quality is commendable, the subject matter may primarily appeal to current or prospective members of the organization, limiting its broader audience appeal compared to their entry on their work in the Ukraine.



AW361b: Best Multimedia Packages



AW361c: Best Multimedia Packages

Honorable Mention

Pope encourages children to work for peace

Catholic News Service

Carol Glatz, Lola Gomez and Robert Duncan

While the pope garners widespread interest among Roman Catholics, not all of Pope Francis's actions are equally surprising or engaging. While his call for children to work for peace is commendable, in a multimedia "news" category for Catholic media, this entry performed adequately in covering the pope but fell short in presenting something genuinely unexpected or noteworthy.

AW361c: Best Multimedia Packages

First Place

Faith & Healing Pro-Life series

Catholic Diocese of Cleveland

Nancy Fishburn, Kay Colby, Carol Kovach and Jeff Stutzman

The mother's letter to her unborn son was deeply moving, evoking tears, while her conversion story was educational and inspiring. The video showcased high quality with excellent camera angles, lighting, and a tasteful visual montage that enhanced the narrative. Her journey left me rooting for her, finding happiness in her marriage, sadness in her loss, and encouragement in her continued dedication to the Catholic faith and volunteer work.

AW361d: Best Multimedia Packages

First Place

PriestLife

Catholic Courier

Jeff Witherow and Gina Capellazzi

The video struck a good balance between being informative and engaging with its use of photos to illustrate the topic. Shortening it by a couple of minutes could help maintain viewer interest, especially with multiple subjects discussing different points. Keeping the pace moving is key in such situations.

AW361e: Best Multimedia Packages

First Place

Fisheries to Farmlands: A Pilgrimage in Integral Ecology

Jesuit Conference

MegAnne Liebsch and Eric Clayton

This is a inspirational story that brought together all the elements that met the requirements of strong multimedia storytelling. It was helped by being a very personal story with elements produced on the ground as part of the reporting. Well done.

Second Place

'Maiden, arise'

ONE Magazine

Arzé Khodr and Raghida Skaff

They team tackled a difficult subject. The video and photography had limitations because of the subject matter but they were executed well. The story is heartbreaking, but the effort being made by Talitha Kum is inspiring.

Third Place

Targeted Twice

ONE Magazine

Gohar Abrahamyan, Nazik Armenakyan, David Bratnick, Olivia Poust Laura Ieraci and Armine Bachachyan

An interesting story that I hadn't seen before. The video stories told by the subjects were compelling.

Honorable Mention

Drawn by Illusion

ONE Magazine

Hikma A. Abdulmejid, Abenezzer Israel, Raghida Skaff, Laura Ieraci and Olivia Poust

Honorable Mention

For love of Ukraine

Catholic Charities USA

Julie Bourbon and Elias Kontogiannis

AW361f: Best Multimedia Packages

First Place

Diocese of Austin "A Year of Celebration"

Diocese of Austin

Camille Garcia, Shelley Metcalf, Andres Almendarez and Ashley Valle

A nice comprehensive look at the Austin Diocese. Well used video and photography through out and the information is presented in alternate formats which make for easy browsing.

Second Place

Pope celebrates feast of the Immaculate

Conception

Catholic News Service

Lola Gomez, Justin McLellan and Robert Duncan

Nice work taking audience to a place they may not be able to travel.

AW362: Best Multimedia Package – The Eucharistic Revival

First Place

The Eucharist: Source of Our Healing and Hope

Knights of Columbus Staff

The Knights of Columbus Eucharistic Revival project offers a comprehensive exploration of Eucharistic devotion, presenting an informative and inspiring narrative. Through well-produced videos, compelling photographs, and a user-friendly website, the project guides viewers through a cohesive journey from start to finish. The creators have succeeded in crafting an engaging and enjoyable experience that effectively communicates the importance and significance of Eucharistic devotion.

Second Place

Inside the New York State Eucharistic Congress

Catholic Courier

Jeff Witherow and Gina Capellazzi

The Catholic Courier's coverage of New York State's Eucharistic Congress in Auriesville, New York, is a standout project that skillfully combines narrative storytelling with compelling visuals. Through strong photographs and videos, the author takes the reader on a journey, allowing them to experience the event up close and personal. The project effectively captures the essence of the Congress, providing readers with a deeper appreciation of the participants and the significance of the moment.

Third Place

Eucharistic Revival: KNOW HIM

Diocese of Greensburg

Mary Seamans, Cliff Gorski, Jordan Whiteko, Beth Tallentire, Robin Mull, Jennifer Miele, John Zylka, Bishop Larry J. Kulick, Vincent Reilly and Monsignor Raymond Riffle

Honorable Mention

Busted Halo's Guide to The Eucharistic Revival

Busted Halo

The Busted Halo Staff

AW371: Best Multimedia Package Series

First Place

Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Good Newsroom Archdiocese of NY
The Good Newsroom Team

I cannot praise this entry enough! The Good Newsroom created a comprehensive multimedia experience that included an e-newsletter and beautiful photographs and videos that were shared across social platforms. This was truly superb!

Second Place

Giving to Those in Need

The Good Newsroom Archdiocese of NY
The Good Newsroom Team

Professional broadcast packages and articles in both English and Spanish make this Thanksgiving coverage feel cohesive and professionally produced. Kudos to all involved.

Third Place

War's Impact on Ukraine

ONE Magazine
Barb Frazee, Laura Ieraci, Olivia Poust, Konstantin Chernichkin, Raghida Skaff, Mariana Karapinka and Mariya Kokor

The photography and videography in this entry were absolutely stunning. The photographic composition and visual elements made this a multimedia masterpiece.

Honorable Mention

World Youth Day 2023

EWTN News Inc.
Francesca Pollio, Courtney Mares, Hannah Brockhaus, Daniel Payne and Daniel Ibañez

Honorable Mention

St. Philip Neri, A School Model to Strengthen Catholic Parish and Community Life

The Good Newsroom Archdiocese of NY
The Good Newsroom

The videos, social media posts and text articles were excellent. The subject matter was interesting and showcased a variety of topics. Very impressive.

AW381: Best Use of Video on Social Media – Diocesan Communications

First Place

Diocese of Lansing Priestly Ordinations 2023

Diocese of Lansing
Matt Riedl and Kathryn Mietelka

This gem of a video is such a wonderful emotional ride, and the production quality is first class. It's easy to see why it racked up over 130,000 views and reached over 60,000 people on Instagram Reels. The number of people reached and views on three social channels are overly impressive considering the diocese's follower count relative to them.

Second Place

Day in the Life of a Priest Vlog

Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange
Chris Tran, Paige Brooks, Shay Ryan and Noah Fonacier

Being able to see what a priest does in an entire day is illuminating. The video opens a window into a world few have seen this intimately, providing unique perspective and engendering admiration while humanizing a complex man and vocation. The distribution was first rate, with the video creatively deployed on many social media platforms.

Third Place

Joy of Ordination

Diocese of Nashville
Preston Thompson and Bill Staley

While the video is simply shot, the atmosphere is extraordinary. Being allowed access to shoot at St. Peter's Basilica and capture a pure moment of joy for 18 men being ordained is once-in-a-lifetime. And the comms team didn't miss with distribution - networking with the Vatican, EWTN and others to aMass 800,000 views.

Honorable Mention

Called to Serve: Faith on the job

Catholic Diocese of Erie
Vincent Dragone

Honorable Mention

Run so as to win

Catholic Diocese of Erie
Vincent Dragone

AW382: Best Use of Video on Social Media - News Organization

First Place

Actor Shia LaBeouf Says He's in RCIA Preparing for Confirmation in the Catholic Church

EWTN News Inc.
Jacqueline Burkepille

This team is operating at a high level and recognizes how to make best use of high profile names and sharp content - and editing - to convey engaging messages.

Second Place

Nats pitcher Trevor Williams has big league faith

Arlington Catholic Herald
Ana Lucia Batista, Hannah Camerota and Kerry Nevins

Very nicely done. Great message and strong production values.

Third Place

St. Bernard's holds eucharistic procession

Catholic Courier
Elena Cambio and Heidi Huntington
Nice camera work; editing kept this colorful video moving along nicely.

Honorable Mention

Northwest Catholic

Selena Abounader

AW383a: Best Use of Video on Social Media – Liturgical Season

First Place

Advent Ephemeral Content

Diocese of Greensburg
Mary Seamans, Cliff Gorski, Jordan Whiteko, Beth Tallentire, Robin Mull, Jennifer Miele, John Zylka, Bishop Larry J. Kulick, Vincent Reilly and Monsignor Raymond Riffle
Very creative use of video that was made into a visual advent calendar. Using ephemeral video was a brilliant idea. Bravo Greensburg.

Second Place

Christ in the Streets of East Lansing

Diocese of Lansing
Matt Riedl
This was beautifully shot in a documentary style that made the entry visually effective.

Third Place

The Hillsdale Converts | "A New Beginning"

Diocese of Lansing
Matt Riedl
The storytelling stood out in this entry and creative video shots set it apart from the others.

AW384a: Best Use of Video on Social Media – Ongoing Series

First Place

Eucharistic Revival – College Students Share Views on the Eucharist

The Catholic Virginian
Office of Communications Staff and Mark Kwolek
Extremely professional and dynamic visual imagery make this series a clear winner. Expertly produced and edited, the individual vignettes are effective as stand-alone clips or as a whole series. Impactful composition, superb audio mixing and a strong underlying story structure ensure this project is unforgettable.

Second Place

Priest Life

Catholic Courier
Jeff Witherow and Gina Capellazzi
The Priest Life series effectively leverages social media while providing insight and key messaging using high-quality video, first-person interviews and powerful storytelling techniques.

Third Place

60 Seconds with the Eucharist

Diocese of Austin
Ashley Valle and Andres Almendarez
Highly impactful, short clips provide well written and flawlessly delivered core messaging to meaningfully connect with online audiences. Effectively leveraged using appropriate social platforms with strong metric data supporting wide reach.

Honorable Mention

Searching for More

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

Honorable Mention

Diocese of Manchester Road Trip Pilgrimage Video Series

Roman Catholic Diocese of Manchester
Raul Botha and Fr. Josh Livingston

AW384b: Best Use of Video on Social Media – Ongoing Series

First Place

Springs of Love Fostering and Adoption Stories

Kruis Studios
Ben Kruis, Director, and Kimberly Henkel, Executive Producer
Beautiful and very human stories perfectly told through powerfully poignant, well produced and visually captivating imagery and sound. Exceptional visual media products.

Second Place

Reel Homilies

Spirit Juice Studios
Rob Kaczmark, Seneca Lester, Branden J. Stanley, Nicholas Sun and Kevin Moon
Excellent use of video and social media to expand reach and target online audiences with impactful content. Leveraging the YouTube shorts platform maximizes engagement while provided critical knowledge to positively enhance messaging.

AW385a: Best Use of Video on Social Media – The Clergy

First Place

Father Bolster and University Catholic

Diocese of Nashville

Father Rhodes Bolster and Mariana Pimiento

Very clever, well produced and engaging. Great message and variety of topics and presentation, including the music.

Second Place

On the Eve of Ordination: Deacon Seamus Kettner

Diocese of Lansing

Matt Riedl

Clever. Well-produced, great camera work, including what appears to be a drone, that enhanced the story-telling and message.

Third Place

On the Road to Emmaus: Brothers in the Eucharist

Diocese of Lansing

Matt Riedl

I liked this personal message merged in with the ceremony. I liked how it was edited.

Honorable Mention

POV: You answer the call

Catholic Diocese of Arlington

Hannah Camerota, Kerry Nevins and Mary Brodeur

Honorable Mention

On Prayer with Fr. Luke

Catholic Diocese of Arlington

Hannah Camerota, Kerry Nevins, Mary Brodeur and Anne Norris

AW385b: Best Use of Video on Social Media – The Clergy

First Place

The Story for All Seasons: A Missionary Journey to London

Spirit Juice Studios

Rob Kaczmark, Seneca Lester, Branden J. Stanley, Marissa Van Kley and Danielle Conklin

Really fine production; lighting, sound were first rate. Excellent editing. Nice combination of a spiritual journey with history and travel.

Second Place

Is God Funny?

Grotto Network

Fr. Brendan McAleer and Josh Long

Unexpected and fun topic. Worked well for Insta. Could have been a touch shorter but not a big deal. Great personalities.

AW511a: Best Social Media Campaign

First Place

National Vocations Awareness Week Campaign

Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange

Shay Ryan, Noah Fonacier, Paige Brooks and Chris Tran

Outstanding work in a crowded category - this



AW541: Best Use of Social Media for Breaking News

high-quality social media campaign uses a variety of platforms, formats, and tones — and all are laser focused on the theme of vocations. The autocompleted and day in the life videos are especially excellent, although all the content is engaging, humorous, heart-warming, and inviting.

Second Place

Grotto Chicago Church Reels Series

Grotto Network

Michael Rosetti, Tara Kelly and Grotto Network

Interesting and engaging content that produced great results. By positioning churches around the city as approachable and interesting places to visit, this campaign appeals to new audiences beyond existing parishioners.

Third Place

Up!

Catholic Diocese of Erie

Elizabeth Butterfield

Brief, colorful social media posts that draw attention and encourage reflection and engagement.

Honorable Mention

Remember Our Parish at Christmas

Diocese of Greensburg

Mary Seamans, Cliff Gorski, Jordan Whiteko, Beth Tallentire, Robin Mull, Jennifer Miele, John Zylka, Bishop Larry J. Kulick, Paul Puleo, Michael Lucotch, Jane Long, Lindsay DeCario and Monsignor Raymond Riffle

Honorable Mention

Creature Features

National Catholic Reporter

Stephanie Clary, John Grosso and Ryan McQuade

AW511b: Best Social Media Campaign

First Place

SEEK conference highlights aspects of the Catholic faith

FOCUS

Kaylee Stoll, Maclaine Noah and Madison Rogers

Great job using reels to highlight the speakers. The content delivered in short videos was engaging and draws viewers in.

Second Place

Mass Matters (June/July/Aug/Sept social media series)

Catholic Courier

Courier Staff

This campaign was a creative and interesting way to actively engage with readers and highlight their own thoughts and comments about the importance of Mass.

Third Place

#revivalfwsb

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

Joshua Schipper

Honorable Mention

Gen Verde LIVE in Concert!

Diocese of Corpus Christi

Elizabeth Morales, Katia Uriarte and Bishop

Michael Mulvey

AW541: Best Use of Social Media for Breaking News

First Place

Mass Shooting at Michigan State University: The Church Responds

Diocese of Lansing

Matt Riedl and David Kerr

It sounds like this project was incredibly well-planned and executed, utilizing a variety of social media channels to effectively convey the message. By tailoring the content to fit each platform's strengths, they were able to maximize engagement and reach. The professionalism and attention to detail throughout the project likely contributed to its success in delivering a moving and accessible experience for the audience.

Second Place

Jesuit Conference Social Media: Repression of Jesuits in Nicaragua

Jesuit Conference

Jesuit Conference Communications Team

It sounds like the project made strategic choices in targeting different audiences through various channels, which is indeed forward-thinking. However, there seems to be room for improvement in terms of balancing the content to make it more engaging and visually appealing. Strengthening headlines, incorporating quick-hit summaries, and adding more visuals like photos could help

enhance the overall presentation. Despite these suggestions, the project appears to have a compelling story and innovative elements, such as integrating interview podcasts into Instagram and leveraging links effectively.

Third Place

EWTN News social media coverage of WYD Lisbon 2023

EWTN News Inc.

Claudette Jerez, Giulio Capece, Nuria Chicchon and Ursula Murua

It seems like the project excels in creating an immersive experience, particularly through its use of Instagram. Releasing content in two languages simultaneously is a significant feat, making the project accessible to a wider audience. The package effectively captures the essence of the event, providing backstory and showcasing key individuals in a personable and engaging manner. Despite its Instagram-heavy focus, the project maintains a professional and thorough approach, incorporating clean and sharp videos, accurate participant quotes, and journalistic standards in naming and identification. Overall, it successfully combines exciting events, familiar faces, and professional techniques to create an engaging and impactful experience.

Honorable Mention

The Covenant Shooting

Diocese of Nashville

Bishop J. Mark Spalding, Bill Staley and Preston Thompson

Honorable Mention

Passing and funeral of Bishop Clark - social media

Catholic Courier

Heidi Huntington, Jeff Witherow, Matt Saxon and Greg Francis

AW551: Best Use of Photos in Social Media

First Place

FOCUS

Kaylee Stoll, Maclaine Noah and Madison Rogers

Beautiful imagery. Wonderful and to-the-point text. Well received by readers. Very lovely work here!

Second Place

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
Communications Staff

Very beautiful photographs. Very eye catching and captivating. Strong engagement.

Third Place

Postcard Photos from Portugal/World Youth Day 2023

The Catholic Virginian
Michael Mickle

Great text! Clever work, really wonderful topic; interesting. Beautiful photos. Good engagement.

Honorable Mention

Diocese of Nashville Events

Diocese of Nashville

Office of Media and Evangelization Staff

Honorable Mention

Seattle Seahawk and his Catholic Faith - Abe Lucas Reel

Northwest Catholic
Selena Abounader

AW552: Best Use of Graphics in Social Media

First Place

I AM Eucharistic Congress Graphics

Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange
Shay Ryan and Patrick Gulpo

This thoughtful and symbolically-laden campaign integrates gorgeous visuals that are both modern yet call on the rich aesthetic tradition of the Church, a challenging task to accomplish.

Second Place

Archdiocese of St. Louis Instagram Graphics

Archdiocese of St. Louis
Christin Roskos and Abigail (Witte) Buettner

Competent and polished graphics that, combined with their excellently-selected photography, enhance and enrich storytelling.

Third Place

FOCUS

Kaylee Stoll, Maclaine Noah and Madison Rogers

This entry excels in employing attractive, understated graphics relying on minimalism to draw attention to the nature of sacred.

Honorable Mention

Grotto Edition Intro Graphics

Grotto Network
Becky Rogers, Ryan Peltier, Jackson Gibbs and Allie Sullberg

Gorgeous cover photos - surprised at such low engagement on these posts!

Honorable Mention

Grotto Content Category Graphics

Grotto Network
Becky Rogers

AW561a: Best Podcast

First Place

OC Catholic Radio: A Heart-Rending Pilgrimage Experience



AW552: Best Use of Graphics in Social Media

Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange
Jim Governale and Rick Howick

A compelling story told by people who experienced a trip to the Holy Land that went awry. The conversation was riveting and touching.

Second Place

Register Radio

National Catholic Register
Jeanette De Melo

Professionally produced podcast that touched upon key issues happening in the world of politics, religion and culture.

Third Place

AMDG Podcast: From Prison in Nicaragua to Exile in the U.S. with Juan Sebastián Chamorro

Jesuit Conference
Mike Jordan Laskey and Marcus Bleech

This podcast was superb. Juan's story is inspiring and speaks to the plight of Catholics in Nicaragua. I was drawn to Juan's story and his journey to the U.S.

Honorable Mention

Is THIS For Kids - FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: Are the Mario and Sonic Movies Kid-Friendly?

Spirit Juice Studios
Rob Kaczmark, Seneca Lester, Branden J. Stanley, Miles Miller and Ryan Howey

Entertaining and informative. I enjoyed watching/listening to John and Katie and the way they handled the subject matter.

AW561b: Best Podcast

First Place

Good & Decent

Grotto Network
Josh Long

The short video portion of the podcast set the tone for the interview with Sr. Barbara as she rides to the penitentiary. The story was compelling and the production value was superb.

Second Place

Beyond the Beacon Podcast: Social Justice Issues

Diocese of Paterson
Bishop Kevin Sweeney and Jai Agnish

I loved the option of listening or watching the podcast with Bishop Sweeney. The social justice topics covered in this entry were important and the guests were engaging. I applaud Bishop Sweeney for his work.

Third Place

Just Politics: When it's your community

U.S. Catholic
The U.S. Catholic staff and NETWORK staff

This podcast was professionally produced and had information that all communities can identify with, not just the Charlottesville, VA area.

Honorable Mention

The Busted Halo Show with Father Dave Dwyer

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

Fr. Dave does an amazing job of taking Catholic issues and making them relateable to today's

society. His approach to social issues is refreshing and welcoming.

Honorable Mention

Detroit Stories

Archdiocese of Detroit
Michael Stechschulte, Ronald Pangborn, Casey McCorry, Daniel Meloy and Gabriella Patti

AW561c: Best Podcast

First Place

Poco A Poco Podcast

Spirit Juice Studios
Rob Kaczmark, Seneca Lester, Branden J. Stanley, Edgar Patino and Nick Sun

Truly enjoyed this podcast. Very interesting and dynamic set up. Great camera work, perfect sound. Interesting and timely topic. Good story telling. Entertaining and meaningful content.

Second Place

The Wexford Carol

America Media
Maggi Van Dorn, Producer; Ricardo da Silva, S.J., Producer

So well done. Interesting, great conversations. Beautiful music. Great sound. Bravo. Wonderful work that is meaningful and keeps attention.

Third Place

Faith Retriever podcast

Northwest Catholic
Deacon Eric

Timely real-life topics that hold the listener's interest. Great work.

Honorable Mention

AMDG Podcast: How Young Adults' Faith is Defying Classic Categories with Ellen Koneck

Jesuit Conference
Mike Jordan Laskey and Marcus Bleech

Honorable Mention

The Busted Halo Show with Father Dave Dwyer

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

Awesome podcast title!

AW571: Best Use of Live Video in Social Media

First Place

Glenmary Country Raffle Facebook Live

Glenmary Home Missioners
Laney Blevins and Theresa Nguyen-Gillen
Loved the budget "Price is Right" feel to this video. It was fun and entertaining.

Second Place

Busted Halo's Facebook Live – With Father Dave Dwyer and Jen Sawyer

Busted Halo
Father Dave Dwyer, CSP, Jennifer Sawyer and Mary Kate Polanin

Great chemistry between the hosts of this online Q&A. They kept it flowing and informative. I think anyone who watched likely stayed with the entire program.



AW711b: Best Blogs

Third Place

World Youth Day 2023

Shalom Media
Mesmin Santhosh, Producer; Karthika B Kurup, Creative Producer; and Jackson George, DOP
If you wanted to see a day at the World Youth Festival, this video is the one to watch. More than nine hours of commentary and ongoing events could be overwhelming, but the hosts had it under control.

Honorable mention

LIVE from WYD Lisbon 2023: Pilgrims share their testimonies after the WYD Vigil presided over by Pope Francis

EWTN News Inc.
Ursula Murua, Claudette Jerez, Giulio Capece and Nuria Chicchon

AW711a: Best Blogs

First Place

The CNEWA Blog

ONE Magazine
Barb Frazee, Laura Ieraci, Olivia Poust and Gohar



AW571: Best Use of Live Video in Social Media

Abrahamyan

Excellent detail in presenting the human toll of current-day conflicts and the transformative power of hope.

AW711b: Best Blogs

First Place

Neighbors, Not Strangers

Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc (CLINIC)
Michelle Garcia, Illustrator; Kathleen Kollman Birch, Author; Bryan Hanger, Digital Distribution; and Jeremy Dickey, Creative Direction

At the heart of this compelling narrative lies real people and exceptional storytelling. Each piece begins with a captivating hook and vivid scene-setting, gradually painting a rich portrait with each line. Spanning across continents, the stories delve into themes of life and death, offering depth, development, and poignant plot twists. Despite the tragedy, there's an underlying thread of hope that shines through. What truly elevates this work is the multimedia design employed to weave everything together seamlessly. From illustrations and photography to timelines, clip art, and pull quotes, every element is thoughtfully assembled with artistic professionalism, making it an absolute pleasure to read and experience in multiple dimensions.

Second Place

A Practice in Mutual Restoration

Grotto Network
Grotto Network and Nicole Watt

This piece offers a graceful personal reflection wrapped in a meticulously designed package. Starting with a simple theme, it unfolds to explore realms of history, family, ecology, and theology, expanding its scope with each layer. The prose is poetic, rich with description and frequent analogies that deepen the reader's understanding. Including quotes from figures like Nouwen adds another layer of richness to the narrative. Visually, the layout enhances the experience, with artistic illustrations and a clean, coherent design that draws the reader in. The editorial touches, like pinning a third-person introduction to the first-person reflection, elevate the overall production, transforming it into something larger than the self.

Third Place

The CNEWA Blog

ONE Magazine
Elias D. Mallon, S.A., Ph.D., Laura Ieraci, Alicia Medina and Olivia Poust

This publication demonstrates a high level of professionalism and a keen news sense. Drawing stories from around the globe, it presents personable and authentic subjects. The packaging of the stories is well-executed, with attention to detail in elements such as photos, captions, headlines, pull quotes, and bullet points. The reporting itself is robust and authoritative, delivering information in a punchy and digestible format. Additionally, the inclusion of video content adds another layer of engagement and enriches the reader's experience.

Honorable Mention

A Groundbreaking Approach to Reconciliation and Racial Justice

Grotto Network
Grotto Network and Mike Jordan Laskey

The story of the Georgetown Jesuit slaves is indeed compelling. While the writing is strong, it seems to tread cautiously, which may have affected its ranking in the competition. Taking a more assertive approach could have potentially elevated its impact and recognition.

Honorable Mention**How a Program is Restoring Ecosystems and Cultivating Unity**

Grotto Network
Grotto Network and Kelly Sankowski

AW711c: Best Blogs**First Place****Busted Halo**

Busted Halo
The Busted Halo Staff

This collection of first-person anecdotes and reflections is truly beautiful, each offering its own unique vantage point, touches, and life. It exudes an everyday-Catholic feel in the best possible way. The theological and spiritual points are subtly conveyed yet straightforward, with scripture citations accompanied by live links—a fantastic touch that enhances accessibility. The structure and subheadings further enhance readability, and even the bios contribute to the stories. The editing is superb, seamlessly weaving together writing from various angles and touching on a myriad of subjects in unique ways while maintaining a cohesive narrative. Above all, these anecdotes are practical, useful, touching, and thoughtful, offering incredible depth and limitless potential for variety and exploration.

Second Place**Lorraine Murray Blog**

National Catholic Register
Lorraine Murray

These thoughtful reflections offer insights from eyes open to inspiration in every corner. The writer demonstrates a talent for storytelling, with a strong structure and organization that becomes so seamless it's almost invisible. Drawing from both real-life anecdotes and historical narratives, the writing style is easy and graceful, with a sense of timing evident in both small literary turns and broader visions. It's personable, thought-provoking, charming, and engaging—all flowing effortlessly, with Flannery O'Connor serving as a delightful cherry on top.

Third Place**A Great Guiding Light**

Grotto Network
Grotto Network and Nicole Stallworth

The writing in this piece is exceptional, with a very strong narrative that touches on a topic relevant to us all. It begins with a sense of urgency woven into the rhythm, clauses, and word choices. As the piece progresses, it strikes a subtle yet balanced tone, delving deep into introspection while skillfully alternating between thoughts and actions. The use of symbolism adds layers of depth and intensity to the narrative. Overall, it captures a beautiful moment in time that stretches into eternity, leaving the reader with profound reflections such as, "How this short life must blaze, and then snuff out, but not perhaps before setting aflame others around it."

Honorable Mention**How Catholicism – and Jurassic Park – Can Inform Our Discussions on Future Tech**

Grotto Network
Grotto Network and Mike Jordan Laskey

Honorable Mention**Now Discern This**

Jesuit Conference
Eric Clayton and Becky Sindelar

In Kakuma Refugee Camp, sisters foster peace between warring South Sudanese tribes

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Sr. Molly Lim, a member of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, visits South Sudanese families living in Kakuma Refugee Camp Feb. 17. She and other sisters preach peace and counsel refugees suffering from trauma from experiencing civil war in South Sudan. (GSR photo/Doreen Ajiambo)

AW732: Best Online Content Not Published in Print – Feature

AW731: Best Online Content Not Published in Print – Photo**First Place****Samoa Catholics celebrate new St. Peter Chanel shrine in Tacoma**

Northwest Catholic
Melissa Timme

A well-shot gallery that excels in its framing and contextualization of the meaning of the liturgy, constantly finding unique ways to integrate the subject statue into photos of the celebrating congregation.

Second Place**World Youth Day**

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
Joshua Schipper

This comprehensive gallery showcases a detailed pilgrim's view of World Youth Day, and excels in capturing the emotion as well as the unique aspects of the experience.

Third Place**The War on Ukraine in Photos**

ONE Magazine
Konstantin Chernichkin

Interesting photos that convey the attempts of ordinary people to navigate the hardships of war.

Honorable Mention**Students at Avon Catholic school remember Sept. 11, 2001**

Catholic Courier
Jeff Witherow

AW732: Best Online Content Not Published in Print – Feature**First Place****Hope Amid Turmoil coverage**

Global Sisters Report
Thomas Scaria, Doreen Ajiambo, Chris Herlinger and Patrick Egwu

Exceptional. Each writer is an outstanding storyteller as well as a thorough reporter. Effective packaging of words and images provide compelling, in-depth reports that illuminate, as noted in the series title, hope amid turmoil.

Second Place**Celebrating Black History Month**

Catholic Charities USA
Julie Bourbon, Sr. Writer; Sheena L. Crews, Senior Creative Director

Excellent stories of commitment. Each article effectively depicts and underscores the significant positive difference individuals can make in the lives of others.

Third Place**In Kenya, LGBTQ refugees face persecution and death: A special report from Outreach**

Ryan Di Corpo, Arthur Canales, Maxwell Kuzma, Elizabeth Sweeny Block and Cristina L.H. Traina
Effectively articulates global, multifaceted, complex LGBTQ issues. Provides essential perspective and scope.

Honorable Mention**Creators divided over trademarking Catholic phrases**

U.S. Catholic
Gabriella Patti

Interesting. Surprising. Well-reported.

Honorable Mention

Jesuits.org Feature Stories

Jesuit Conference
Jesuit Conference Communications Team

AW733: Best Online Content Not Published in Print – News

First Place

Catholic youths walk the Via Crucis along U.S. 1; ‘BOLD Justice’ issues challenge to Broward Sheriff over civil citations; Beating back the flood; Eucharist: More than ‘fine,’ it’s supernatural;

Florida Catholic Miami
Angelique Ruhi-Lopez, Tom Tracy, Jim Davis and Cristina Cabrera Jarro

Smooth leads, good quotes, and excellent reporting make for great work overall. The writing strikes a balance between being personable and perfectly professional—clean, informative, and sharp. The vision behind the pieces is excellent, with the full story coming out without dragging or diverging. Story selection sets it apart even further, with a distinct insider touch that covers issues you may not realize are issues, yet strong Catholic voices always emerge. With excellent reporting, great writing, and deft editing, this publication stands out as a testament to high-quality journalism.

Second Place

Online-only News

The Catholic Review
Catholic Review Staff

This publication represents the pinnacle of high-quality reporting on fascinating local issues. Everything, from the headlines to the content, is of sterling quality. The reporting stands out, making exceptional use of quotes and featuring strong interviews and thorough research. Combined with good storytelling and excellent photos, it all comes together seamlessly. What truly shines through is the representation of the face of the local church, making this publication a pleasure to read from start to finish.

Third Place

CNEWA Online News

ONE Magazine
Olivia Poust, Joseph Hazboun, Laura Ieraci and Gohar Abrahamyan

These packages are excellent, showcasing textbook features at the top, accompanied by great hero photos and well-crafted headlines, subheadings, and summary paragraphs. The reporting is detailed and includes high-level interviews. Professional touches, such as videos spliced into the story and well-executed pull quotes, add depth and engagement to the content. Moreover, the subjects of the stories are unparalleled, offering inside reporting from Gaza, insights into Armenian refugees, and more. Keep up the great work— the world needs your impactful journalism.

Honorable Mention

Oklahoma School Board Approves Nation’s First Publicly Funded Catholic Charter School

The Tablet
Carol Zimmermann

Honorable Mention

Tony Gutiérrez Best Online Content Not Published in Print

Freelance
Tony Gutiérrez

AW751a: Best Website - Diocesan

First Place

Diocese of Charlotte

Diocese of Charlotte
Liz Chandler and Leo Fierro

This website was comprehensive and beautifully designed. I loved the photos of each parish and the information on catholic schools was easy to access and very thorough. Excellence personified.

Second Place

Diocese of Orlando orlandodiocese.org: Best Website Diocesan

Diocese of Orlando
Communications Secretariat

The redesigned website is interactive, clear and comprehensive. I loved the map and data points on number of parishes. The use of color and graphics made this a winner.

Third Place

thegoodnewsroom.org

The Good Newsroom Archdiocese of NY
The Good Newsroom Team

Professionally produced stories, videos and photos made this entry stand out. There are also English and Spanish stories available. The website is comprehensive and easy to navigate.

Honorable Mention

diocesefwsb.org

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
Communications Staff

The website is easy to navigate and provides extensive information on the parish, the bishop, the church/schools and all other information anyone could think of. Impressive.

Honorable Mention

NashvilleCatholic.org

Diocese of Nashville
Office of Media and Evangelization Staff

The Nashville Catholic does an excellent job of outlining and meeting its objectives. The content was accessible and well written.

AW751b: Best Website – General Publisher

First Place

Aleteia.org

Aleteia
Fr. Peter John Cameron OP, Kathleen N. Hattrup, John Touhey, J-P Mauro, Joanne McPortland, Theresa Civantos Barber, John Burger, Isabella H. de Carvalho, Daniel Esparza, Caroline Fischer, Cerith Gardiner, Matthew Green and Philip Kosloski
I loved everything about this site. It comes in six languages and the interactivity and international stories were engaging. They pay attention to small things, like providing a saint of the day and having a tab specifically for women. Bravo!

Second Place

CNEWA.org

ONE Magazine
David Aquije; CNEWA Communications and Creative Services Teams

This website acts as an extension of the print arm, but the interactivity of this site and the pull-down menu navigation system make this very effective as a messaging tool. Well done.

Third Place

Grotto Network Website

Grotto Network
Grotto Network

This site aims to reach a younger audience and the design speaks to a youthful aesthetic. The navigation is cool and many of the icons resemble social media interfaces. This is very well done!

Honorable Mention

Sainthood for Bishop Ford Microsite

DeSales Media Group
Geony Ayyad, JT Beissel, Kristina Valente, Israel Ochoa and Len Camporeale

Honorable Mention

www.onefamilyinmission.org

The Pontifical Mission Societies
Inés San Martín and La Machi

AW751c: Best Website – Magazine or Newsletter

First Place

Maryknoll Magazine

Maryknoll
The Maryknoll Magazine Staff

Very well organized. Easy to follow. Designed beautiful and simply. Love the content. Meets objectives.

Second Place

catholicreview.org

The Catholic Review
Catholic Review Staff

Full website. Lot’s of good information, easy to navigate. Meets objectives.

Third Place

America Magazine website

America Media
Staff of America Magazine

Meets objectives. Easy to follow design with lot’s of good information.

Honorable Mention

The Catholic Echo Media Website

The Catholic Echo
The Catholic Echo Staff and 898 Marketing

AW751d: Best Website - Newspaper

First Place

Best Website entry

The Boston Pilot, Thebostonpilot.com
Antonio M. Enrique, Nan Wilkins and Gregory L. Tracy

This website is so unique, organized, and easy to navigate. The navigation menu follows you as you scroll down, making it easy to go to other pages when you’re done reading the article. The text-to-speech feature is particularly inclusive for users who may struggle to read screens. The bottom menus are clean and neat. The rotator featuring recent or important stories is a special treat for users when they first visit the homepage. Overall, this website is gorgeously designed with a variety of users in mind.

Second Place

The website of The Georgia Bulletin, newspaper of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta

The Georgia Bulletin

The Staff of The Georgia bulletin

This website checks all of the boxes! It's neatly organized, easy to navigate, visually appealing, and has a consistent layout across all of its pages. It is truly expertly designed.

Third Place

Catholic Standard newspaper's website

Catholic Standard

Catholic Standard Staff

This website looks professional and modern. The side navigation menu is a highlight, making it easy to view various columns and articles from any page.

AW751e: Best Website – Spanish Publication

First Place

Global Sisters Report en español

Global Sisters Report

Global Sisters Report staff

This is a well-organized website with a wide range of images and articles spanning current events, politics, pop culture, and history, with ties back to the Catholic faith. I appreciated that it was not only had articles/headings in Spanish, but that it also had content specifically about and for Spanish-speaking Catholics. There was also a good mix of format/style for the articles with some serving as news articles, others written as personal essays, and some combining the two by editorializing a current event and discussing how it affects the Catholic community.

Second Place

Misioneros

Maryknoll Magazine

The Misioneros Staff

This website had a lot of great images and articles about both the work of their missionaries and global current events. While this website is mostly geared toward their church's community members, the articles could also be read and appreciated by others.

AW771: Best Web and Print Package

First Place

A Catholic Response to Gun Violence

Michigan Catholic Conference

What an incredible story! A man with two daughters who survived—different!—Mass shootings. This entry is structurally perfect, with everything flowing seamlessly from that incredible hook and lead. It delves into an in-depth look at gun violence in the state, skillfully weaving in fundamental Christian messages. There's a lot of commendable reporting here, and the additional touches, such as a pull box with objections versus responses and legislature updates, are exemplary. The editing and layout are fantastic, offering beautifully balanced and even-handed coverage that refuses to take the easy way out. Dialogue was clearly a focus, and it's achieved brilliantly. This piece fosters a graceful open discussion that feels like a marvelous and much-needed breath of fresh air.

Second Place

The Catholic Echo Media Group

The Catholic Echo

The Diocese of Youngstown Communications Department and the Catholic Echo Staff

This is one fantastic blueprint. While it primarily showcases the structure of the media rather than the coverage itself, with diverse elements mostly telling the story of the diocese, it would have been even more impressive to see one coordinated campaign seamlessly move through all these different channels, which could have potentially secured first place. However, everything presented here is still very well done—thorough, professional, and emblematic of a true modern media approach. There's a cleverness to it as well, with a page in the magazine directing readers to the website and social content being integrated back into print to add flavor to the publication and serve as a hook for social media platforms. These forward-thinking touches are fantastic. The design is excellent, with everything nicely laid out, well thought out, and often color-coded. The future looks incredibly bright with initiatives like these in place.

Third Place

On Mission to Protect and Heal

Michigan Catholic Conference

This is a tough topic to stomach, but it's handled well. Fantastic work on a task that often goes unrecognized. It's been 22 years since Dallas

in 2002—what progress has been made since then? There are a lot of positive aspects here, including fundamental discussions of transparency and accountability, as well as initiatives such as healing retreats, outreach, and reporting. The overall production quality is very high, with good pull quotes, headlines, call-out boxes, and comprehensive contact information and statistics. It's an accessible, informative, and valuable resource. As McChesney said, "Looking at the metrics, you can tell that the number of cases has gone down significantly. But the work is never over."

Honorable Mention

Finding God in Times of War

ONE Magazine

Barb Frazee, Konstantin Chernichkin, Olivia Poust, Laura Ieraci, Mariya Kokor and Mariana Karapinka

Honorable Mention

Growing in Grace: Lenten Reflections With Bishop Mulvey

Diocese Of Corpus Christi, Office of Communications & Public Relations

Most Reverend Michael Mulvey, Bishop of Corpus Christi, Katia Uriarte, Director of Communications, Adel Saucedo, Elizabeth Morales, Jesse DeLeon, Richard Luna, Madelyn Galindo, Gloria Romero, William Johnson, Knightstorm Productions

AW772a: Best Electronic Newsletter

First Place

Always Forward

Angelus

Angelus Staff

"Always Forward" is indeed a beautiful name, and the banner design reflects this beautifully with its calming blue color, nice logo, and well-chosen fonts, complemented by the phrase "forming & informing." The inclusion of ads at the top is a fantastic touch, adding a smart element to the design, especially when presented in two languages. The use of blue throughout the design unifies the layout, while the bright photos add visual appeal. The ads are strategically placed, and the content is easily accessible. Clear sections, neat headlines, and concise text contribute to a seamless reading experience. Features like global reading links, Photo of the Day, and social media links at the bottom enhance reader engagement and encourage return visits. Overall, these thoughtful touches contribute to the success of the publication and keep readers coming back for more.

Second Place

Nashville Catholic Weekly Digest

Diocese of Nashville

Erik Ritland

Leading with the "Photo of the Week" is a brilliant strategy, ensuring high engagement with the link. The design, featuring a single column layout, is both efficient and engaging, with grey bar dividers enhancing accessibility. The concise text, typically a one-sentence hook with an embedded link, distinguishes this publication positively. While the photos could benefit from graphic editing, they still effectively convey a local spirit. Overall, the publication exudes a welcoming, inclusive vibe, appealing to a broad audience. Expanding sections to include sports, trivia, babies, nature, movies, and pop culture could further enhance its appeal. Additionally, opportunities for engagement and outreach, such as contests, podcasts, schedules, and activities, add value to the publication. Excellent job!



AW751e Best Website – Spanish Publication

Third Place

Wednesday Wave

Diocese of St. Petersburg
Teresa Peterson, Keishla Espinal, Brittany DeHaan and Katie Camario

Clean, simple, and effective describe this layout perfectly. The combination of a left photo and right text creates a dynamic one-two punch. The text package, featuring one headline, one paragraph, and a link, is straightforward yet impactful. It's smooth and easily accessible. Having everything neatly organized at the bottom, including videos, links, statements, and events, adds to the publication's accessibility and user-friendliness. It's effortless to access all the content and delve deeper into any story or topic. While some artistic design touches could enhance its visual appeal, the current layout serves as a solid foundation. Overall, it's a well-executed design that effectively delivers its content to the audience.

Honorable Mention

Nashville Catholic Sunday Inspirations

Diocese of Nashville
Erik Ritland

Honorable Mention

Nashville Catholic Happenings

Diocese of Nashville
Erik Ritland

AW772b: Best Electronic Newsletter

First Place

EarthBeat Weekly

National Catholic Reporter

Stephanie Clary

This newsletter boasts a solid layout, effectively managing a substantial amount of material while maintaining organization and clarity. Its depth and nuance are impressive, yet it remains impeccably organized, complete with an archive—a nice touch. The layout is strong, with abundant but not overwhelming links, complemented by good images, graphics, and icons presented in various sizes and colors. Additional elements such as ads, social links, and preferences add a professional touch, while headlines are crisp and article summaries are concise and helpful. Most notably, the newsletter presents a cohesive narrative, with text and images seamlessly connecting and multiple pieces contributing to larger, emerging issues. Overall, everything is exceptionally well done.

Second Place

e-TTENTION April 2023

Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA
Taylor Henry and Archbishop Timothy Broglio

The newsletter is incredibly hyperlinked, resembling a Wikipedia page at times, but this structure is fitting for its audience of soldiers, showcasing clear rank and structured organization. The layout is simple and clean, with one large vertical column featuring a main photo with a caption, an abbreviated story, and a call-to-action button. The text is sharp and professional, bearing the mark of journalistic expertise. The focus of the publication is on individuals, serving as a platform for readers to see themselves reflected. This approach is executed exceptionally well, with the military angle present but subtle. The content is detailed, accurate, and informative, featuring professional and personalized spotlights. Additionally, the inclusion of an events calendar at the end encourages reader involvement. Overall, a commendable effort on all fronts.

Third Place

Knightline

Knights of Columbus
Editorial staff

This work is solid and completely in line with its intended tone. The design demonstrates excellent structure and attention to detail, with a cohesive color scheme that exudes a distinct spirit. It's both an easy and interesting read, capturing the essence of its subject matter (CK) effortlessly. The longer you look, the more captivating it becomes, thanks to its consistent tone of voice. The writing is sharp and detailed, complemented by good quality photos, resulting in a well-packaged and professionally produced publication. Overall, this is an excellent piece of work.

Honorable Mention

Busted Halo's Weekly Newsletter

Busted Halo
The Busted Halo Staff

It's clear that a lot of effort went into this, and it's exceptionally well done. It's just a shame that it's so short. With a bit more content, it might have been a strong contender for the top spot.

Honorable Mention

Grotto Network Weekly Newsletter

Grotto Network
Makaela Douglas

C351c: Best Facebook Account – Diocesan Bishop

Communication Awards

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

First Place

Catholic Charities: Inspired to Act

The Compass
Sarah Gietman

The layout and visual design brings this campaign to life without appearing gaudy or over-the-top in such a way as to engage and motivate the reader to support the mission. A beautiful piece with a focused message.

Second Place

Celebrating 170 Years of Generosity

Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington
Communications and Development Team

A unique and interesting approach to both lay out and messaging. Piece allows reader to dive as deep as their interest into the content without losing the focus on the call to action.

Third Place

The 2023 Catholic School Fundraiser

DeSales Media Group
Geony Ayaad, John Alexander, JT Beissel,
Damayanti Chakravarty, Kristina Valente and Vito Formica

The straightforward and fun/casual style of this piece made it stand out. It communicated its message in a light and a engaging way.

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

First Place

Catholic Communications Campaign

Catholic Diocese of Arlington
Arlington Communications Department

Super fun. Face paced and entertaining. On par. I wanted to give and learn more about the wonderful work of the communications department!

Second Place

Diocesan Services Appeal 2023

Diocese of Lansing
Matt Riedl

Straight forward and to the point. Good job engaging audience and telling a story.

Honorable Mention

Celebrating 170 Years of the Diocese of Burlington

Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington
Steve Giroux

Honorable Mention

As the Father has sent Me, even so I send You

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend



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

C305a: Best Diocesan Pastoral Message

First Place

Invitation to SonShine Mass & Catholic Schools Week

Diocese of Beaumont
Bishop David Toups, Jose Flores

Solid presentation with clear effective message. This piece captures the viewer's attention and holds it.

Second Place

I AM - Diocese of Orange Eucharistic Congress 2023

Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange
Shay Ryan, David Calavitta and Chris Tran

Powerful message that is communicated clearly and interestingly. High quality piece.

Third Place

Silent Night | Christmas 2023 with Bishop Boyea

Diocese of Lansing
Matt Riedl

This piece is both intriguing and beautifully crafted. It captivates the viewer's interest from the beginning and holds it throughout. Bravo indeed!

Honorable Mention

Run like Mary Magdalene

Diocese of Nashville
Bishop J. Mark Spalding, Bill Staley and Preston Thompson

Honorable Mention

Thanksgiving Message

Diocese of Beaumont
Bishop David Toups, Jose Flores

C305b: Best Diocesan Pastoral Message

First Place

Letter to the parishes of Erie County

Catholic Diocese of Erie
The Most Rev. Lawrence Persico, Bishop of Erie
A clear and persuasive letter that provides important context to readers around pastoral planning. This letter is thoughtful and approaches challenges directly yet with compassion.

Second Place

Saint Mary's Compromising its Identity as A Catholic Woman's College

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

A well-written letter that uses Church teachings to make key points.

Third Place

As The Father Has Sent Me, So I Send You A – Pastoral Letter

The Central Minnesota Catholic
Bishop Patrick Neary, C.S.C.

This letter is both comprehensive and easy to use. The reflection questions are a great way to engage the audience.

Honorable Mention

That They Might Have Life: A Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila

Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communications
Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila

Honorable Mention

The Church Forward

Diocese of Pittsburgh
Bishop David A. Zubik

C315: Best Initiative or Campaign – Package

First Place

Keep Catholic Safe

The Catholic University of America
Marlee Berlan, Anna Capizzi, Ric Colegrove, Dan Drummond, Nicole Germain, Josh Harless, Karna Lozoya, Lauren McMahon, Matthew Palmer, Kristin Reavey and Maria Sousa

Bold graphics and clean, concise messages make this entry stand out in a very crowded field.

Second Place

Partners in the Gospel initiative launched January 2023

Northwest Catholic
Communications Team

A comprehensive campaign on pastoral planning that uses short, digestible messages and videos to provide audiences with the depth of information they need and want.

KEEP CATHOLIC SAFE.

C315: Best Initiative or Campaign – Package

Third Place

Defend Ohio This November, Vote NO on Issue 1

The Catholic Telegraph

Mike Schafer, Jennifer Schack, Trenton Scroggins, Taylor Motley and Margaret Swensen

This campaign features comprehensive yet easy-to-read messages that help clarify complex issues. Well done.

Honorable Mention

On the Road to Emmaus with Bishop Boyea

Diocese of Lansing

Matt Riedl and David Kerr

Honorable Mention

Do you see what I see?

Catholic Diocese of Erie

Elizabeth Butterfield

C316: Hot Topic - The Eucharistic Revival

First Place

Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus Staff

Excellent multimedia work that engages audiences and meets them where they are. Explainer videos, movie-like trailers, and a procession guide all make it easy for people to both understand the Eucharistic Revival and engage with it.

Second Place

KNOW HIM: Eucharistic Revival in the Diocese of Greensburg

Diocese of Greensburg

Mary Seamans, Cliff Gorski, Jordan Whiteko, Beth Tallentire, Robin Mull, Jennifer Miele, John Zylka, Bishop Larry J. Kulick, Vincent Reilly and Monsignor Raymond Riffle

Creative and engaging messages to encourage participate in unique events. The Saint Sync app was an especially fun touch! Well done!

Third Place

Why Mass?

Diocese of Des Moines/The Catholic Mirror

Anne Marie Cox, John Gaffney, Kelly Franzen, Tom Quinlan, Kristi Quinlan and Jon Leonetti

High-quality work that provides clear, concise information to those wanting to learn more about Catholic Mass.

Honorable Mention

Eucharistic Processions on the Streets of Orange County

Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange

John Girone, Shay Ryan and Kaylee Toole

Honorable Mention

Diocese of Saint Cloud – Eucharistic Revival website

The Central Minnesota Catholic

Barb Simon-Johnson and Staff

C317: Best Package – Political Issues

First Place

Fisheries to Farmlands: A Pilgrimage in Integral Ecology

Jesuit Conference

MegAnne Liebsch, Eric Clayton

This focus on Jesuit efforts in Kenya and Zambia to draw attention to Pope Francis' call for integral ecology - the connection between humans and the environment. - is beautifully illustrated and highly readable. It avoids the politically charged phrase climate change and instead focuses on its impact and the work of those helping to ease that impact. Videos add a welcome addition.

Second Place

Statewide Catholic Action Plan to Defeat Issue 1

Catholic Conference of Ohio

Catholic Conference of Ohio Staff, Archdiocese of Cincinnati Staff, Diocese of Cleveland Staff, Diocese of Columbus Staff, Diocese of Steubenville Staff, Diocese of Toledo Staff and Diocese of Youngstown Staff

An amazingly strong grass roots effort to defeat the Ohio referendum on abortion. Church going Catholics were targeted in numerous ways and numerous times. That the referendum passed was in no way a reflection on that effort.

Third Place

Defeat the Reproductive Health Act

Michigan Catholic Conference

Strong op ed opinion pieces by knowledgeable medical experts formed the core of this well-planned effort to stop Michigan from broadening abortion access. The writing was to the point and highlighted some dangerous medical outcomes that can result from abortions. . .

C321: Best Press Release

First Place

Population Council Press Release

Michigan Catholic Conference

Michigan Catholic Conference

This piece makes a clear claim in a straightforward but with empathic effort making it stand out among others.

Second Place

Moral Injury Explored in 2023 Chaplain Convocations

Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

Taylor Henry, Writer, and Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Publisher

The quality of this piece lies in its ability to give a well-rounded view citing stakeholders as it generates interest and empathy from the reader.

Third Place

Pope Francis names Las Vegas an Archdiocese

Archdiocese of Las Vegas

Montie Chavez

The interest generated from the topic is mirrored in the effectiveness to draw attention to newly created archdiocese and its leader.

Honorable Mention

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, Offers Hope During Mental Illness Awareness Week

Diocese of Metuchen

Gerald Wutkowski, Jr., Assistant Director and Tiffany Workman, Communications Specialist

Honorable Mention

Knights of Columbus Celebrates One Million Coats Donated Through Its Coats for Kids Program

Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus Corporate Communications Department

C325a: Best Audio/Video Interview

First Place

Catholic Echo Podcast Episode 5 (Pastoral Letter: Practicing Faith, Hope and Love)

Catholic Diocese of Youngstown

Rev. James Korda, Bishop David J. Bonnar, Robert Gavalier and Justin Huyck

This interview is engaging and professional, while still having a casual and conversational tone. The audio is high quality and the topic is relevant and draws in listeners. Very well done!

Second Place

Faith and Politics with Senator Tim Kaine

Jesuit Conference

Mike Jordan Laskey and Marcus Bleech

The audio is high quality and the conversation is engaging and informative. The interviewer has great questions and the interviewee is professional and enthusiastic.

Third Place

Bishop Bill Muhm and Ms. Carrie Bucalo on Child Sex Abuse

Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

Taylor Henry, Bishop Bill Muhm and Carrie Bucalo

The speakers communicate an important and necessary topic, and the piece is very informative and collaborative.

C325b: Best Audio/Video Interview

First Place

“God’s Creation Needs You” Video Series

Catholic Climate Covenant

Catholic Climate Covenant, Armando MultiMedia, Catholic Communication Campaign

The individual submissions - and indeed this entire series - provides high-quality visual support of critical importance to our world today. Powerful soundbites, audio production and imagery combine to create a masterful and moving product. What little it lacks in polished interview technique in a few areas, this product more than makes up for

with overall interview subject access, candor, and dramatic impact. The totality of the underlying theme and messaging, combined with the exceptional post-production of what must have been thousands of media files, is impressive!

Second Place

No Longer Out of Reach

The Catholic University of America
Dan Drummond, Mariana Barillas, Karna Lozoya, Anna Capizzi, and Darker Than Blue Productions
Exceptional visual media production! In-depth and extremely thorough personal interviews, mixed with critical historical imagery providing context, help make this an important and substantial submission. Stellar production value. Well planned and executed.

Third Place

On his 75th Birthday, Archbishop Vigneron Gives God Thanks for a Lifetime of Blessings

Archdiocese of Detroit
Andrew Kleczek, Rick Giffin, Emily Mentock, Edmundo Reyes
Superb use of high-quality interview imagery and aerial video, interwoven with archival footage and a comprehensive narrative, help make this a strong submission and a terrific example of visual media product design.

Honorable Mention

New Life is Possible: Stories of Recovery

Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communications
Neil McDonough and André Escaleira, Jr.

C331: Best Podcast

First Place

Diocese of Orange Podcasts

Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange
Jim Governale
This podcast exudes a breezy and conversational tone, blending light-heartedness with well-executed interviews with local figures. It stands out from the competition with subtle polish and sophistication evident in its high-quality editing, music, and sound production. Stylized features like "Sounds from the Sanctuary" add a unique flavor and identity to the podcast, reminiscent of the Phantom of the Opera. Additionally, the podcast excels in place setting, consistently reminding listeners of its location and vividly describing the setting, creating a desire to visit Christ Cathedral. Overall, it is a professional, stylish, high-quality, unique, and enjoyable production.

Second Place

AMDG: A Jesuit Podcast

Jesuit Conference
Mike Jordan Laskey, Eric Clayton, MegAnne Liebsch, Marcus Bleech and Becky Sindelar
This podcast carries a vibe reminiscent of NPR, and it's a compliment in the best way possible. While the host may stumble a bit when drifting off script, his excellent radio voice and the overall quality of the show shine through. The guests featured are among the best in the competition, and the topics covered are fantastic. The discourse and storytelling are superb, making this podcast a definite keeper.

Third Place

Catholic Military Life - 2023 Episodes

Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA
Taylor Henry and Archbishop Timothy Broglio

As I continued listening, I found myself increasingly drawn to this podcast. Set in DC, it exudes a certain intellectual polish evident in the timbre of the voices, the caliber of guests it attracts, and the type of discourse it encourages. The topics covered are incredibly relevant, and the guests are fantastic—experts on their subjects and highly informative. The show maintains a focused and efficient approach, avoiding wasted time or rambling. Overall, it is a professional production from top to bottom.

Honorable Mention

Gaudium et Spes Podcast

Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee
Bishop William A. Wack, CSC, Susanne McNinch, Chez Filippini, Derek Dimond and Kanobia Russell-Blackmon

Honorable Mention

Inside the Diocese of Knoxville

Diocese of Knoxville
Jim Wogan

C332: Best Podcast Series

First Place

AMDG Podcast: The Arts and Ignatian Spirituality Series

Jesuit Conference
Mike Jordan Laskey, Eric Clayton, MegAnne Liebsch, Marcus Bleech and Becky Sindelar
This 10-part series is truly impressive. The conversation flows smoothly and is well-paced, maintaining a thoughtful and intellectual tone while keeping the momentum going. The topics covered, ranging from art-related subjects to interactive events, film, TV, comedy, acting, and music, are timely, relevant, and engaging. With top-notch guests, the series stands out from the competition, offering polished content and in-depth discourse. While episodes may run a bit long (at over 50 minutes), this is a minor critique considering the overall quality of the series.

Second Place

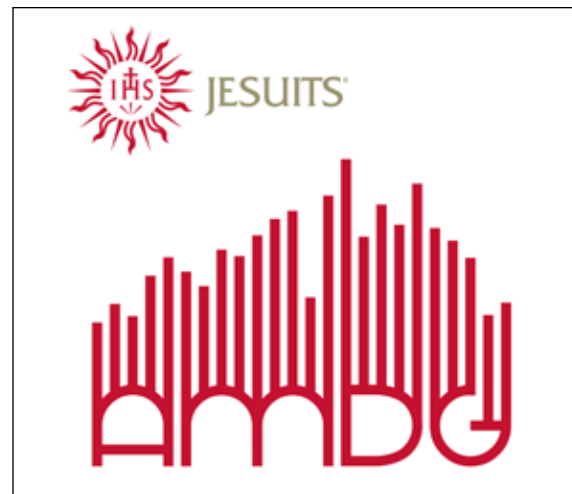
The SEEK Podcast

FOCUS
Kaylee Stoll, Maclaine Noah, Madison Rogers and Joseph Chase
These excitable, energetic live shows bring something extra to the table by being recorded in front of a live audience. The nervousness and background noise add authenticity and a sense of immediacy that resonates with listeners. The mix of different voices, including high-quality storytellers, further distinguishes this production. The discussions cover a range of topics before seamlessly shifting back to theology, creating a unique blend reminiscent of stand-up comedy combined with priestly reflections. The exceptional momentum of the conversations can evoke smiles and laughter, akin to a ball rolling downhill. Additionally, the presentations are expertly packaged with excellent editing. Great job all around!

Third Place

The Catholic Accent Podcast

Diocese of Greensburg
Jordan Whiteko, Robin Mull, Fr. Chris Pujol, Fr. Andrew Hamilton, Jennifer Miele, Vincent Reilly, Bishop Larry J. Kulick and the Staff of The Catholic Accent
The hosts of this podcast exhibit great chemistry,



C332: Best Podcast Series

clearly benefiting from their experience working together. Their discussions showcase exceptional depth and layers, delving straight into theology without veering into pop culture territory. The topics are intriguing, with a strong emphasis on scripture that enriches the content. The banter between the hosts is fresh and often yields insightful gems. The professional setup, including the in-house studio, adds another dimension to the recordings. However, it's the genuine camaraderie between the hosts that truly sets this podcast apart.

Honorable Mention

Talking Saints

Diocese of Camden, Communications Department
Laurie Power, Pete Sanchez and Mike Walsh

Honorable Mention

Eye of the Hurricane

Diocese of Nashville
Sagrado Corazon de Jesus

C341: Best External E-newsletter

First Place

The Central Minnesota Catholic - Friday Feed

The Central Minnesota Catholic
The Central Minnesota Catholic Staff
Clean and inviting design, with appropriate news items that are easy to peruse.

Second Place

Bishop's Friday Memo

Diocese of Lansing
David Kerr
This weekly newsletter uses strong art and design to draw readers in.

Third Place

CC Weekly News & events around the Catholic Charities network

Catholic Charities USA
Bill Gangluff, Christina Kilroy, Elias Kontogiannis and Tiarra Rush
Easy-to-read newsletter that nicely arranges components, including fun items such as the photo of the week or inspirational quote.

Honorable Mention

Together on the Journey

Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis
Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis
Communications Team

Honorable Mention

Weekly Newsletter - Unleash the Gospel
 Archdiocese of Detroit
 Emily Mentock, Leah Butalid and Meg Pilcher

C351b: Best Social Media Account – Diocesan Bishop

First Place

Instagram: Bishop Kevin Sweeney
 Diocese of Paterson
 Bishop Kevin Sweeney and Communications Staff of Paterson Diocese
This account has lots of eyecatching photos and reels. The engagement is excellent and there is an ample following.

C351c: Best Social Media Account – Diocesan Bishop

First Place

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades
 Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
 Joshua Schipper
This profile shows excellent engagement, growth, and creative posts. The use of social media trends, hashtags, and analytics is effective and professional. I can see how much time and effort is put into this Facebook profile!

Second Place

Bishop Daniel E. Thomas Facebook
 Diocese of Toledo
 Bishop Daniel E. Thomas
This profile has a great following and high level of engagement. There has been effective improvement and substantial growth.

C352: Best Use of Social Media

First Place

Unleash the Gospel Social Media Accounts
 Archdiocese of Detroit
 Emily Mentock, Edmundo Reyes and Leah Butalid
Creative, fun, and attention-grabbing graphics engage audiences and encourage sharing. Great job!

Second Place

FOCUS Catholic Social Media
 FOCUS
 Kaylee Stoll, Maclaine Noah and Madison Rogers
Great use of TED Talk-style videos with thought-provoking speakers.

Third Place

Archdiocese of Denver
 Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communications



C361: Best New Website



C341: Best External E-newsletter

Andre Escaleira, Jr. and Office of Marketing and Communications Staff
Engaging posts with striking artwork and graphics. Nicely done!

Honorable Mention

Catholic University
 The Catholic University of America
 Lauren McMahon and Maria Sousa

Honorable Mention

@DioceseofLansing
 Diocese of Lansing
 David Kerr and Matt Riedl

C361: Best New Website

First Place

Jesuit Media Lab website
 Jesuit Conference
 Jesuit Conference Communications Team and Bend Marketing
A beautiful, simple, and easy-to-navigate site, its mobile-first and polished design recommend it for recognition.

Second Place

New Michigan Catholic Conference Website
 Michigan Catholic Conference
 Michigan Catholic Conference
This site excels in organizing its complicated and distinct functions into accessible, relatively easy-to-navigate sections - a difficult task which is accomplished well here.

Third Place

CCConnect
 Catholic Charities USA
 Bill Gangluff, Christina Kilroy, Elias Kontogiannis and Tierra Rush
This site merits recognition for achieving the ambitious task of building a new social network that is both useful and polished.

Honorable Mention

Neighbors, Not Strangers Microsite
 Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc (CLINIC)
 Kathleen Kollman Birch, Bryan Hanger and Jeremy Dickey

Honorable Mention

www.RCAN.org
 Archdiocese of Newark
 Alexandra Rojas and Maria Margiotta

Magazine Division

GM111a: Magazine of the Year – National General Interest

First Place

U.S. Catholic

The U.S. Catholic Staff

Exceptional presentations. Excellent use of mixed visuals. Relevant, engaging articles provide thoughtful insights, perspectives on a breadth of current and historical issues. In-depth reports, reviews, poetry, columns — all the varied elements work together to sustain interest from front cover to back and create a comprehensive whole.

Second Place

St. Anthony Messenger

Franciscan Media

St. Anthony Messenger Staff

Crisp, clean presentation in words and images. Engaging, comprehensive, diverse coverage, from range of topics (including briefs) through to in-depth features.

Third Place

Columbia

Knights of Columbus

Columbia Staff

Inviting layout. Intriguing features. Flush with myriad diverse news items and updates.

Honorable Mention

America Magazine

America Media

The Editors and Staff of America Media

GM111b: Magazine of the Year - Diocesan

First Place

North Texas Catholic

Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth

Susan Moses, Christina Benavides, Juan Guajardo, Rosa Rosales and Pat Svacina

This magazine was very comprehensive. The variety of articles and sections was impressive. What stood out most was the artwork and stunning photography. Excellence personified.

Second Place

Faith Erie Magazine

Catholic Diocese of Erie

Vincent Dragone

This magazine is beautifully designed and looks like something produced by Conde Nast. The articles and quality of reporting make this a top contender. Truly excellent.

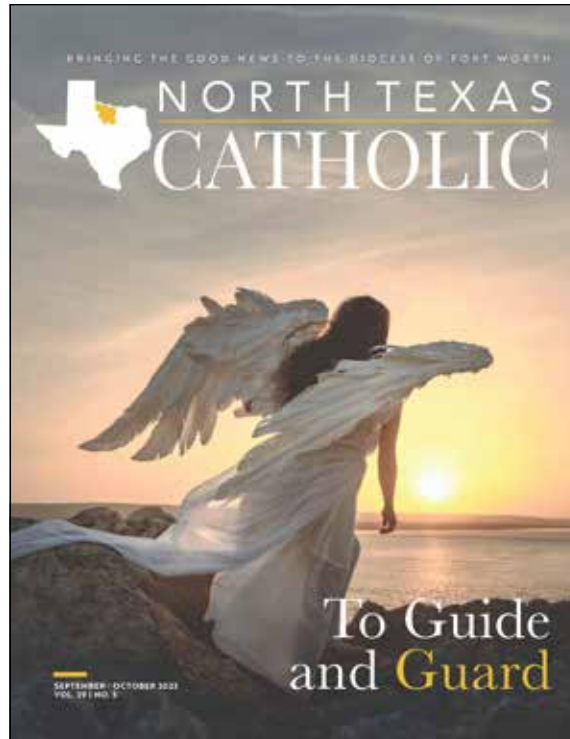
Third Place

Vermont Catholic

Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington

Vermont Catholic Staff

This wealth of articles in this quarterly magazine was impressive. The design elements made this a pleasure to read but the focus on community made this entry stand out.



GM111b: Magazine of the Year - Diocesan



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

Honorable Mention

Angelus

Angelus Staff

Excellent news coverage that goes beyond the LA Archdiocese and includes social justice stories about the Los Angeles area.

Honorable Mention

The Valley Catholic: The Magazine for the Catholic Diocese of San José

Diocese of San Jose

Marissa Nichols, The DSJ Communications Office Staff

I loved the fact that this entry had all of the articles published in three languages. Very impressive.

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

First Place

Maryknoll Magazine

Maryknoll

The Maryknoll Magazine staff

Impressive collections of stories, photography and coverage from all corners of the world. Written and edited with clarity, authority and strong focus. Inspirational and incisive coverage by a very strong team.

Second Place

ONE Magazine

The ONE Magazine Editorial Team

I was impressed by the global sweep of the coverage in these issues. Important, topical and vivid coverage from some of the most troubled corners of the world combined with strong messages of faith and resilience.

Third Place

Comboni Missions Magazine

Comboni Missionaries

Kathleen M. Carroll and Comboni Missionaries Staff

Honorable Mention

Mission

The Pontifical Mission Societies

Inés San Martín

Honorable Mention

Catholic Missions In Canada Magazine

Catholic Missions In Canada

Stephanie Reilander, Rev. David Reilander, Lina Kim, Joe Gennaro and Adam Helmers

GM111d: Magazine of the Year – Religious Order

First Place

Jesuits USA Midwest Province Magazine

Midwest Jesuits

Midwest Jesuits Staff

Top-notch editorial content that engages and inspires readers, matched with clean design and engaging art. Every edition is high quality from front cover to back.

Second Place

Saint Vincent Monks

Archabbey Publications

Kim Metzgar

Engaging stories on interesting topics make this one a winner. The use of art to help illustrate pieces (particularly the story on bookbinding) is helpful for readers.

GM111e: Magazine of the Year - Professional and Special Interest Including Clergy, Religious, Prayer and Spiritual Magazines

First Place

Living Our Catholic Identity; Thinking Strategically; Opening Doors: Access to Care; Improving the Patient Experience

Catholic Health Association



M321a: Best Annual Report – (Arch) Diocesan Finances

Betsy Taylor, Charlotte Kelley and Norma Klingsick *Attractive, creative, inviting colorful graphics adorn the Catholic Health Progress. The well-written and interesting articles they complement tackle a range of relevant issues and concerns that appeal not only to health professionals but any aware Catholic. The range of topics is treated with depth and breadth with facts, data, stories, interviews, salient quotes. What a pleasure to view and read!*

Second Place

Connection Magazine (NETWORK)

NETWORK

Don Clemmer and Maggie Powell

Starting with a sharp, highly readable table of contents Network provides a consistent vision of its mission focus on social justice. The phrase “Speak Truth to Power” comes to mind as a type of mantra girding the content, photos and graphics of the magazine. The strong articles filled with facts and theological and philosophical witness keep the reader engaged (and hopeful).

Third Place

Communicate to advance the Kingdom

FAITH Catholic

FAITH Graphic Design Team

This special publication focused on tools for evangelization reports on a wide variety of approaches to sharing and deepening the Catholic faith. Using a wide variety of approaches in text, graphics, diagrams, word maps and great photos the focus does provide a “how to” for church entities looking to expand their repertoire of approaches to evangelization.

Honorable Mention

Embodied

Embodied Publishing

Ann Gundlach, Editor, and Christina Ries, Senior Editor

Great informative table of contents. Articles are well written and cover a wide range of relevant topics.

Honorable Mention

Kairos Global Magazine

Kairos Media

Kairos Media Staff



M321b: Best Annual Report – Catholic Non-Profit Organization

M321a: Best Annual Report – (Arch) Diocesan Finances

First Place

Archdiocese of Seattle Annual Report 2021-2022

Northwest Catholic Communications Team

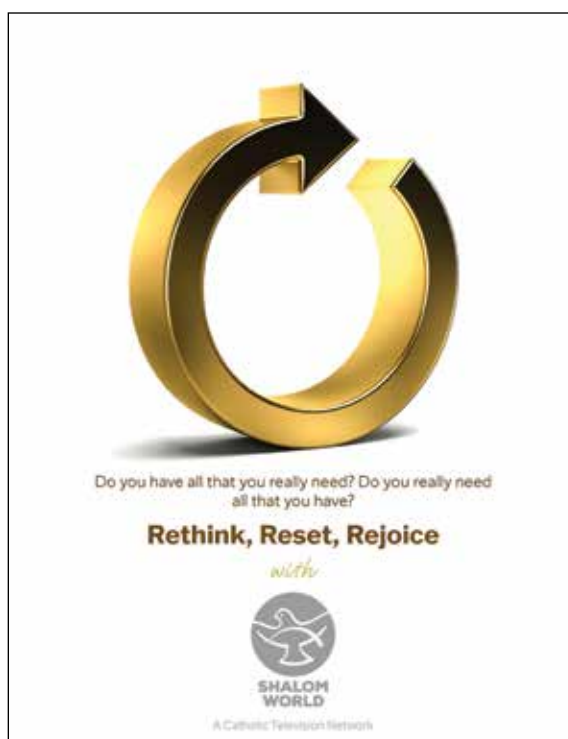
Anything and everything you wanted to know about the archdiocese is included in this comprehensive report, including clear examples of community impact and financial stewardship. While the report is long, the plethora of graphics and excellent photos, and distinct look and style with plenty of white space make this report a visually pleasing and relatively quick read.

Second Place

Financial Summary for Fiscal Year 2022

Tennessee Register Diocese of Nashville

The cover is bold and inviting. The diocese’s strategy, goals, and impact are clearly communicated. The financial highlight breakout box is a nice feature,



M323: Best Ad Copywriting

helping the reader understand the most important numbers quickly. The airy design of the tables and charts uses white space effectively, helping the reader consume all the information easily.

Third Place

Annual Report - Diocese of St. Cloud Curia Offices

The Central Minnesota Catholic Diocese of St. Cloud

The short and to the point report makes this an easy and quick read. The goal of responsible stewardship and gratitude for supporters are clearly expressed by the bishop’s sincere letter. And the financials are clearly presented.

M321b: Best Annual Report – Catholic Non-Profit Organization

First Place

More than a Century of Service

Voices in Mission and Ministry Adrian Dominican Sisters Communications and Development Offices

This publication has all the essential features of an impact report, but its special expression of gratitude recognizing every supporter makes this report stand out. The personal touch is demonstrated by comprehensive lists of benefactors, giving circle members, legacy givers, and tributes/memorials recognition.

Second Place

Maryknoll Impact Report

Maryknoll

Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers

The numerous impact feature stories of each area of ministry and feature stories on notable supporters make this report shine. Its packed full of information and photos. The table of contents communicates the publication’s information - everything an effective impact report should contain - succinctly and clearly, laying out a clear path for the reader.

Third Place

2022-2023 Impact and Stewardship Report

Glenmary Home Missioners

Chris Phelps and Cassie Magnotta

The community’s needs and ministry’s goals and impact are clearly presented. And the numerous



M325: Best Promotional House Ad

infographics are quite effective in communicating important information. The QR codes are a nice touch to spur engagement.

Honorable Mention

Vermont Catholic Community Foundation Annual Report

Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington Communications and Development Teams

M323: Best Ad Copywriting

First Place

Shalom World

Shalom Media
Maria Teres Sebastian

Effective use of white space and striking 3-D image make this ad pop. Alliterative and punchy headline leads to simple copy that easily and clearly communicates the message.

Second Place

The Impact of an Envelope

Diocese of Shreveport
Lucy Medvec; Bishop Francis Malone; and Kirsten Shrewsberry

The interesting composition of the main image in shape and color and the correlative headline create immediate intrigue. The goal of the ad is connected to the call to action in a detailed way.

Third Place

#FulcrumYes Campaign

Northwest Catholic
Keri Hake and Fulcrum Foundation

Dramatic image and large font of headline capture attention quickly. Use of the color red to connect the word Yes throughout is effective at driving home the point of the ad.

M325: Best Promotional House Ad

First Place

Shalom World

Shalom Media
Ann Maria Mathew

The minimalist design packs big punch with the dominant orange color popping off the page and the secondary white color complementing the orange with a distinct contrast. The copy explains the purpose of the ad clearly.

Second Place

Catholic Times-Magazine of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Diocese of Springfield in Illinois
Carole Flaherty

The classic video thumbnail/teaser design of multiple layers of images, outlined figures, artsy headline, and color explosion make this ad stand out. The graphics, in concert with the copy, makes the call to action compelling.

Third Place

Northwest Catholic Journal

Northwest Catholic
Keri Hake and Joan Patterson

The ad is effective because the headline quickly pulls the reader in, and then it's right to the call to action. Sans serif font fidelity and variation in point sizes, spacing, and splashes of color, make for a consistent, pleasing look.

M331: Best Media Kit 2023

First Place

2023 Media Kit

Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communications
Michael O'Neill and Patrick Finegan

This media kit is especially compelling due to its strong readership statistics and testimonials from both readers and advertisers. The information is clear, well-organized, and comprehensive.



Second Place

Northwest Catholic Media Kit

Northwest Catholic
Keri Hake and Joan Patterson

This media kit uses graphics especially well, presenting information in an inviting and easy-to-read format that will draw in advertisers.

Third Place

The Catholic Telegraph Media Kit 2023

The Catholic Telegraph
Emma Cassani and Graham Galloway

Beautiful design and quotes from readers helps this media kit stand out. Well done.

Honorable Mention

On Mission Media Kit

The Compass
Amy Kawula and Sue Simoens

M347: Best Special Supplement or Special Issue with Advertising Emphasis

First Place

Christmas Gift Guide 2023

Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communications
Michael O'Neill

This special Christmas gift guide features an excellent layout and design, which holds a reader's attention and draws them to advertisements. Excellent work.

Second Place

Northwest Catholic - Religious Life & Graduations, June/July

Northwest Catholic
Keri Hake and Creative Studio

The special issue did a nice job of incorporating ads congratulating jubilarians and ordinands.

M351a: Best Layout of an Article or Column – Diocesan Magazine

First Place

Best Layout - The Rosary, Denver Catholic

Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communications
Dr. R. Jared Staudt

This layout is truly a work of art! The synergy between the title and the



image of Our Holy Mother of God is striking and unique. The chosen photo perfectly encapsulates the essence of the article, evoking joy, holiness, and the endearing presence of Baby Jesus. The design's triumph in this contest is well-deserved!

Second Place

Best Layout - Holy Face Chaplet, Denver Catholic

Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communications
The Denver Catholic Staff

The color selection in this design was incredibly astute, and the interaction between the Shroud of Turin, the title, and the copy is truly impactful. The use of a heavy font for the title adds to the message's power. Despite the risk of using white color in the two columns on page one, it was expertly managed. On page two, the seamless interaction between the Holy Rosary and the explanation of each component makes for a fluid and easily digestible reading experience. Overall, this design is exquisite and highly effective. Great work!

Third Place

Best Layout: Generational Faith, Denver Catholic

Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communications
Daniel Campbell

First page is very powerful. The chosen image of Red See invites to start reading right away! In addition to this, the smart font decision for title and its transparency use works very efficiently and complements the image! The following two pages are the right complement to the first one, and their components are very well integrated. Amazing work!

Honorable Mention

Painting Pilgrimage

Graceful Living
Keith Tarjanyi and Annie Lust

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

First Place

A rich poverty in Bangladesh

Maryknoll
Michael Calvente

This article and photo layout captures the reader's heart and imagination with a simple yet profound message of self-giving and love. The story features elderly Fr. Robert McCahill and his devotion to the people of Bangladesh over decades. Attractive visuals capture the humble priest in a variety of settings with people of many generations and complement the text...a great read for anyone needing to be reminded of the core of the Christian spirit.

Second Place

No Turning Back

ONE Magazine
Paul Grillo

Heart-wrenching photos tell the story even better than the words that accompany them in this article. The poignant tales of the plight of refugees repeat all too often. This article and its visual portrayal carry a punch and yank at our hearts and souls.

Third Place

Black Catholics Reflect on Their Calling

The Josephite Harvest
Pantea A. Tofangchi



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

The striking cover photo, title, and descriptor say it all reminding readers of the gift and prayerful contributions of the Black Catholic Community. The montage of larger than life posters of Black Catholic saints in the making provides a visual reminder as well.

Honorable Mention

St. Patrick's spirit in America

Catholic Extension
Catholic Extension Staff

Honorable Mention

Glenmary Challenge - Volunteer Impact

Glenmary Home Missioners
Emilie Winner

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

First Place

Healing in the Metaverse

The Catholic University of America
Kristin Reavey

What a great pairing of text and photos in this layout. The geometric shapes and space images accompany a story about the use of technology in nursing education. Adding the clinical shots stitches it all together. The eye travels easily through text and image.

Second Place

Mission to the Origins of the Universe

Knights of Columbus
Columbia Staff

The space motif and text link hand in hand to bring the reader into the story. Vibrant colorful photos please the eye and set the stage for the text.

Third Place

Embracing Generations

The Catholic University of America
Kristin Reavey

The focus on people and a very special person at Catholic University is a welcome perspective and well deserved honor for a community member who has served so faithfully. The pictorial timeline comparing the work of Miss Willie and university

history is especially meaningful.

Honorable Mention

Bookbinding Captivates Monk's Creativity

Archabbey Publications
Kim Metzgar

The page layout takes readers/viewers through the book-binding process in a way that makes it feel as if we are in the workshop. The creativity was appreciated.

M351e: Best Layout of an Article or column - Scholarly Magazine, Prayer and Spirituality Magazines and Print Newsletters

First Place

Catholics and media use: New research points to an integrated approach to Catholic communications

FAITH Catholic
Rachel Squibbs

Graphic variety and color made this entry stand out. It was both visually appealing and made the data heavy information understandable. Well done!

Second Place

After much hardship, Ikenna has found a spiritual home

FAITH Catholic
Beatriz Strobel and Jim Luning

The design elements and the content of the article are completely in sync. I love the context the designer provided about using the Yoruba coastline as her inspiration. Solid work.

Third Place

Kairos Global - Design

Kairos Media
Kairos Media Staff and Mustard Tree Designers

All of the Kairos entries had some beautiful design elements that enhanced the narrative. Uploads 7 and 8 were particularly strong.

Honorable Mention

A work of the Holy Spirit: Implementing the Eucharistic Revival

FAITH Catholic
Stacy Love



M352: Hot Topic – Eucharistic Revival

Beautiful use of color and shading made this design and story pop. I also like the breakdown of a Q and A instead of a full narrative article.

M352: Hot Topic – Eucharistic Revival

First Place

A mother, a relic and a daughter

Catholic Diocese of Erie
Anne-Marie Welsh and Vince Dragone

The stories in this entry were cohesive and so interesting. The unique approach to the Eucharistic Revival and the beautifully written copy made this magazine a standout.

Second Place

Hot Topic: Eucharistic Revival Parish Year articles

Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communications
Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila, S.T.L., Mallory Smyth and Aaron Lambert

This entry was the most comprehensive and offered a variety of stories on the Eucharistic Revival. The graphic design and the photography also helped make this entry a winner.

Third Place

April 24 | The Road to Emmaus

FAITH Magazine | Diocese of Lansing
Staff

Solid writing, a beautiful cover photo and design elements made this entry a top contender. Excellent use of color and graphics.

Honorable Mention

Eucharistic Revival coverage

The Central Minnesota Catholic
Kristi Anderson, Dianne Towalski and Barb Simon-Johnson

Honorable Mention

Eucharistic Revival: KNOW HIM

Diocese of Greensburg
Mary Seamans, Cliff Gorski, Jordan Whiteko, Beth Tallentire, Robin Mull, Jennifer Miele, John Zylka, Bishop Larry J. Kulick, Vincent Reilly and Monsignor Raymond Riffle

M361a: Best Cover Color – Small (up to 6 x 9½”)

First Place

The purpose is love

Maryknoll
Paul Jeffrey and Regina Gelfer

Excellent, vibrant composition that conveys sustaining power of love across generations.

M361b: Best Cover Color – Large (over 6 x 9½”)

First Place

Best cover: Easter 2023, Denver Catholic

Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communications
Patrick Finegan and Filippo Piccone

This cover is representative of a number of excellent submissions from this organization. It excels in every criteria: a bright, colorful photo that calls attention to itself; this is made masterful by the synergy of a smart typography; clean, skillful, layout; and attention to negative space.



Second Place

ONE Magazine - June 2023

ONE Magazine
Paul Grillo, Tamara Abdul Hadi and ONE Editorial Team

A dramatic and striking photo paired with a sharp, clean layout and a strong call to action recommends this cover for recognition.

Third Place

Glenmary Challenge Autumn 2023

Glenmary Home Missioners
Emilie Winner, Glenn McInnes and Glenmary Communications / Marketing Department

Among the submissions featuring illustrated covers, this submission stands out for its combination of arresting visuals, thoughtful and skilled layout, and competent graphics.

Honorable Mention

The genius of St. Therese

Angelus
Jacob Popcak

Honorable Mention

July/August 2023 | Welcome to Cottonwood Farm

FAITH Magazine | Diocese of Lansing
Matt Riedl and Patrick Dally

M361c: Best Cover Black-and-White – Any Size

First Place

Catholic Times-Magazine of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Diocese of Springfield in Illinois
Carole Flaherty

Engaging, high-energy image captures and conveys special edition topic: relevance/value of history.

M371: Best Use of Typography

First Place

Targeted Twice

ONE Magazine
Paul Grillo

The leery, shadowed faces of the children and black gradient on the left sets the perfect tone for the ominous story. The dramatic full page photo, headline placement on the black background, and mirrored words playing off the word “twice” make this a visually stunning design.

Second Place

Breaking the Silence

ONE Magazine
Paul Grillo

The art headline plays well with the image of water, with its rippling font and the word “silence” perfect for describing a still water. The mirrored, upside down image makes the layout attention-grabbing and compelling.

Third Place

Life and death

The Catholic Review
Gabriella Ferraro O'Brien

The bold, striking headline of shocking words portends a shocking story. The colors of the words also reflect the meanings of the words perfectly. The drop cap connects the headline to the breakout lead-in, which is effective in breaking up the design because of its explanatory length and single column width compared the three-column story.

Honorable Mention

Mission Accomplished

The Josephite Harvest
Pantea A. Tofangchi

Honorable Mention

Clearing a Path to a Safe Future

Knights of Columbus
Mateusz Ziomber

M511: Best Guest Column/ Commentary

First Place

Parable – The beauty of creation became obvious

Parable/Diocese of Manchester, New Hampshire
John Heavisides



Second Place

The Currency of the Heart

Angelus
Jennifer Hubbard

Third Place

Hamstrung in Prayer

Catholic Medical Association
Lealani Mae Y. Acosta, MD

Honorable Mention

The Most Beautiful Death

Diocese of Shreveport
Very Reverend Monsignor Matthew T. Long, Vicar General, Kirsten Shrewsbury, Editor, and Bishop Francis Malone, Publisher

Honorable Mention

Recentering

Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communications
Father Daniel Ciucci

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

First Place

Desire Lines

Angelus
Heather King
Clear, unapologetic, honest, exposed. Engaging columns that resonate as they speak to the sweep of humanity absent airs.



M371: Best Use of Typography

M513b: Best Regular Column - Bishop's Column in a Diocesan Magazine

First Place

From the Bishop

The Central Minnesota Catholic
Bishop Patrick Neary, C.S.C.

Clean, clear, relatable. Effectively communicates the intrinsic nature of the ordinary and insights to reply with a natural, extraordinary response.

Second Place

Ask Bishop Schuster

Northwest Catholic
Bishop Frank Schuster

Down-to-earth insights. Effective use of intriguing, real-life stories to captivate reader and illuminate topics.

Third Place

For The Tood

Diocese of Beaumont
Bishop David L. Toups

Straightforward presentation of societal problems. Plain yet profound guidance on how to respond.

Honorable Mention

Charity in truth

The Catholic Review
Archbishop William E. Lori

Honorable Mention

Walking By Faith Together

The Catholic Echo
Bishop David J. Bonnar

M513c: Best Regular Column - Family Life

First Place

Living Liturgically

FAITH Magazine | Diocese of Lansing
Richard Budd

Relatable columns that provide guidance and context around family issues. The piece on sinning and the Sacred Heart was especially powerful.

Second Place

With grace

Angelus
Dr. Grazie Pozo Christie

The author uses descriptive writing and heartfelt anecdotes to connect with readers. Great job.

Third Place

Fathers for Good

Knights of Columbus
Soren Johnson, Philip Kosloski and Ryan Foley

Strong, concise writing that provides readers with ideas and guidance on managing family issues.

Honorable Mention

Catholic at Home

The Catholic Telegraph
Katie Sciba

Honorable Mention

New Evangelization

Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington
Deacon Phil Lawson

M513d: Best Regular Column - General Commentary

First Place

Intersections

Angelus
Greg Erlandson

Clear, accessible, and powerful writing on important yet relatable topics. A joy to read. Excellent work in a crowded field!



Second Place

Simcha Fisher columns for America Magazine

America Media
Simcha Fisher

These engaging columns are interesting to read and think about — the type of work that you want your friends and family to read so you can talk about it. The strong voice helps bring a conversational tone to the work.

Third Place

Center of attention

Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth
Jeff Hedglen

These thoughtful columns provide insights and guidance to readers on a variety of topics. The column on attention spans that included tips on how to stay focused at Mass is a great example of providing useful insights.

Honorable Mention

Legatus Magazine, "Public Square" column, by Christine Valentine-Owsik

Legatus
Christine Valentine-Owsik

Honorable Mention

Amen

The Catholic Review
Christopher Gunty

M513e: Best Regular Column- Religious Life

First Place

Parable – 7 Days a Pastor

Parable/Diocese of Manchester, New Hampshire
Father Andrew Nelson

Easy-to-read and engaging columns that use heart and humor to deliver key messages to readers. Excellent work!

Second Place

Best Practices: Formation

Our Sunday Visitor
Msgr. Michael Heintz

Thought-provoking and well-written columns. The column on developing a Catholic culture was especially powerful.

Third Place

Spirited Sisters

NETWORK

Sr. Mara Rutten, RSM; Sr. Eilis McCulloh, HM; and Sr. Emily TeKolste, SP

Thought-provoking, clearly written columns on important topics including social justice. Well done.

Honorable Mention

Glenmary Challenge - From the President

Glenmary Home Missioners
Father Dan Dorsey

Honorable Mention

Continuing the Mission

The Josephite Harvest
Father Donald Fest, SSJ

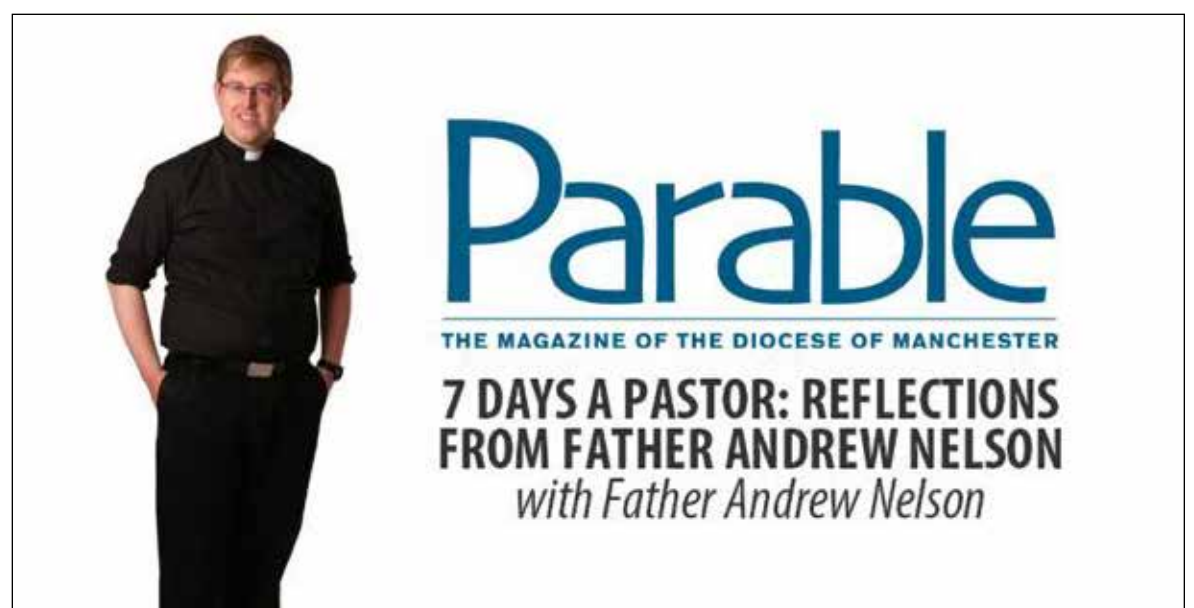
M513f: Best Regular Column- Spiritual Life

First Place

Q&A with Father Joseph Gill on Shalom Tidings

Shalom Media
Father Joseph Gill

Father Joseph Gill's columns, presented in a question and answer format, engage readers who likely share similar inquiries, offering both spiritual insight into the life of practicing Roman Catholics and practical advice for navigating life's challenges. Despite their breezy and conversational writing style, the columns are firmly rooted in



M513e: Best Regular Column- Religious Life



M513f: Best Regular Column- Spiritual Life

theological principles, providing a solid foundation for Father Gill's responses. These columns are not only informative but also enjoyable to read, demonstrating a balance of accessibility and theological depth.

Second Place

Reflections: The “Hyper-Reality” of the Passion

Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth
Walker Price

Romantic and filled with vivid imagery, Walker Price's “Reflections: The ‘Hyper-Reality’ of the Passion” is a joy to read, a voyage into an almost mystical union with the Passion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Third Place

Learning the Faith, Living the Faith

Knights of Columbus
Archbishop William E. Lori
Archbishop William E. Lori's “Learning the Faith, Living the Faith” columns skillfully interweave his personal experiences and observations on current challenges within the Roman Catholic Church and secular society with sound church teaching. While his spiritual advice may appear straightforward, it is actually deeply rooted in theological principles, serving as a defense against contemporary heretical notions. These columns are essential reading for Catholics across North America, offering invaluable guidance in navigating the complexities of faith and culture.

Honorable Mention

A Closer Look

The Catholic Telegraph
Dr. Kenneth Craycraft
This column could have been strengthened by placing the recommendations within the top five or six paragraphs and incorporating additional passages from the Bible and Roman Catholic teaching in the Catechism of the Catholic Church to support the position of openness to immigration. As it currently stands, there is a lack of theological perspective in the column to substantiate the assertion that “National security and safety interests cannot be ignored in immigration and refugee policy, but for Christians, these are secondary, not primary considerations.”

M521a: Best Coverage — Ecumenical/Interfaith Issues

First Place

**“For God’s Sake, Do Something Brave!”
Voices of Karlsruhe 2022 on Renewal,
Reconciliation, and the Realignment of the
Heart - Part One**

Franciscan Friars of the Atonement - Graymoor
Dr. Aaron Hollander and Rev. James Loughran, SA
The author thoughtfully leads participants in a conversation about what ecumenism means in practice at a particularly fraught time. The report is well-edited and gives readers deep insight about the themes of the event.

M521b: Best Coverage — Immigration

First Place

**No Turning Back, Vulnerable by War, Far
From Home, Drawn By Illusion**

ONE Magazine
Gohar Abrahamyan, Nazik Armenakyan, Claudia Ciobanu, Konstantin Chernichkin, Rosabel Crean, Raghida Skaff, Hikma A. Abdulmejid and Abenezzer Israel
These searing stories of refugees and migrant workers center the people who are directly affected, giving them opportunities to explain in their own words how their lives have changed, what they miss about their homes and what they hope for the future. The pieces are powerfully written, informative and emotional.

Second Place

**Borders of hope, World Watch, The Passion
of the Monarca Migrant, Serving Migrant
Martyrs in Taiwan, Christian Charity in
Action**

Maryknoll
Andrea Moreno-Díaz, Thomas Gould, Leonel Yoque, Paul Jeffrey and Charles Niece
This profile of a missionary priest who serves Filipino workers in Taiwan uses in-depth reporting and photography about one community to knowledgeably explore the challenges that migrant laborers face to their health and dignity.

M521c: Best Coverage — Religious Liberty Issues

First Place

Columbia
Knights of Columbus
Brian Caulfield, Elizabeth Kirk, Patrick E. Kelly
These timely, relevant articles draw on research, recent news, US Supreme Court cases and Catholic teachings to inform readers about current issues involving religious freedom.

M521e: Best Coverage — Disaster or Crisis

First Place

Armenia Coverage
ONE Magazine
Gohar Abrahamyan, Nazik Armenakyan and Olivia Poust
Outstanding, in-depth coverage of Armenia featuring strong reporting, powerful writing, and striking art.

Second Place

ONE Magazine - War in Ukraine
ONE Magazine
Barb Frazee, Claudia Ciobanu and Konstantin Chernichkin
This coverage of Ukraine uses personal stories to go beyond headlines and provide context and understanding of people affected by the war.

Third Place

Solidarity with Ukraine
Knights of Columbus
Mateusz Solarz, Mateusz Ziomber, Karolina Swider, Peter Gedicks and Columbia Staff
Strong coverage of the war in Ukraine backed by clear writing and context for how the Knights of Columbus are helping victims of the war.

Honorable Mention

**Mourning a peacemaker; Asking for
answers; Signs to carry on**
Angelus
Pablo Kay, Tom Hoffarth and Ann Rodgers

Honorable Mention

Train Derailment in East Palestine, Ohio
The Catholic Echo
The Catholic Echo Staff and the Diocese of Youngstown Communication Department

M521f: Best Coverage — Political Issues

First Place

**Medicaid, Ukraine, Palliative and Hospice
Care, and Mental Health**
Catholic Health Association
Paulo G. Pontemayor, Bruce Compton, Michael Connelly and Clay O'Dell
Excellent coverage of highly charged, relevant topics that consistently color politics. Thorough and well documented.

Second Place

Connection Magazine (NETWORK)
NETWORK
Nora Bradbury-Haehl, Briana Jansky and Ronnate Asirwatham

Good presentation of current, relevant topics.
Thoughtful and thought-provoking articles.

M521g: Best Coverage – Pro-Life Issues

First Place

America Magazine Pro-Life Issues Coverage

America Media

Kerry Weber, J.D. Long-García, Mary Hallan FioRito, Kathleen Bonnette and the Editors of America Magazine

In-depth, nuanced reporting on a range of topics, coupled with strong writing — an outstanding example of how to cover these sensitive and important issues.

Second Place

Columbia

Knights of Columbus

Carl Bunderson, Christina Francis, Elisha Valladares-Cormier, Cecilia Hadley and Columbia staff

In-depth coverage and persuasive writing make these entries stand out.

Third Place

Catholic University's Radical Welcome For Families

The Catholic University of America

Mariana Barillas, Cecilia Engbert, Nicole Germain and Patrick Ryan

Easy-to-read and accessible coverage that helps clear up misconceptions.

M521h: Best Coverage – Racial Inequalities

First Place

Racial inequities

The Catholic Review

Kyle Taylor and Christopher Gunty

Well-written and well-illustrated articles tell the stories of those seeking to literally and figuratively unearth deep-rooted, pervasive racial inequities. Excellent portrayal of need to address historic roots of racial inequity or otherwise fuel its insidious persistence.

Second Place

Connection Magazine (NETWORK)

NETWORK

Leticia Ochoa Adams, Elissa Hackerson, Jarrett Smith and Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman

Articles effectively articulate current challenges due to racial inequities and paths to resolution. The articles also reveal that paths to resolution require addressing a longstanding unwillingness to acknowledge historic, systemic racism.

M531: Best Editorial

First Place

There's a mental crisis among teens. The Catholic Church needs to respond.

America Media

The Editors of America Magazine

Well-written and research editorial about the often-ignored subject concerning the serious mental health crisis among U.S. teenagers, which deepened during the pandemic. The editorial aptly lays out the issue and why the church needs to be involved in the addressing the issue.



M521f: Best Coverage – Political Issues

Second Place

Four ways the Catholic Church can actually listen more to young people

America Media

The Editors of America Magazine

Very pointed and necessary editorial focused on how and why it's necessary to include young people in the church. As so aptly noted, it's essential the harness the restless creative energy of you people in service of the kingdom. The editorial does an admirable job in supporting that position.

Third Place

Ethics in the Age of AI

Franciscan Media

Daniel Imwalle

Honorable Mention

Beginning to Listen

Catholic Medical Association

Barbara Golder

M533a: Best Essay – Diocesan Magazine

First Place

Parable – Pilgrimages: An outward journey to an inward place

Parable/Diocese of Manchester, New Hampshire
Gary Bouchard

Highly accessible insights into how the ordinary is truly extraordinary. Provides context/meaning of pilgrimage, underscoring that an arduous journey is not the sole marker of pilgrimage; rather, everyday journeys can lead to transformative growth.

Second Place

The Benedict generation

Angelus

Elise Italiano Ureneck

Excellent storytelling. Candid snapshot of tumultuous period in time that colored a generation and culminated with a path forward that remains relevant today and resonates across generations.

Third Place

Here come the "Tradwives"

Angelus

Elise Italiano Ureneck

Candid, compelling commentary supported by data and references. Highlights the hazard of trading on trends versus applying lessons from history to inform the present.

Honorable Mention

A giant for the small ones

Angelus

Father Peter John Cameron, OP

Honorable Mention

Faith West Tennessee: A Heavenly Friendship: Cardinal George, a Friend of Mine

Catholic Diocese of Memphis

Catholic Diocese of Memphis / Faith West Tennessee



M521g: Best Coverage – Pro-Life Issues

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

First Place

Symbol or Saint? Mary, Mother of God, in the Byzantine Tradition

ONE Magazine
Mary B. Cunningham

Excellent, thorough, well documented. Writer effectively and persuasively bridges and interlaces history with present day.

Second Place

Christian Charity in Action

Maryknoll
Charles Niece

Excellent essay concisely captures and unfolds a story packed with detail. Writing flows seamlessly.

Third Place

Glenmary Challenge - Smallness of Scale

Glenmary Home Missioners
Polly Duncan Collum

Effective analogy. Writer credibly puts scale in perspective, underscoring the grandeur in smallness.

Honorable Mention

Mission Talk

Kairos Media
Kairos Media Staff

M533c: Best Essay - National General Interest Magazines

First Place

Catholicism, authentic communion and the way out of our polarization trap

America Media
Sam Sawyer, S.J.

An excellent essay that provides well-reasoned context and in-depth understanding around the polarization gap — as well as how we can address this divide by coming together as a community.

Second Place

One Nation Under God

Franciscan Media
Christopher Heffron

A powerful essay featuring descriptive writing that places readers at the scene and helps them feel the heartbreak associated with the important issue of immigration.

Third Place

Bishop Dolan: How losing family to suicide led me to start a mental health ministry

America Media
Bishop John P. Dolan

Clear and accessible writing that uses personal examples as well as guidance from Pope Francis to help open hearts and minds around the topic of mental illness.

Honorable Mention

A creative vocation

U.S. Catholic
Cassidy Klein

Honorable Mention

Protecting Parents in a Postmodern Age

Knights of Columbus
Elizabeth Kirk

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

First Place

Finding Health: Maybe We Need To Look Elsewhere?

Catholic Health Association
Alexander Garza, MD

This is an outstanding piece — a compelling and persuasive essay that leaves readers with a greater understanding on the social determinants of health. From the opening analogy to the closing conclusions, the author does an excellent job of using both research and storytelling to communicate key points.

Second Place

A Journey to Ukraine: The Humanitarian Crisis and the Catholic Response

Catholic Health Association
Bruce Compton

A powerful piece about experiences in war-torn Ukraine. The writing includes details to help readers imagine the scenes, and the prayers throughout the piece help readers reflect and ask for God's blessings for those suffering because of the war.

Third Place

Celibate chastity: sacrifice because of the kingdom

National Religious Vocation Conference
Father Douglas-Adam Greer, O.P.

Clear, compelling writing that shines thanks to the personal, heartfelt examples and practical tips.

Honorable Mention

Power and Suffering in the Church

Franciscan Friars of the Atonement - Graymoor
Britta Meiers Carlson, Author; Dr. Aaron Hollander, Editor; and Rev. James Loughran, SA, Associate Editor

M533g: Best Essay - Scholarly Magazines

First Place

“Just the Facts Ma’am”: Moral and Ethical Considerations for Artificial Intelligence in Medicine and its Potential to Impact Patient Autonomy and Hope

Catholic Medical Association
Charles S. Love, MATL

My words here won't do this article justice. It was so refreshing, as a scholar, to see both science and matters of faith discussed so skillfully in a single document. The author makes a compelling case that hope is essential to human health, and that the danger of AI in healthcare is that it denies patients of the hope that is so often transmitted in person-to-person care. I would consider this a must-read for healthcare professionals.

Second Place

A Pilgrimage to See the Holy Father: Or, the Modern Papacy Through the Stereoscope

American Catholic Studies
Catherine R. Osborne

This work is superbly researched and written, but it's strength is the rich interpretation offered

throughout, but particularly in its final arguments. The writer expertly considers a long-ago-forgotten technology (the stereoscope) as a lens to consider more modern communication technologies. This is fine work.

Third Place

Difficult Women and Dangerous Memories: Silenced, Suppressed, and Misrepresented Founders in the History of American Religious Life

American Catholic Studies
Margaret Susan Thompson

The author applied rigor to the research and expertly wrote of the archival access (most granted, some denied) as evidence. The interpretation offered is rich. Great work.

Honorable Mention

Thoughts in Solitude During and After Covid

Catholic Medical Association
Deacon Greg Kandra

Certainly, the author spent considerable time in reflection concerning some of the events experienced during the COVID pandemic. Contained within this article are a number of relevant calls to action for the Church.

M537a: Best Feature Article - Diocesan Magazines

First Place

Small Town, Big Heart

Catholic Diocese of Erie
Vincent Dragone

This emotional and well-written feature takes readers behind the scenes of how a Pennsylvania pastor came to sponsor a Ukrainian refugee family to resettle in the United States. The story has strong interviews that show the friendships that have been built and the lengths that people will go to help one another.

Second Place

Focused on what Jesus wants us to do

St. Louis Review
Laura Kosta

This in-depth feature uses excellent narrative writing to profile two women who are the last of their community serving a rural parish ministry. Though nothing in the story is overtly dramatic, the piece becomes deeply moving through the anecdotes that illustrate their dedication.

Third Place

Believe us

The Catholic Review
George P. Matysek Jr.

This important story centers the responses of two women who were abused as children to the release of the Maryland attorney general's report on sexual abuse in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The story sensitively covers their range of emotions and provides valuable context to help readers understand the lifelong consequences of the abuse.

Honorable Mention

Faith, friendship in uncertain times

Diocese of Raleigh NC Catholics
Kate Turgeon
NC Catholics

Honorable Mention

Human KINDness

St. Louis Review
Jennifer Brinker

M537b: Best Feature Article - Mission Magazines (Overseas and Home)**First Place****Sinking Deeper**

ONE Magazine
Alicia Medina

This is textbook feature writing: Drop the audience into a scene (the child playing music at a school), break it out into a larger story of a bigger problem, then circle back to the school again. The journalism educator in me would score this the highest because of the care taking in building this structure. Nice work.

Second Place**No Turning Back**

ONE Magazine
Gohar Abrahamyan

The writer demonstrates his presence at the encampment with details only an observer could observe. This brings an important issue to light for the reader.

Third Place**A Wave of New Young Priests**

Catholic Extension
Catholic Extension Staff

The writer presents rich profile evidence of contemporary priests emerging in Arkansas. They are presented as very human and fun to be around — traits that would engage readers of this publication.

Honorable Mention**Erasing Identity**

ONE Magazine
Olivia Poust

The writer expertly sheds light on what — unfortunately — has become a common tactic in wars: the destruction of cultural artifacts and historical buildings that are important to the culture.



M537e: Best Feature Article - Prayer and Spirituality Magazines

Honorable Mention**Critical Feeding Program in Crisis**

Comboni Missionaries
Kathleen M. Carroll

M537c: Best Feature Article - National General Interest Magazines**First Place****A Hero Priest's Return to Kansas**

Knights of Columbus
Tom Hoopes

This was beautifully written and inspiring. It not only tells the remarkable story of a chaplain, but the deep affection so many had for him. I appreciate the expert storytelling exhibited here.

Second Place**Campus culture of life**

U.S. Catholic
Kelly Sankowski

This takes on an important topic for higher education today and does so with an emphasis on solutions.

Third Place**Embracing Generations**

The Catholic University of America
Cecilia Engbert

Ms. Willie is an inspiration, and the writer did a good job of letting her (and her many admirers) tell the story.

Honorable Mention**Keeping an eye on the devil: How should today's Catholics think about the prince of darkness?**

America Media
Michael J. O'Loughlin

M537d: Best Feature Article - Print Newsletters**First Place****Finding Hope in Christ's Resurrection**

The Christophers
Tony Rossi, Mary Ellen Robinson and Jeff Thureau

Outstanding union of theology with the issues faced in daily life that shows how one helps the other like an understanding of the Resurrection keeps us going when faced with stress caused by such tough issues as terminal illness. We also are reminded that sadness is a part of life but that we can overcome those valleys. Also, a light but thoughtful sidebar asking, How High is Heaven?

Second Place**Follow God's Path Towards Joy**

The Christophers
Tony Rossi, Mary Ellen Robinson and Jeff Thureau

The glory of joy shows through in good times of course, but this well put together collection of thoughtful insights also explores how to reach for joy in the darkest of times by searching for even a glimmer of hope. That search allows us to survive.

M537e: Best Feature Article - Prayer and Spirituality Magazines**First Place**

Kairos Global - In Focus articles

Kairos Media
Kairos Media Staff

This one entry includes seven thought provoking articles that can enlighten those seeking a better understanding of themselves, what should motivate them (and what should not), and suggestions on how to navigate life. So we get tips on self-control, signposts to let us know if we are progressing, what chastity really is, ideas on overcoming depression, the influence of the music we listen to and finally the importance of the church in the lives of youth. Readers must be willing to sit and read, but their attention will be rewarded by the Indepth look at what ails so many of us.

M537f: Best Feature Article - Professional and Special-Interest, Including Clergy and Religious**First Place****Women of Alabaster**

John Stegeman
John Stegeman

This is an empathetic, carefully observed and beautifully written profile of a pastor who ministers to women struggling with addiction and prostitution.

Second Place**The vow of celibacy in real life**

National Religious Vocation Conference
Sister Julia Walsh, F.S.P.A.; Father Kevin Zubel, C.Ss.R.; and Sister Romina S. Sapinoso, S.C.

These first-person narratives give unique insight into the responsibilities, rewards and challenges of taking a vow of celibacy. Each testimony is honest, revealing and powerful.

Third Place**Can "Extended Reality" Technology Bring More Humanity to Health Care?**

Catholic Health Association
Kelly Bilodeau

This explanatory feature on using "extended reality" in health care brought unexpected revelations, such as the technology's ability to help control pain and even to reduce one's fear of dying. I was surprised by how much I learned and by how engaging the topic was.

M537g: Best Feature Article - Religious Order Magazines**First Place****Bookbinding Captivates Monk's Creativity**

Archabbey Publications
Kim Metzgar

Incredibly interesting and unique story full of rich details about the tradition and painstaking process of bookbinding in monastic communities. Text combined with photos made for a wonderful, not often told story.

Second Place**Fullness of Life at Emusoi**

Maryknoll
Gregg Brekke

Story is vividly reported and focuses not only on the sisters and their work in Tanzania, but also on those whose lives they are affecting so dramatically. So much colorful detail. Story is one of faith and hope.

Third Place

Virginia Beach Parish Working Great Things In Community

Archabbey Publications
Kim Metzgar

A detailed story on monks who are serving a parish in a Benedictine atmosphere in Virginia. A great rundown of all that the parish offers and how the community has embraced its assets and mission.

M537h: Best Feature Article - Scholarly Magazines

First Place

Did Jesus Die by Suffocation?: An Appraisal of the Evidence

Catholic Medical Association
Thomas W. McGovern, MD; David A. Kaminskas, MD; and Eustace S. Fernandes, MD

This scholarly feature is deeply researched and convincingly written, delving into a difficult topic and drawing an even more challenging conclusion. Contrary to the long-held belief that asphyxiation was the primary cause of death in crucifixion victims, particularly when their feet were attached to the cross and their arms stretched out and attached to the patibulum, the writers use their research to propose an alternative explanation for Jesus's cause of death.

Second Place

The Challenge of Peace: Reflections on the 40th Anniversary of the U.S. Bishops' Peace Pastoral

American Catholic Studies
Nicholas Rademacher, Lisa Sowle Cahill, Bishop John Stowe and Donna Toliver Grimes

A timely and thoughtful story examining the need to expand the thought process on peace in order to make it more inclusive and tied to elements of justice. A solid and convincing case is made for what needs to be done to keep the church a relevant presence for peace.

Third Place

Physician Ownership for the Virtuous Practice of Medicine

Catholic Medical Association
Brandon Joa, MD, MA

This work tackles an important and timely issue and one that will likely affect us all - the shift from physicians as owners or shareholders of practices to being employees of corporations. The writers convincingly argue that ownership is not a morally neutral consideration but is important for safeguarding the traditions of virtue in the medical profession.

M541: Best Title and Lead-In

First Place

Clearing a Path to a Safe Future

Knights of Columbus
Mateusz Ziomber and Columbia Staff

The headline's double meaning - literal and metaphorical - works well to draw the reader into the story. Its first couple paragraphs quickly immerse the reader with powerful, yet unemotional writing.

Second Place

The Habit of Joy

Graceful Living
Keith Tarjanyi, Annie Lust, Kelly Donaghy and Nathan Volker

The best headlines function on a couple levels (double meaning of the word "habit") without being too simplistic. This writer nails it, especially in the lead-in paragraph where all the ways the subject is happy in her life are detailed.

Third Place

Erasing Identity

ONE Magazine
Olivia Poust

The sadness of this subject is palpable immediately in the lead-in with a metaphor of a destroyed body and Ukraine's destroyed culture. Using the word "erasing" in the headline is a strong choice.

Honorable Mention

'Bee Philosophy' has created a buzz at St. Monica-St. Michael School

Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington
Cori Fugere Urban

Honorable Mention

Faith in the Center

Knights of Columbus
Columbia Staff

M545: Best Interview

First Place

Remembering Cecilia

Faith Salina
Katherine Hamel

The first paragraph introduces us to 7-year-old Cecilia, painting a picture of her vibrant personality with sparkling eyes, a freckled face, and a spunky attitude. However, tragedy strikes in the second paragraph as she is hit and killed by a car. The focus then shifts to the mother's agonizing struggle with life, grappling with questions about God and religion. Ultimately, the narrative concludes with a sense of God prevailing. This story serves as an outstanding primer for navigating sudden loss, grief, and the journey toward recovery.

Second Place

Catholic Times-Magazine of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Diocese of Springfield in Illinois
Andrew Hansen

It's all here, all the issues everyone struggles with but would rather not talk about. Contraception, dating, trans, chastity, This easy to read well written and to the point piece makes it clear that proper order is important in life: Dating, marriage and then children. We are reminded that God isn't saying no. He is saying yes to happiness and spiritual joy.

Third Place

"Jesus at the Center": Jonathan Roumie

Knights of Columbus
Columbia Staff

Meet Jesus. Not the real Jesus, actor Jonathan Roumie is quick to point out. Roumie plays Jesus in the highly watched TV show, The Chosen. But he does devote his life to spiritual matters, like speaking at a March for Life rally, belonging to the Knights of Columbus and valuing his time with Jesus in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and considering his TV role as a ministry. This certain to be read, well written piece helps readers get a better glimpse into the show as well as into the life of a TV Jesus.

Honorable Mention

Faith in the Center: Luke Kornet

Knights of Columbus
Columbia Staff

Honorable Mention

A shepherd at the end of the world

Angelus
Pablo Kay

M551: Best Explanation of Marriage

First Place

Marriage takes 3: Katie and Teddy Sweeney rely on God, each other, and the graces of their sacramental marriage

Diocese of Pittsburgh
Theresa (Sullivan) Breitenbach

A therapist told her to divorce her husband. God told her to hang on. She listened to God and learned the true joy of marriage and the happiness that comes from, yes, sacrifice. And, also, that marriage must be based on reality, not soap operas. Very well written and to the point, this piece inspires and informs, a combo not easily achieved.

Second Place

The Indispensable Mission of the Family

Knights of Columbus
Mike Phelan, Maria Wiering and Patrick Kelly

This series of articles focuses on efforts by the Knights of Columbus to strengthen marriages through practical advice and Biblical history. We are reminded of the challenges, but also the joys of marriage and raising a family. A foundation of faith and a willingness to sacrifice for others are keys. Articles are full of example of those who have found joy following those guidelines.

Third Place

On Marriage

Kairos Media
Kairos Media Staff

The narrative begins with Adam, followed by Eve, highlighting the ancient origins of marriage as a foundational aspect of human existence, a testament to its significance in the eyes of God. Today, we are reminded of the enduring importance of marriage and encouraged to uphold this heritage. The thoughtful details provided in an easy-to-read format offer valuable insights into the timeless institution of marriage.

Honorable Mention

Why should I get married in the Catholic Church?

Northwest Catholic
Kianna Romo

Honorable Mention

Glenmary Challenge - Married Mission Ministry

Glenmary Home Missioners
John Feister

M571b: Personality Profiles - Laity

First Place

Redeemed

FAITH Magazine | Diocese of Lansing
Matt Riedl, Stephanie Van Koevering

Outstanding profile of a retired CEO who dusted off his Bible and began to understand what life is about, from nourishing his faith to nourishing a struggling tree. Meaningful quotes move the story along as we learn about repurposing life and repurposing old buildings.

Second Place

Parable – Song of Salvation

Parable/Diocese of Manchester, New Hampshire
Gary Bouchard

“I was homeless and addicted.” And with that opening line we are led into the lives of the addicted and those who help the addicted in the form of one woman and a couple, along with help from God. A compelling story expertly crafted and full of quotes that keep the story moving.

Third Place

Remarkable talent

The Catholic Review
George P. Matysek Jr.

Wonderfully crafted piece bringing us into the world of a young church organist who at 21 uses hands and feet to propel music throughout a cathedral, music he describes as sometimes weeping and sometimes heavy. The story sends us into this music and into the life of the person who joyfully powers musical sermons into our lives.

Honorable Mention

Faith comes alive for deaf and hard of hearing with interpreted Mass

The Central Minnesota Catholic
Nikki Rajala

Honorable Mention

Really Living the Gospel

Maryknoll
Meinrad Scherer-Emunds

M571c: Personality Profiles – Religious Leaders

First Place

A Rich Poverty in Bangladesh

Maryknoll
Paul Jeffrey

The article provides outstanding detail, painting a vivid picture of the daily routine of a Catholic priest in predominantly Muslim communities of Bangladesh. From his cup, plate, and pot to his breakfast of eggs and bananas, every aspect of his life is meticulously described. His Catholicism is defined by service rather than conversion, a philosophy embraced by the local population, with a focus on health-related assistance. The pacing of the piece is wonderful, allowing readers to immerse themselves fully in the life of this dedicated priest.

Second Place

The Nun Hit by a Brick: Sister Angelica Schultz and the Struggle for Civil Rights in Chicago

American Catholic Studies
Jennifer Daubenmier and Judith Daubenmier
A white nun hit on the head by a brick hurled from a white mostly Catholic mob in the racially tense Chicago of 1966 cries out for more detail. And this interesting and informative piece responds. Authors provide background of both Sister Angelica Schultz and the Martin Luther King integration efforts, bringing them together on that traumatic day.



M575: Best Reporting on a Special Age Group

Third Place

Untying the Knots of Colonialism

Catholic Missions In Canada
Sr. Teresita Kambeitz, OSU

Domination of indigenous people in Canada has been well documented but here we get a marvelous look at one nun who did what she could to ease that burden. She gave compassion and attention to burdens carried by a largely ignored people. This well told story details some of the trauma she tried easing. It is the careful combination of those details with her efforts that create a highly readable story.

Honorable Mention

A Hero Priest's Return to Kansas

Knights of Columbus
Tom Hoopes, John Woods

Honorable Mention

Saying Goodbye to a Man of the Church

Knights of Columbus
Columbia staff, Patrick Kelly and Alton Pelowski

M574: Best Original Poetry

First Place

Letter to Myself While Learning to Read

America Media
Laurinda Lind

This poem is a gorgeous depiction of a child's attempt to connect and not feel so rejected. The device of reading books fulfills, partially, the child's need by bringing those characters to life with vivid imagery.

Second Place

From guilt to grace

Angelus
Dr. Grazie Pozo Christie

The personification of guilt, sin as a bird works well to portray the narrator's conflict. By the end, we see that the poem is functioning as prayer - an insightful evolution in the narrative voice.

Third Place

In the Spirit of St. Francis

Maryknoll
Joseph R. Veneroso, M.M.

The poem successfully mimics scripture, while creating its own meaning. Using the poem as prayer is an effective device.

M575: Best Reporting on a Special Age Group

First Place

The Spirit Alive

St. Louis Review
Jennifer Brinker, Jacob Wiegand

This story beautifully articulates what is at the heart of many in youth ministry — they want to provide the same experience with God as they were blessed to receive so many years ago. This story is beautifully told.

Second Place

Helping priests navigate the challenges of aging

Northwest Catholic
Morningstar Stevenson

The writer looks at the Church's care of senior-aged priests with a positive, solution-based approach.

Third Place

Praying them home

Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth
Joan Kurkowski-Gillen, Juan Guajardo, Carolina Boelter and Kevin Bartram

This was a very solution-based look at the trend of young people leaving the Church. Well-researched and well-written.

Honorable Mention

The Future of Our Church

Midwest Jesuits
Patricia McGeever

Honorable Mention

Unleashing the Power of Youth

Comboni Missionaries
Maura Lamb

M576: Best Reporting on Catholic Education

First Place

Fishy business

The Catholic Review
George P. Matysek Jr.

This story of one small program at one school recognizes innovation and creativity that should inspire everyone who plays a role in Christian education.

Second Place

Steeped and schooled in faith

Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth
Susan Moses, Rodger Mallison, Kevin Bartram and Juan Guajardo

I think this was a creative idea — to randomly “drop in” on Christian education to get a glimpse on what's happening. This one feature story had four mini-feature stories within it. Nice work.

Third Place**Small school, big difference**

Angelus
Ann Rodgers

Thorough description of the innovative “microschool” model in one community.

Honorable Mention**50th Anniversary of the Partnership Program: A Celebration of Change on Campus**

The Catholic University of America
Mariana Barillas

Within this tribute story of Catholic University of America’s Partnership Program is a nice story about an enduring friendship.

M577: Best Reporting of the Celebration of a Sacrament**First Place****Crossroads: A son’s journey home**

Faith Salina
Katherine Hamel

The article “Crossroad: A son’s journey home” is truly riveting, chronicling William’s struggles with PTAD. The gripping lead draws readers in, and the piece skillfully takes them along as William embarks on his return to the church. “I felt like I wasn’t made for this world. I didn’t belong anywhere,” William reflects on his life before rediscovering his faith, capturing the emotional depth of his journey.

Second Place**Glenmary Challenge - Becoming Catholic**

Glenmary Home Missioners
John Feister

The story of becoming a Catholic is personal. The article shows readers how and what moved Megan and the people and community which embraced her.

Third Place**The joy of joining the church**

Catholic Diocese of Erie
Melanie Sisinni

Faith Erie and Melanie Sisinni bring an exciting story of Keith’s entrance into the Church. A great story of the journey for folks with special needs.

Honorable Mention**When God gets close**

Angelus
Mike Aquilina

M579a: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues - Call to Family, Community, and Participation**First Place****Living a Christian Life in the Land of Jesus**

ONE Magazine
Michele Chabin

This feature, published before the Hamas attacks on Israel and the invasion of Gaza, draws attention to increasing discrimination against Christians in Israel, most of whom are Arab. It employs numerous interviews, anecdotes and research to provide credibility and context.

Second Place**Ties That Bind**

Knights of Columbus
Vickie Fee

This moving profile documents the experiences of a family that adopted two special-needs children from Ukraine and then organized trips to deliver essential goods and medical supplies to Ukrainian hospitals after the war began. Their extraordinary generosity and details from the interviews made this story so memorable.

Third Place**Vulnerable by War**

ONE Magazine
Claudia Ciobanu

This article describes how Catholic volunteers in Poland are being trained to protect Ukrainian refugees from trafficking and exploitation. The piece clearly explains why refugees are vulnerable and provides useful context through interviews with refugees, aid workers and law enforcement.

Honorable Mention**Serving the Poor with Dignity**

Maryknoll
Giovana Soria

M579b: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues - Care for God’s Creation**First Place****Clearing a Path to a Safe Future**

Knights of Columbus
Mateusz Ziomber

This fascinating story about the Knights of Columbus supporting efforts to clear landmines in Ukraine offered a new perspective on the war with careful reporting, detailed writing and excellent pacing.

Second Place**My Blissful Sojourn in the Amazon**

Maryknoll
Esperanza Principio, M.M.

This first-person account of missionary work in the Amazon thoughtfully combines personal experience, research and evocative writing to demonstrate the importance of caring for God’s creation.

Third Place**Caring for Creation is an Act of Love, Obedience, and Honor for God**

Non-Profit Religious Organization
Josh Van Cleef

This action-oriented article balances data, insights from Pope Francis’ encyclical Laudato Si’ and practical suggestions to stress the urgency of confronting the environmental crisis.

M579c: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues - Dignity and Rights of the Workers**First Place****Far From Home**

ONE Magazine
Rosabel Crean

Migrant workers are still being lured thousands of miles from home to work under abusive conditions. This thorough investigative story, challenging to report and carefully written, highlights examples of Filipino women working in Jordan and explains efforts to help them.

Second Place**Creative Solutions to Quell the Staffing Crunch**

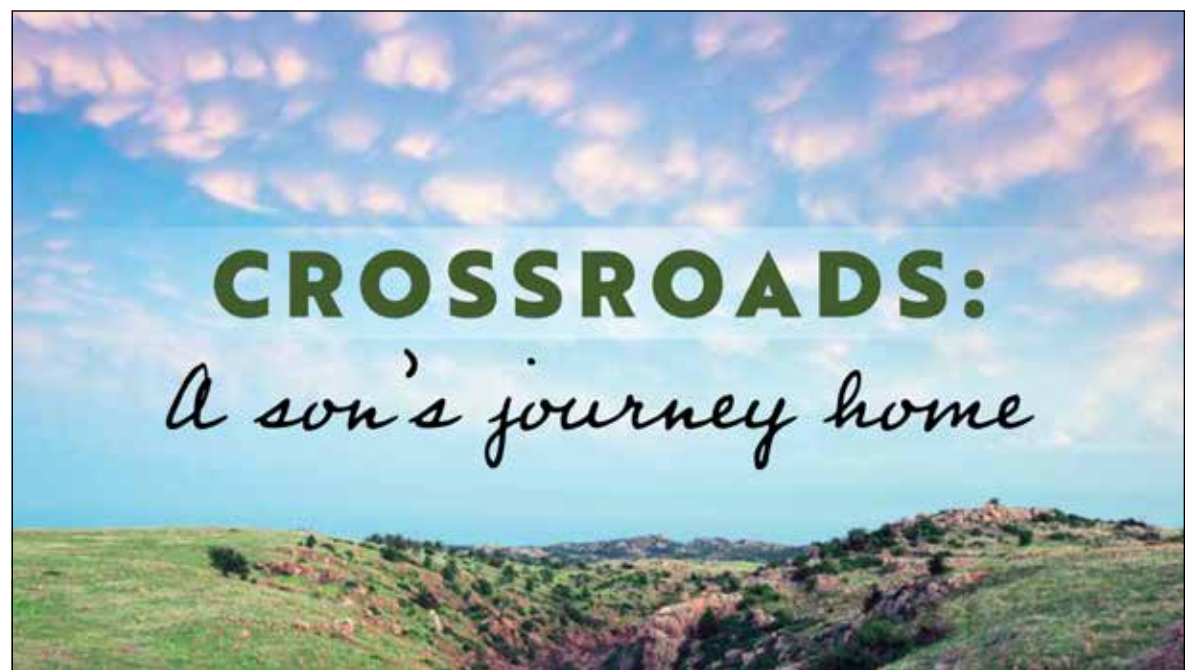
Catholic Health Association
Kelly Bilodeau

COVID-19 accelerated trends in healthcare workers leaving the workforce. This detailed explanatory article employs data and interviews to suggest useful and specific steps to encourage workers to stay.

Third Place**They Have Gold. They Need Change.**

Comboni Missionaries
Kathleen M. Carroll

This feature uses startling statistics and anecdotes to show the dangers women and children face working in mining in the DRC, and how women are working together to protect themselves and advocate for their rights.

M579d: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues - Life and Dignity of the Human Person**First Place****Caring for the Transgender Patient: Lessons**

M577: Best Reporting of the Celebration of a Sacrament

for Pastoral and Spiritual Care

Catholic Health Association
Fr. Charles E. Bouchard, OP, STD, and Jamez Terry, MDiv, BCC

This article is extremely well written and thoroughly researched. It uses a variety of reputable sources. I especially was drawn to the colorful, separated sections that emphasized important information because they added a visual component that broke up the article, making it easier to read and absorb. The topic is essential and well-covered.

Second Place

I have Down syndrome and I have no limitations

St. Louis Review
Laura Costa

This story is awesome! The writing is triumphant and courageous with a uniquely powerful message. The images are professional and creative, lending well to the subject of the article.

Third Place

Signing for a New Life

Maryknoll
Meinrad Scherer-Emunds

The cover image drew me in, but the story kept me hooked! This is a touching article about inclusivity, education, and hope.

Honorable Mention

Memories of hope

Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth
Joan Kurkowski-Gillen

Honorable Mention

Dreams Are Not Disabled

Knights of Columbus
Mateusz Solarz

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

First Place

Sinking Deeper

ONE Magazine
Alicia Medina

This article is deeply emotional, informative, and inspiring. The powerful and professional photos lend well to the effectiveness of the piece. The descriptive writing pulls in readers and leads them on a journey through a struggling Lebanon.

Second Place

Maiden, arise

ONE Magazine
Arzé Khodr

What a touching and empowering message! This article flawlessly combines a clear narrative with thorough reporting. It makes readers truly care about the human trafficking crisis in Lebanon and across the world.

Third Place

Community Clinic Delivers Care With Dignity for the Underserved

Catholic Health Association
Robert Lippman, DBH, MSW

This story flourishes with creative and informative language. It is cleanly designed and laid out, and even includes discussion questions at the end and QR code linked to a video with more information.

Honorable Mention

Targeted Twice

ONE Magazine
Gohar Abrahamyan

Honorable Mention

Critical Feeding Program in Crisis

Comboni Missionaries
Kathleen M. Carroll

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

First Place

A Letter From Georgia

ONE Magazine
Luka Kimeridze

This article is a lovely summary of Georgian history, culture, and political climate. The images are vibrant and evoke a feeling of hope and community. It is well-written and uses descriptive language to engage readers.

Second Place

To Serve and Protect

Knights of Columbus
Roy Lagarde

What an incredible story of the transformation of the Filipino police force! It is passionately and creatively written and the images are eye-catching and complimentary to the text.

Third Place

Finding Health: Maybe We Need To Look Elsewhere?

Catholic Health Association
Alexander Garza, MD

This article is extremely informative and well-researched. It contains data supported by reputable sources and explained well enough for a variety of readers to understand.



FAITH IN THE CENTER

An interview with Luke Kornet, an NBA player and Knight of Columbus, about how his love of God and family elevates his game

Luke Kornet is all about verticality. At 7 feet, 1 inch, the towering 28-year-old center for the Boston Celtics is among the 10 tallest players in the NBA this season. He is also one of the most savvy and creative.

For example, the "Kornet Contest" is a maneuver he invented to a block a shooter's view of the rim by leaping skyward with arms outstretched, from as far as 20 feet away. The tactic seemed ridiculous at first — until the percentage of missed shots proved otherwise.

"It can look really dumb," Kornet admitted, "but it seems to be pretty effective."

Now other NBA bigs routinely use the move. Off the court, Kornet made a leap of a different sort a few years ago: Struggling through potentially career-ending injuries as he played for the New York Knicks and Chicago Bulls, he made a profound religious commitment to put Christ and his family first in his life.

"My order of priority is God, then spouse, then children, and then work and everything else," Kornet said.

It was during his vertical realignment with God that he joined the Knights of Columbus, becoming a member of St. John XXIII-St. John Paul II Council 15771 in Chicago. Shortly before starting his third season with the Celtics, Kornet spoke with *Columbus* about the joys and challenges of being a committed Catholic husband, father of two and professional athlete.

COLUMBIA: Can you describe your journey into professional basketball and the role your faith played in it?
LUKE KORNET: My dad was a professional basketball player, and my older siblings and I all played basketball growing up. In my senior year of high school, I accepted a scholarship to play at Vanderbilt University, where my parents had gone. God kind of laid that out for me; it was quite a blessing.

But the first two years of college were especially challenging. For one, I came from this great Christian school where I had a lot of close friends and faith was culturally reinforced. At Vanderbilt, I still always went to Mass on Sundays and had a very firm Catholic identity, but not having that support around was quite difficult. I ended up meeting some great friends and other Catholic athletes, including my future wife, Tierney, who was in track, and we had a pretty good community by the time we were juniors or so.

As for basketball, it was a complete change because I had been playing just for fun up until then. The thought of playing professionally wasn't even in my mind until after my sophomore year, when I felt, "Oh, I could really do this." But then basketball became an identity-consuming thing for me in college; it was very difficult to find a balance. For example, we had games on Saturdays, and I remember a lot of times during Sunday Mass being consumed thinking about the game.

I then had some injuries that set me back, which in retrospect were a gift because, especially at that time, the pressure was a lot for me to handle. So I'm glad that I had all four years at Vanderbilt to grow and keep getting incrementally better.



Luke Kornet, then a forward at Vanderbilt, celebrates after sinking a 3-point shot against Kansas, Nov. 25, 2015. Kornet dropped 150 3-pointers at Vanderbilt, making him the all-time NCAA leader for players at least 7 feet tall. Opposite page: Kornet grabs one of his nine rebounds against the Brooklyn Nets in a game of the TD Garden in Boston on Nov. 10.

COLUMBIA: What was the start of your NBA career like? What were some of the ups and downs that you faced?

LUKE KORNET: After my senior year in 2017, I was not drafted but signed a contract with the New York Knicks where I split time between the NBA and the G League, followed by a regular contract the following year. I basically had a year and a half where it was all going well.

But then in December 2018, I got hit in the face in a game and broke my nose. It didn't really seem like anything, and I played throughout the rest of the season. But I started noticing that my body movements weren't really natural. I ended up signing with the Chicago Bulls that summer, not realizing that this break was affecting my body — and my shooting. I had spent my whole life primarily as a 3-point shooter, which was the main source of my confidence and identity as a basketball player. And then I couldn't shoot anymore. As 2019 went on, it became embarrassing to shoot in front of people, because I really didn't know what was going to happen.

Then I hurt my ankle, and for at least a year I was playing on an ankle that wasn't functioning properly. So this was a very difficult and challenging time. It led me to face a lot of spiritual and personal things that had been pushed to the back burner. I was just so consumed with riding this career wave that when it all crattered, there was a moment of having to be honest with myself. "What if this is all my worth, and it's gone?"

With this came a profound sense of loneliness. But Christ actually met me in that and healed a lot of things for me and

M579g: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues - Solidarity

First Place

No Turning Back

ONE Magazine
Gohar Abrahamyan

This piece is informative, has excellent eyecatching photos, and sends an emotional message straight into the heart of readers. The design of this piece adds to its effectiveness. The writing is outstanding and thoroughly descriptive. It is a wholly masterful article.

Second Place

Dreaming of Peace in Ukraine

Maryknoll
Gregg Brekke

This article starts out strong with a gorgeous and somber cover photo. The design sweeps you up in the story as it unfolds. The topic is important and the coverage is creative and thorough.

Third Place

On Shaky Ground

ONE Magazine
Arzé Khodr

This piece has stunning and effective photos and a vibrant design. It is very engaging from start to finish.

Honorable Mention

Vulnerable by War

ONE Magazine
Claudia Ciobanu

Honorable Mention

Hope for the Children of War

Knights of Columbus
Karolina Świder and Peter Gedicks

M581: Best Sports Reporting

First Place

Faith in the Center

Knights of Columbus
Columbia Staff

This article contains a touching and inspirational interview with basketball player Luke Kornet. It paints a vibrant picture of how faith can be the foundation of an athlete's life and career. It is well-written, with eyecatching photos.

Second Place

Faith, then football: Seahawk Abraham Lucas loves the game, but lives his life for God

Northwest Catholic
Jean Parietti

This article is well written, has high-quality photos, and is a touching story. It engages readers from start to finish.

Third Place

NDMU championship

The Catholic Review
Gerry Jackson

This piece is interesting and the writing is enthusiastic. The photos are exciting and elicit a feeling of celebration.

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

First Place

Religious life

The Catholic Review
George P. Matysek Jr., CR Staff
Incredibly beautiful storytelling.

Second Place

The Long and Winding Road

Patricia McGeever
Patricia McGeever

Writer presents the beauty of brevity. Excellent, concise capture of long and winding road to religious vocation.

Third Place

The Habit of Joy

Graceful Living
Keith Tarjanyi, Annie Lust, Kelly Donaghy and Nathan Volker

Captivating depiction that is immediately engaging. From its start, writer invites readers on journey of joy.

Honorable Mention

To your left and right

Diocese of Raleigh NC Catholics
Mike Watson

Honorable Mention

Saying goodbye to 'Uncle Dave'

Angelus
Pablo Kay

M587: Best Book Review Section

First Place

Book Review

The Catholic Telegraph
Dr. Kenneth Craycraft, Fr. Kyle Schnippel, Matt Swaim, Fr. Jacob Lindle and Margaret Swensen
This section works well visually and thematically. The various books' jacket photos being reviewed are included inside an illustration that gives the viewer a little clue on its subject matter. (Wood grain to represent The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.) The writing is strong throughout, with down-to-earth anecdotes from writers' lives highlighting their opinions.

Second Place

America Magazine October 2023 Book Review Section

America Media
James T. Keane

The first thing that catches the reader's attention are well-used historical photos supporting and illuminating the first book review. The writing in several reviews uses immense historical and cultural detail to good purpose to flesh out the review and provide context.

Third Place

Subversive Habits

The Josephite Harvest
Todd Karpovich

This section makes good use of color and headline style and size to grab the reader's attention with a double meaning in its headline. The review is also nicely fleshed out with an interview of the book's author.

M588: Best Review

First Place

"The Banshees of Inisherin" and the dark Catholic imagination of Martin McDonagh

America Media
Angela Alaimo O'Donnell

Lively, thorough and engaging review. Whether reader chooses to view the movie, time spent simply reading its review by this writer is time well spent.

Second Place

"Sin is the failure to bother to love": A history of Catholic ethics and morality

America Media
David Gibson

Exceptional writing that provides credible perspective on what a reader may encounter in the reviewed book. An engaging, informative review that compels a full reading of it and, likely, of the book.

Third Place

A self-conscious quest

Angelus
Joseph Joyce

Intriguing movie review that effectively deconstructs a cultural icon and all its accoutrements. The writer offers thoughtful, informed perspective.

Honorable Mention

Vatican II: Rupture or reform?

America Media
Gregory Hillis

Honorable Mention

A messy machine story

Angelus
Amy Welborn

M591: Best Seasonal Issue or Section

First Place

From Christmas to Candlemas and everything in between

The Good News
Sarah DeMott

This Candlemas issue boasts a professional and stunning design. It is easy to read, informative, and engaging from start to finish. This section does an incredible job at tying gifts to the deeper meaning of Christmas and the Catholic faith.

Second Place

My Catholic Summer

Diocese of Raleigh NC Catholics
Kate Turgeon

This cute and quirky summer edition has a great color scheme and eyecatching design throughout. It has engaging writing with a conversational tone that makes for comfortable reading. The photos are vibrant and exciting.

M591: Best Seasonal Issue or Section

Third Place

2023 Christmas Gift Guide

Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communications
Michael O'Neill

This Christmas Gift Guide has lovely illustrations and a colorful design that ties the whole piece together neatly with a bow! The gift recommendations are so helpful for readers of all ages, preferences, and budgets.

Honorable Mention

Veterans Day

Knights of Columbus
Andy Telli, Marie Mischel and Columbia Staff

Honorable Mention

November/December'23 issue of Shalom Tidings

Shalom Media
Shalom Tidings, Shalom Media

M593: Best Short Story

First Place

At the Heart

FAITH Magazine | Diocese of Lansing
Jessica Schaub

This is a story of loss, family, and the healing process. It is written with passion and has a powerful message. It is a touching story for readers who are grieving during the holidays.

M596: Best Special Issue

First Place

Living Our Catholic Identity

Catholic Health Association
Betsy Taylor, Charlotte Kelley and Norma Klingsick

This special issue is truly stunning, boasting an exceptional cohesive design. The inclusion of special graphics throughout adds a creative touch, effectively tying the articles together. The topics remain consistent with the theme, and the articles are not only well-researched and well-written but also easy to read and understand. Overall, this issue shines with its professional and beautiful production.

Second Place

Catholic Times-Magazine of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Diocese of Springfield in Illinois
Catholic Times Staff
Office of Archives and Records Management

What an eye-catching vintage design! This issue is definitely special and uniquely crafted. It is consistent, informative, well-written, and thoroughly researched. The graphics, images, and overall layout help to create a time machine on each page!

Third Place

In Memory of Bishop Emeritus Patrick J. McGrath

Diocese of San Jose
Marissa Nichols, Contributors, and DSJ
Communications Staff

This special issue is a touching and beautiful tribute. Its articles are designed with care and dedication to the theme of the issue. Each piece

is meaningful and professionally written and formatted.

Honorable Mention

September 2023 "Celebrations" Issue, The Catholic Echo

The Catholic Echo
The Catholic Echo Staff

Honorable Mention

Fighting a Crime Against Humanity

ONE Magazine
The ONE Editorial Team

M597: Best Special Section

First Place

Improving the Patient Experience

Catholic Health Association
Betsy Taylor, Charlotte Kelley, Norma Klingsick
The dynamic writing throughout the special section, "Improving the Patient Experience," earned it the distinction of being the winner for Health Progress. The diverse mix of articles, ranging from "Listening to Patients" to "Double Duty" to "Caring for the Transgender Patient," proved effective, inviting, and highly valuable. Each piece merits being required reading.

Second Place

Catholic Schools Week

The Catholic Review
Catholic Review Staff
The courage in tackling diverse topics made "Catholic School Week" a standout winner for Catholic Review. From "Robotics and Hip Hop" to "Dual Language" and features on exceptional teachers and students with special needs, each article inspired. Particularly impactful was the piece on tuition, shedding light on the cost of education and convincingly demonstrating its value.

Third Place

God Bless the Child - Best Special Section

The Monitor
The Monitor Staff and Freelance Partners
Writing about social media, poverty and innocence under siege for our children made this a compelling issue. The articles were well written and well thought out. A great issue for anyone with young adults or folks being concerned with our youth.

Honorable Mention

Back to the Classroom - "Passing Down the Faith"

The Monitor
The Monitor Staff and Freelance Partners

Honorable Mention

Why We Still March

Knights of Columbus
Columbia staff, Christina Francis, Elisha Valladares-Cormier, Carl Bunderson and Cecilia Hadley

M598a: Best Writing - Analysis

First Place

The complicated legacy of state investigations of the Catholic sex abuse crisis

America Media
Kevin Clarke

This article is a detailed exploration of the consequences of state investigations of sexual abuse in the Catholic Church. The analysis covers several examples in depth, summarizing what state reports revealed and how church policies and procedures have changed in the past 20 years.

Second Place

Mystery mission

Angelus
John L. Allen Jr.

This intriguing article uses Pope Francis' recent mysterious comments about possible efforts to broker peace in Ukraine as a jumping-off point for a historical overview of how the Vatican has ended wars in previous centuries. The piece is informative and accessible.

Third Place

Synodality and new life

National Religious Vocation Conference
Carol Schuck Scheiber
This in-depth examination of synodality offers thoughtful insights for religious communities seeking to attract new members. It is well-informed, concrete and clearly structured.

M598b: Best Writing - In-Depth

First Place

Searching for 'Saint' Charlene

Angelus
Rafael Alvarez
Rafael Alvarez's "Searching for 'Saint' Charlene" is a touching tribute to a young girl whose life and faith served as inspiration to many. In the midst of challenges facing the church and the world, this story is a blessing, reminding us that even those with very little can respond to God's call with heroic virtue. Alvarez's beautifully written, detailed, and poignant narrative invites readers to feel intimately connected to a simple faith and the depth of Roman Catholic teaching.

Second Place

When a Catholic diocese goes bankrupt, does it help or hurt sex abuse survivors?

America Media
Michael J. O'Loughlin and Christopher Parker
Michael J. O'Loughlin and Christopher Parker's report, "When a Catholic diocese goes bankrupt, does it help or hurt sex abuse survivors?" exposes the full extent of the financial repercussions on the Roman Catholic Church in the United States due to numerous sexual abuse allegations. Their solid reporting and straightforward writing style underscore the impact of both the abuse scandals and political decisions regarding the statute of limitations for victims to file lawsuits against the church. Their contribution to the discourse on how the church can best address these allegations, protecting its assets and buildings while compensating genuine victims, is significant and thought-provoking.

Third Place

Sinking Deeper

ONE Magazine
Alicia Medina
In "Sinking Deeper: The backbone of Lebanon," Alicia Medina follows in the tradition of Paul's exhortation to the Corinthians, urging Christians to support their brothers and sisters in need. She highlights the plight of the Roman Catholic Church's social service initiatives in Lebanon,

which are struggling amidst the country's collapse. Medina's detailed depiction of the situation and its origins offers a touching and fascinating read, exemplifying excellent Catholic reporting.

Honorable Mention

For People With HIV, 'Test and Treat' Is Key

Catholic Health Association
Michael J. O'Loughlin

Honorable Mention

A Family's Heroic Witness of Love

Knights of Columbus
Robert Mixa

M811a: Best Multiple Picture Package - Feature

First Place

Finding God in Times of War

ONE Magazine
Konstantin Chernichkin

These photos are eye opening to the impact of war on human life. Raw and beautiful photos that truly capture and tell the story.

Second Place

Targeted Twice

ONE Magazine
Nazik Armenakyan

Stunning photos that tell an interesting story in an interesting way. Very well done. The viewer can "feel" what's told in these photos.

Third Place

No Turning Back

ONE Magazine
Nazik Armenakyan

The imagery is real, raw and powerful. Great work at capturing the emotion of this story.

Honorable Mention

I have Down syndrome and I have no limitations

St. Louis Review
Jacob Wiegand

Honorable Mention

Glenmary Challenge - Volunteer Impact

Glenmary Home Missioners
Emilie Winner and John Feister

M811b: Best Multiple Picture Package - News

First Place

Mile High Milestone

Knights of Columbus
Archdiocese of Baltimore, Matthew Barrick, Paul Haring, Jay Luzardo, Curtis Trent, Alexis Wettlaufer and Tammy Zdunich

The article is brimming with cheerful and adorable photos that emotionally connect the subjects to the viewers. These high-quality images enhance the piece, portraying professionalism, creativity, and perfect alignment with the story.

Second Place

March for Life

Knights of Columbus
Matthew Barrick and Jeffrey Bruno

One can feel the passion in these photos! They inspire and evoke emotion throughout the piece. The variety of subjects offers an eye-catching design.

Third Place

JC Duncan ordination to the priesthood

The Central Minnesota Catholic
Dianne Towalski

This photo collection has wonderful bright lighting and goes well with the article topic.

M821a: Best Photo Story - Feature

First Place

Nine Novices Pronounce First Vows

Midwest Jesuits
Dave Hrbacek and Fr. Don Doll, SJ

This collection of stunning photos uses lighting and angles to evoke reverent emotion. Each photo draws in the eye and effectively tells a part of a beautiful story for these nine Jesuits.

Second Place

Missionary Souls at World Youth Day

Comboni Missionaries
Maura Lamb

These photos tell a very exciting and joyous story! They are cohesive and professional shots that bring the narrative to life.

Third Place

Mission Accomplished

The Josephite Harvest
Bill Murray and Tyler Orsburn

This article includes photos that tell a story of celebration and triumph. The angles and subjects are interesting and eye-catching.

Honorable Mention

Alleluia! The story of Easter in the Diocese of Fort Worth

Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth
Juan Guajardo, Ben Torres and Susan Moses

M821b: Best Photo Story - News

First Place

Midwest Jesuits Ordination 2023

Midwest Jesuits
Steve Donisch, Art Montes and Fr. Don Doll, SJ
Vibrant photos. I felt like I was there meeting these individuals. Very nice layout, simple and effective.

Second Place

First in Faith and Charity

Knights of Columbus
Matthew Barrick, Paul Haring, Tamino Petelinšek
The shots feature nice angles, particularly in the top photo, enhancing visual interest. The layout is clean and easy to follow, contributing to a pleasant viewing experience.

Third Place

We Stand Together

Knights of Columbus
Andrey Gorb, Tamino Petelinšek and Jakub Szymczuk, KPRP
Photos tell the story well. Easy to follow the story.

M831a: Best Story and Photo Package - By an Individual

First Place

Udder Devotion: Embracing God's Guidance on the Farm

Catholic Diocese of Erie
Vincent Dragone

This article has an amazing, eye-catching design! The writing is engaging and the story is touching. The photos are high quality and lend very well to the storytelling.

Second Place

Candy Land

Graceful Living
Keith Tarjanyi, Kelly Donaghy, Annie Lust and Nathan Volker

This article is a sweet treat to read! It is sprinkled with vintage photos that transport us back in time. The colorful candies and design work seamlessly with the story to provide us a nostalgic glimpse into the past. The article is well-written and informative.

Third Place

A Rich Poverty in Bangladesh

Maryknoll
Paul Jeffrey

This story is not only engaging, but also heartwarming. The photos and writing bless the readers with feelings of compassion and joy for the subjects of the article.

Honorable Mention

A Letter from a War Photographer

ONE Magazine
Konstantin Chernichkin

Honorable Mention

Trailblazer Diane Brown

Diocese of St. Petersburg
Teresa Peterson

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

First Place

Finding God in Times of War

ONE Magazine
Barb Frazee, Konstantin Chernichkin

This piece encapsulates the topic with remarkable precision, resembling a reflection in water of the ongoing events. Its power is undeniable, resonating deeply with viewers.

Second Place

Targeted Twice

ONE Magazine
Gohar Abrahamyan and Nazik Armenakyan
Beautiful reporting. Beautiful photography. The topic is timely and this piece is full of powerful impact.

Third Place

No Turning Back

ONE Magazine
Gohar Abrahamyan and Nazik Armenakyan
Great written report and the photos are amazing and raw. Great package; very well done.

Honorable Mention**Parable – Restored to Glory**

Parable/Diocese of Manchester, New Hampshire
Rosemary Ford and David Lane

Honorable Mention**Faith, then football: Seattle Seahawk Abraham Lucas loves the game, but lives his life for God.**

Northwest Catholic
Jean Parietti, Mary Gogulski and Stephen Brashear

M840: Best Photograph – Feature Photo**First Place****Heritage Lost**

ONE Magazine
Konstantin Chernichkin

This striking submission is representative of several excellent submissions showcasing survivors of war amidst the ruins of their homes. The framing of the subject posits her as diminished but defiant against the scale of destruction, while the muddled reflections dominating the lower half suggest a mired and uncertain future.

Second Place**No Turning Back**

ONE Magazine
Nazik Armenakyan

This photo excels in how simply it frames the complex emotions of war, flight, and refugeeism: the stoic bleakness of the driver, the despair of the female subject, the absurdism of the lollipop, the fear in the children, all dominated by the hastily-packed tower of belongings that dominate the photo.

Third Place**Lourdes Procession**

Knights of Columbus
Tamino Petelinšek

This colorful, wide-angle photo is remarkable for its framing, juxtaposing a procession of soldiers against the backdrop of a towering steeple.

Honorable Mention**A Rich Poverty in Bangladesh**

Maryknoll
Paul Jeffrey

Great lighting; striking portrait; communicates the scope of child's poverty, an idea of the relationship between old and young.

Honorable Mention**Preakness memories**

The Catholic Review
Kevin J. Parks

M842: Best Photograph – General News Photo**First Place****Students Carry March for Life Banner**

Knights of Columbus
Jeffrey Bruno

This photo is powerful! The angle, composition, and lighting make it exciting and engaging. It conveys a message of solidarity, courage, and hope.

Second Place**Forced From Home**

ONE Magazine
Nazik Armenakyan

This image has a clear and strong message that evokes sadness, loss, chaos, and confusion. Seeing people displaced with all of their belongings makes this photo effective and communicative.

Third Place**Spirit of Mission**

Maryknoll
Sean Sprague

This adorable image portrays the innocence of children's faith. It is high-quality, eye-catching, and sweet.

Honorable Mention**No Turning Back**

ONE Magazine
Nazik Armenakyan

Honorable Mention**Marian Procession**

Knights of Columbus
Paul Haring

M843: Best Photograph – Photo-illustration**First Place****Catholic Information Service**

Knights of Columbus
Paul Haring

This collage is visually effective, stunning, and eye-catching. It's professionally laid out and designed.

Second Place**Healing in the Metaverse**

The Catholic University of America
Kristin Reavey and Patrick Ryan

This is a lovely piece of design. The colors and visuals serve to create a cybernetic feel that effectively draws in viewers and makes them curious to learn more.

M844: Best Photograph – Portrait**First Place****Reflection of a Single Mother**

ONE Magazine
Nazik Armenakyan

Wonderful composition. This photo not only captures the subjects but the context of their circumstance.

Second Place**Life and death**

The Catholic Review
Kevin J. Parks

The facial expression of the subject of this story is compelling. Great lighting, great context to the story.

Third Place**Portrait of a Wounded Soldier**

ONE Magazine
Konstantin Chernichkin

This photo captures the vulnerability of the subject. Everything about the context of the photo helps inform the story. There is a sensitivity that brings the story to life.

Honorable Mention**Seattle Seahawk Abraham Lucas with tattoo of Our Lady**

Northwest Catholic
Stephen Brashear

This photo made me want to know more about the subject. The photo itself was great, but I especially appreciated that the outline that ran with this photo gave context about the images on his arm.

Honorable Mention**Kolbe Kissell - Redemptive Suffering**

The Catholic Telegraph
Margaret Swensen

This photo captured a compelling facial expression and sensitivity about the subject.

M845: Best Photograph – Scenic, Still-life or Weather Photo**First Place****Topped Domes**

ONE Magazine
Konstantin Chernichkin

This work is truly incredible. The image, intricately captured, balances timeliness with timelessness. Brilliant in color, with lines guiding the eye across the page, it's both simple and dynamic, telling its own story. It's a gem.

Second Place**Hawaii Knights Serve the Benedictine Monastery of Hawaii**

Knights of Columbus
Michelle Scotti

This isn't just about the weather; it's about weather in the mountains, offering incredible contrasts. From the baking sun on one mountainside to dancing storms on adjacent peaks, it evokes both heat and coldness, with vibrant yet chilly colors. The composition stands out with strong thirds bringing together sky, mountains, and fields, along with a powerful diagonal sweeping through the image, where action spills down its face. Subjects are perfectly placed and captured in action, with intricate details enhancing the overall narrative. It's a captivating image that tells multiple stories while maintaining cohesion and perfection in every detail.

Third Place**Heritage Lost**

ONE Magazine
Konstantin Chernichkin

Textures are the standout feature in this image, from cold broken brick to thick wet mud and rusted metal, all amidst breezes through the ruins. The atmosphere is palpable, with a chill in the air and the scent of autumn in the trees. Excellent lines and composition, including both extreme and subtle diagonals, draw the eye to the center point, with colors limited to orange, black, brown, pale blue, and white, making the splash of purple even more impactful. This image truly allows you to feel the weather, the place, and the moment.

Honorable Mention**Gordon Teneton arriving at noon to fish, just as the sun was rising**

Catholic Missions In Canada
Rev. David Reilander

Honorable Mention**The Mother Church: St. Mary Cathedral**

FAITH Magazine | Diocese of Lansing

Matt Riedl

The resemblance to an oil painting is striking.

M846: Best Photograph – Sports Photo

First Place

Luke Kornet

Knights of Columbus

Bryce Vickmark

A sharply atmospheric portrait that eloquently narrates its own story, adorned with numerous professional touches. The subtle grid behind the subject adds depth, while the varied shades of orange harmonize the composition. The portraiture is sharp, crisp, and imbued with personality, with excellent focus that enlivens the subject and lends a touch of magic to the background. The old hardwood gym serves as a fantastic setting, enhancing the overall appeal of the image.

M847: Best Photograph – Sacramental

First Place

Midwest Jesuits Ordination 2023

Midwest Jesuits

Steve Donisch

A striking well-composed image that says plenty without words.

Second Place

Being Christ to Others

The Catholic Telegraph

Danny Schneible

Nicely composed. An you-are-there image that is respectful and from the eyes of an observer.

Third Place

Glenmary Challenge - Father Vijaya Katta celebrates Mass with migrant workers at North Carolina Farm.

Glenmary Home Missioners

Omar Cabrera

I felt like I was part of the service in the outdoors. Nicely composed.

Honorable Mention

Students Venerate Relic of Blessed Michael McGivney

Knights of Columbus

Paul Haring

Honorable Mention

New Haven Eucharistic Procession

Knights of Columbus

Tamino Petelinšek

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

Third Place

A Beacon of Hope

ONE Magazine

Raghida Skaff

This is a powerful image that conveys plenty of compassion and emotion. Regardless of the topic under discussion, the viewer feels the challenges of this conversation in a compelling fashion.

Honorable Mention

Josephites welcome three new priests

The Josephite Harvest

Tyler Orsburn

A colorful image that conveys personalities in what is generally a formal setting. Plenty of joy here.

M849: Best Photograph – Holy Days/Liturgical Seasons

First Place

Simbang Gabi Commissioning Mass

Northwest Catholic

Stephen Brashear

The framing and lighting in this photo are stunning. Seeing the altar and priest in the background and featuring the baptismal font at the forefront of the photo make this picture unique.

M851: Best Photograph – Catholic Education

First Place

Taking flight

The Catholic Review

Kevin J. Parks

Creativity and photo variety made this entry a winner.

Second Place

Christ Before Me: 150 Years of Catholic Education

Tennessee Register

Katie Peterson

Excellent framing and composition. A simple pose but expertly captured.

Third Place

All Saints Day at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School

Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth

Juan Guajardo

Beautiful photo composition. My eyes are drawn to the child with the cross as she is lost in the moment. Beautiful.

Honorable Mention

From scratch

The Catholic Review

Kevin J. Parks

M852: Best Photograph – Immigration/Migration

First Place

Forced From Home

ONE Magazine

Nazik Armenakyan

This image is raw with emotion. I feel their desperation and my heart goes out to these people. This story is effectively told in this one photo. It's heartbreaking. Beautiful work.

Second Place

No Turning Back

ONE Magazine

Nazik Armenakyan

The authenticity of this photo is captivating, evoking genuine emotion and holding my interest. Its quality is commendable.

Third Place

Father Olin Pierre-Louis gives food to a Haitian migrant

Catholic Extension

Catholic Extension Staff

A raw and genuine image that speaks volumes, evoking heartfelt emotions and effectively capturing the essence of the story.

Honorable Mention

A Sad Goodbye

ONE Magazine

Konstantin Chernichkin

Great job capturing this moment. The photo genuinely captures a "sad goodbye."

Honorable Mention

Requesting Entry

ONE Magazine

Nazik Armenakyan

M853: Best Photograph – National/International Event

First Place

Students Carry March for Life Banner

Knights of Columbus

Jeffrey Bruno

The image is incredibly powerful, resonating deeply with its audience. Its storytelling prowess is so potent that words may seem unnecessary; it stands as a compelling narrative on its own. Bravo!

Second Place

Saying Goodbye to a Man of the Church

Knights of Columbus

Tamino Petelinšek

This photo is striking in its portrayal of emotion and action, skillfully captured from a compelling angle. The soft blur juxtaposed with the clear, crisp focus on the background enhances the emotional resonance of the subjects.

Third Place

World Youth Day

Midwest Jesuits

Katherine Colborn

Wow. This photo is cool! It evokes emotion and makes me want to learn even more.

M854: Best Photograph – Hot Topic Eucharistic Revival

First Place

Monstrance at St. Peter the Apostle Parish

Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth

Juan Guajardo

The color, light, shadows, and shine of the ornate monstrance commands immediate attention. Then the blurred Jesus on the cross jumps into focus, so to speak, shockingly. The binary color palette of various shades of brown and gold and the symmetry of the composition make for a stunning image.

Second Place

New York Eucharistic Congress Procession

Knights of Columbus

Paul Haring

The sea of people flow like a uniform stream to make the photo visually appealing. The large number of people in the picture piques keen

interest, making the reader want to know what is happening. This leads immediately to the outline explaining the scene.

Third Place

New Haven Eucharistic Procession

Knights of Columbus
Tamino Petelinšek

The serious faces of the people communicate a serious occasion very well. And the spacing of the people relative to each other, who all can be clearly seen, makes for a clean, pleasing composition.

Newspaper Division

GN111a: Best Newspaper - Weekly

First Place

The Criterion

The Criterion
Mike Krokos, John Shaughnessy, Sean Gallagher, Natalie Hoefler, Brandon A. Evans and Ann Lewis

High-quality news coverage across the board, from reporting on local parish events, to essays, analysis, and a special section of reporting from the National Catholic Youth Conference. The paper makes efforts to reach across demographics of the readership and the issues are consistently impressive.

Second Place

Israel at War Series

Rhode Island Catholic
Rick A. Snizek; Laura D. Kigus; Cole DeSantis; Jennifer Barton; Marie Zagorsky and Sue Richard
In a crowded and impressive field, this entry stands out for superb on-the-ground coverage from Israel of the unfolding conflict. Other pages mix news coverage, local sports important to the community, and editorials derived from news coverage and featuring some original reporting. An excellent and informative mixture.

Third Place

The Leaven

Leaven Staff

Packed with news cover to cover with a great variety of topics, including on-site coverage from Portugal, spot news of important milestone parish events, good visuals and a majority of useful news in each examined edition.

Honorable Mention

The Catholic Register

Catholic Register Staff

Great mixture of news, commentary, and analysis. Plus outstanding Spanish-language and bilingual coverage that serves an important constituency.

Honorable Mention

Today's Catholic

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
Today's Catholic Staff

Great mix of news, current events, national and international coverage, faith-focused content, sports, and events.



GN111a: Best Newspaper - Weekly

GN111b: Best Newspaper – Non-Weekly

First Place

I am with you always, God's Country, Building new lives, A man for the times, Happy Hallowtide!

Diocese of Charlotte
Catholic News Herald Staff

The format, layout, and content of this newspaper are, in total, most excellent. The articles are newsworthy, thoughtful, interesting, and compelling. There is an excellent balance of articles about church officials and members and the communities in the coverage area. The strategic direction of this newspaper is right on track, from my perspective, in terms of attracting a diverse audience and appealing to its constituency. Just an excellent job all around—an easy choice as the best newspaper in this category. I feel blessed to have had this newspaper in a category that I judged. Thank you for this fine work!

Second Place

Milwaukee Catholic Herald

Staff

This is an extremely attractive newspaper in terms of content, layout, and diversity of subject matter, as well as in terms of news and opinion. The balance between stories about church officials versus community members is nice. The stories and layout are really vibrant and inviting to the reader. I can imagine that readers must very much look forward to the next issue of this newspaper. I feel blessed to have been able to have it among the entries I judged. Kudos to everyone involved—this is just really great work!

Third Place

The Compass

The Compass Staff

This is a very high quality newspaper. I very much appreciate the many original stories about community members—they are interesting and really draw in the reader, especially compared

to stories about church officials and church business, though some coverage of those topics is appropriate, of course. The look and tone of the newspaper is uplifting and energetic—I could see where readers would very much look forward to reading the next issue of this newspaper. Great work, and much appreciated!

Honorable Mention

Best Newspaper

Catholic Courier
Staff

Honorable Mention

The Catholic Virginian

Staff

GN111c: Best Newspaper - National

First Place

Our Sunday Visitor Newspaper

Our Sunday Visitor
The Staff of Our Sunday Visitor

Outstanding, in-depth coverage of important issues, with strong writing and reporting that draws readers in. The top-notch editorial content is supported by striking art and clean, compelling design. Well done!

Second Place

National Catholic Reporter

National Catholic Reporter staff

Impactful reporting and strong writing that provides readers the context they need to understand complex issues.

Third Place

National Catholic Register

Michael Warsaw, Montse Alvarado, Matthew Bunson, Jeanette De Melo, Shannon Mullen, Tom Wehner, Alyssa Murphy, Tom McFeely, Joan Frawley Desmond, Jonathan Liedl, Amy Smith, Kevin Knight, Melissa Hartog, Tyler Arnold, Laretta Brown, Matthew McDonald, Josep
Excellent in-depth reporting and writing throughout, from hard news to travel, arts, and culture.

Honorable Mention

The Catholic Register

Catholic Register Staff

Honorable Mention

Catholic Health World

Catholic Health Association
Judith VandeWater, Julie Minda, Lisa Eisenhauer and Norma Klingsick.

N321a: Best Annual Report - (Arch) Diocesan Finances

First Place

Archdiocese of Vancouver: Enriching Parish Life

The B.C. Catholic
Inca Siojo-Das, Claudine Bananal, Matthew Furtado, Emi Namoro and Paul Schratz

The piece effectively communicates with clarity and conciseness, making the information engaging. It fosters curiosity and leaves the reader eager to learn more.

Second Place

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Annual Report 2022

Texas Catholic Herald

Catherine Viola, Nicholas Sawicki, James Ramos and Rebecca Torrellas

Nicely organized. Easy to follow and a good read.

Third Place

'I Am With You Always'

Diocese of Charlotte

David Puckett and Matt Ferrante

Very good information, concise and clear. Nice read. Very well put together.

Honorable Mention

Hawaii Catholic Herald

Hawaii Catholic Herald

Staff

Honorable Mention

Annual Report, Archdiocese of Mobile

The Catholic Week

The Catholic Week Staff

N321b: Best Annual Report - Catholic Nonprofit Organization

First Place

Catholic Charities Community Report

The Compass

Sue Simoens

The design is delightful, offering a unique presentation of information. It is comprehensive, well-written, and engaging.

N322: Best Print Circulation Promotion Campaign

First Place

Intermountain Catholic 2024 Subscription Campaign

Intermountain Catholic - Diocese of Salt Lake City
Bishop Oscar A. Solis, Marie Mischel, Marshall Palm and Laura Vallejo

Running two languages side by side instantly distinguishes this piece. The accompanying news stories breathe life into the action, with benefits seamlessly integrated into the layout. Overall, it's simple, vivid, and colorful, with a clear call-to-action that enhances its effectiveness.

N325: Best Promotional House Ad

First Place

Faith in print online with you wherever you are

The Observer

Penny Wiegert and Megan Peterson

The work is praised for its exceptional quality, seamlessly blending classic and modern elements with a strong spiritual depth. The compelling layout, poetic text, striking images, and a cohesive color scheme all contribute to an impactful call to action.

Second Place

Georgia Bulletin pilgrimages ad

The Georgia Bulletin

Tom Schulte and Tom Aisthorpe

The ad excels with its vibrant colors and coherent design, expertly organizing a wealth of information

without waste, creating an engaging narrative. Its effective use of white space and dual storytelling approach is compelling, inspiring action more than any other entry.

Third Place

2023 CMA Awards

The Tablet

Fabiola Rodriguez

The design is truly fantastic. The shades of gold evoke a sense of triumph, while the blue brings clarity and solidity to the layout. Despite the visual complexity, the cohesive color scheme and advanced layout turn it into an advantage, making it visually appealing and engaging. The content is accessible and well-edited, enticing the reader to continue reading while eliciting a positive emotional response. Overall, it embodies excellent virtues such as quality, depth, organization, culture, victory, and more.

Honorable Mention

Best Promo House Ad - Good Business Matters

Clarion Herald

Cheryl Dejoie-Methe

Honorable Mention

Back to School

Catholic Standard

Patricia Castrillo

N331: Best Media Kit 2023

First Place

The Pilot 2023 Media Kit

The Boston Pilot

Nan Wilkins and Dan Maguire

This publication truly goes the extra mile, offering a nuanced, in-depth, and layered experience with unexpected details. While the intro page may have some flaws with excessive blue highlighting, the rest of the content is superb. The cover is historic, regal, simple, and effective, setting the tone for the publication. The archdiocesan map, demographic art, and special edition calendar add depth and richness to the content. The ad section is accessible, clean, and easy to read, with samples that give a clear picture to media buyers. The thorough ad guidelines, along with full-page layouts and comprehensive sections for inserts, web, stickers, directories, and contact information, demonstrate meticulous attention to detail. Overall, this publication feels refined and refined, reflecting superb work and continuous improvement over the years.

Second Place

The Good Newsroom 2023 Media Kit

The Good Newsroom Archdiocese of NY

The Good Newsroom Staff

Announcing "The Good Newsroom" is a fantastic initiative that streamlines the project. The name itself is catchy and memorable. Tailoring the design for advertisers shows foresight and innovation. The explanation of the innovation is clear and becomes even clearer as you delve into it, thanks to its simple and easy-to-follow layout. The red, white, and black color scheme is sharp, and while the graphics and images are somewhat minimalistic, they still complement the design nicely. Icons and stats enhance the presentation, and all demographics, including dimensions, layout, and color, are clearly communicated. The structure of the presentation—from what it is, what it does, how it works, to how to get involved—is well-organized. Including all contact information in the footer is a professional

touch. Overall, it's a well-executed project with clear communication and professional design.

N335b: Best Single Ad Originating with the Publication - Color

First Place

Rise Up O' Men of God!

The U.P. Catholic

Deacon Steve Gretzinger and Fr. Ben Hasse

This ad is both creative and light-hearted, with a bright and simple design. It effectively communicates who these individuals are and what they're up to, sparking the desire to join them. The guerilla style adds a memorable touch, making it stand out from the competition. Additionally, it features the best call-to-action in the competition, driving engagement effectively.

Second Place

Best Single Ad Color - Red Mass

Clarion Herald

Cheryl Dejoie-Methe

This design stands out for its unique and creative approach. The message flows down the page seamlessly, drawing the reader in. The use of red throughout the layout, including faded pink in the background, effectively conveys the theme of the Red Mass. Strong storytelling is achieved through the combination of the picture and logo. The use of multiple fonts and headers adds diversity to the overall design. Overall, it's a great representation of a cool event with a unique flavor and imaginative design.

Third Place

Footsteps of St. Paul

The Florida Catholic

Michael Jimenez

This ad leaves a powerful immediate impression, thanks to its stunning images that draw the eye. The layout effectively presents clear subject matter, itinerary, and an expert host, creating a sense of accessibility. All necessary information is included, and the bright, colorful design adds to its appeal. The clear call-to-action inspires the desire to join—an important criterion for judging. Overall, it's a compelling and effective advertisement.

Honorable Mention

Europe to You

The Florida Catholic

Michael Jimenez

Honorable Mention

St Francis Xavier Catholic School

The Florida Catholic

Michael Jimenez

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

First Place

Launch of The Good Newsroom App

The Good Newsroom Archdiocese of NY

The Good Newsroom Team

This cross-collaboration across various media channels effectively serves as a unified advertisement targeting diverse audiences. The impressive reach, reaching nearly 1.5 million eyes and generating 2.7 million impressions, speaks to

the project's success. The coordination across platforms, including the app, website, and social media, is remarkable. The clear call-to-action, reiterated for emphasis, further enhances the effectiveness of the campaign. Dolan's ability to orchestrate such a multifaceted initiative makes it appear effortless.

Second Place

Terra Sancta

Arlington Catholic Herald
David Garcia

The postage stamp design is well-executed, effectively guiding the eye to rotate and uncover additional details along the way. The design is concise, with a clear call-to-action that stands out. Its brightness, colorfulness, and overall cohesion make it visually appealing and memorable.

Third Place

Embers Theatre Company

Arlington Catholic Herald
David Garcia

The page design adds a touch of theatrical flair, catching the reader's attention. Vibrant colors make it stand out, while the image effectively presents the subject matter. The overall presentation is creative and dynamic, with a clear call to action that guides the reader.

N343: Best Ad Campaign Originating with the Publication for Advertiser

First Place

Institute of Catholic Culture

Arlington Catholic Herald
David Garcia

This ad campaign was compelling and elegant. The ads immediately draw readers' attention through the use of powerful images and engaging design. All information is presented in clean and easy-to-read formats. Well done!

Second Place

Diocese of Arlington Jubilee events

Arlington Catholic Herald
Pia Hovenga and David Garcia

Engaging images and design make this ad campaign a winner.

N345: Most Effective Use of Small Space

First Place

St. Ann post-it

Arlington Catholic Herald
David Garcia

The classic idea of the masthead ad works here, disrupting the layout of the main page to call attention to itself. The ad's bright yellow background claims attention, and the copy encourages a direct and immediate action that can be taken.

Second Place

Kilmarnock Inn

Arlington Catholic Herald
David Garcia

An attractive, photocentric ad that relies less on copy and lets the beauty of the locale sell itself.



N347: Best Special Supplement or Special Issue with Advertising Emphasis

Third Place

Revelations Counseling & Consulting

Arlington Catholic Herald
David Garcia

This ad appeals to trust rooted in shared values, and attempts to establish a rapport with readers by humanizing the services offered.

Honorable Mention

Explore Catholic Schools

Catholic Star Herald / Diocese of Camden
Tom O'Shea

N347: Best Special Supplement or Special Issue with Advertising Emphasis

First Place

A Man for the Times

Diocese of Charlotte
Kevin Eagan, David Puckett and CNH Staff

Outstanding content. Really heavy on content vs. advertising. The readers were well served! Really nice cover photo. Excellent layout. Excellent photos throughout. Impressive coverage in English and Spanish. Love the size of the photos. Impressive timeline on pages 16-18.

Second Place

The Catholic Accent: Schools Edition

Diocese of Greensburg
Dr. Nancy Rottler, Mary Seamans, Cliff Gorski, Jordan Whiteko, Beth Tallentire, Robin Mull, Jennifer Miele, John Zylka, Bishop Larry J. Kulick, Vincent Reilly and Monsignor Raymond Riffle
Ad designs are outstanding.

Third Place

Catholic School Week

Arlington Catholic Herald
ACH Advertising Staff
Colorful, clean design. Section felt a little crowded with advertising; higher proportion of ads than content. That makes it hard to run large photos/visuals. Ads are all very well designed.

Honorable Mention

Catholic Schools Week edition 2023

Lumen Media/Diocese of Sioux City
The Lumen Media Staff
I appreciated the photos in the section all had good outline information and good context! I liked the school enrollment story on Page 21; that kind of transparency offers great insight into the schools. Nice graphic on Page 24.

Honorable Mention

Florida Catholic Orlando

The Florida Catholic
Jean Gonzalez, Michael Jimenez and the Florida Catholic Media Staff
Nice cover. I really enjoyed the quality of writing in the two main stories in this section. Listings of students was clear and clean. Ads were well designed.

N352: Hot Topic - Eucharistic Revival

First Place

NWI Catholic - Eucharistic Revival

Northwest Indiana Catholic
Most Rev. Robert J. McClory, Colleen McGinty-Rabine, Erin Ciszczon and Cecilia Cicone
This is an excellent body of work that goes to the heart of Eucharistic Revival by covering in depth what the Eucharist is, its importance, and how it specifically "feeds" parishioners. Including an article with specifics on what people can do to participate in the Revival is a usable tool for readers to engage with the movement. Some dual articles in Spanish is another positive way to include more of the community.



N352: Hot Topic - Eucharistic Revival

Second Place

Honor for the King of Kings

St. Louis Review

Jennifer Brinker, Laura Kosta, Jack Figge

Beautifully framed photos capture the emotion of parishioners engaging in Eucharist Adoration, whether it's school, street or church. The writing often begins in the middle of the action with significant detail that captures the moment and draws readers in. Sidebars are used to great effect, allowing necessary background information, tips or events to be highlighted for reader use.

Third Place

Thousands Pack NY Shrine at Eucharistic Faith Renewal, First Steps of Lenten Pilgrimage Taken on Ash Wednesday, Diocese Preps for Phase 2 of Eucharistic 'Parish' Revival

The Tablet

Bill Miller and Alicia Venter

These articles are a comprehensive, logical overview of the Eucharist Revival, allowing readers a picture into the past, present and future of the Revival. Statistics are seamlessly woven into the articles to build understanding; not boredom. A map with detailed locations for upcoming events is a ready-made, usable tool for readers.

Honorable Mention

The Georgia Bulletin's coverage of eucharistic revival

The Georgia Bulletin

The Staff of The Georgia Bulletin

Honorable Mention

Eucharistic Revival

The Catholic Spirit

Fr. Ariel Bautista Jr., Peter Nguyen and Fr. Joseph Kerrigan

N361a: Best Front Page – Diocesan Newspapers

First Place

The Catholic Spirit

The Catholic Spirit

Eye-catching and inviting. Creative fonts tailored for each issue. Images and words superbly in sync, with each element conveying the same message.

Second Place

The Catholic Spirit

The Catholic Spirit

Bold presentation captures interest. Varied fonts ensure each issue presents fresh, inviting. Images effectively reflect words and vice versa.

Third Place

The Leaven

The Leaven

Todd Habiger

Inviting photos pique interest. Engage readers to want to learn more.

Honorable Mention

St. Louis Review

St. Louis Review

St. Louis Review Staff

N361b: Best Front Page – National Newspapers

First Place

National Catholic Register

National Catholic Register

Shannon Mullen; Tom Wehner; Melissa Hartog; and Amy Smith

Excellent visual elements. Engaging layout/presentation of all elements sustains interest.

Second Place

The Front Page

Our Sunday Visitor

Chelsea Alt

Bold, eye-catching covers. Art, photos and fonts work together to capture interest and draw in reader.

N365a: Best Use of Graphics – Art or Graphics

First Place

Explore some of our churches across western North Carolina

Diocese of Charlotte

David Puckett

Excellent combination of art, map, and information that is packaged to inform and entertain.

Second Place

Renaissance Man

The Tablet

Fabiola Rodriguez

Excellent art that draws the eye and informs the reader.

Third Place

Walking With the Body of Christ

The Tablet

Fabiola Rodriguez

Great visual appeal and informational clarity in this art that assists the reader in understanding and learning from the story.

Honorable Mention

An epidemic of loneliness

Catholic Health Association

Norma Klingsick

Honorable Mention

The gift of hope in the midst of grief

St. Louis Review

Abigail (Witte) Buettner

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

First Place

2022 Average Weekend Mass Attendance

Arlington Catholic Herald

Pia Hovenga

Visually appealing infographic features a multitude of ways to convey information to the reader.

Second Place

RAGBRAI 4 diocese map

Lumen Media/Diocese of Sioux City

Renee Webb

Great combination of information, visual appeal and mapping to help readers make sense of the news.

Third Place

Four Regional Vicars Installed to Lead All the Deaneries

The Tablet

Fabiola Rodriguez

This map packs a wealth of information into a visually appealing package.

Honorable Mention

Pope Francis' pontificate timeline

Arlington Catholic Herald

Pia Hovenga

Honorable Mention

Timeline of Green Bay Diocesan Media

The Compass

Sue Simoens and Patricia Kasten

N365c: Best Use of Graphics Best Original Illustration

First Place

LGBTQ+ Catholics express cautious hope for change as Synod of Bishops starts

National Catholic Reporter

Toni-Ann Ortiz

Excellent job illustrating key aspect of the story. Visually appealing, clear, clean, draws the eye.

Second Place

Pining for the Old White Christmases of Europe

The Tablet

Fabiola Rodriguez

Great detail on this illustration that adds value to the story and draws the eye of the reader.

Third Place

Eucharistic insert

The Catholic Moment

Melinda McPherson and Leslie Warren

Excellent original illustration.

Honorable Mention

Parish Eucharistic Adoration

The Catholic Spirit

Peter Nguyen

Honorable Mention

Christ Shining in the Darkness

The Tablet

Fabiola Rodriguez

N371a: Best Layout of Article or Column - Diocesan newspaper

First Place

Diary Entries of WYD Pilgrims

The Tablet

Fabiola Rodriguez

The use of a notebook graphic around a story of journal entries is a clever and additional way to let the reader know the story's subject. The varied placement of the small photos engages the viewer's eye.

Second Place

Happy Hallowtide!

Diocese of Charlotte

Spencer K.M. Brown and David Puckett

This design is quite effective because it is both balanced and symmetrical with the use of photos and graphics, but also whimsical with those choices. The “how to” at the bottom works well to engage the reader.

Third Place

Sooner Catholic, Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

Sooner Catholic_Archdiocese of Oklahoma City
Dana Attocknie

This is a very clean and linear design that keeps the eye moving between the smaller and larger photos. The about box with logo and pull quote box with photo are particularly well done.

Honorable Mention

The Phoenix of Mexico

The Tablet
Fabiola Rodriguez

Honorable Mention

10 years with Pope Francis; Bringing the Gospel to the world

Arlington Catholic Herald
Ann M. Aughterton and Pia Hovenga

N371b: Best Layout of Article or Column - National newspaper

First Place

How to sin like a saint

Our Sunday Visitor
Chelsea Alt

By using many different visual elements (and use of color) the viewer never gets bored. The type of elements (historic photos, repetition of color block art, information boxes, etc.) are also smart to draw in the reader.

Second Place

Gun violence: ‘A public health crisis’

Catholic Health Association
Norma Klingsick

This section makes good use of design elements (boxes, illustrations, quote pulls, etc.) to further highlight points or to add to the stories. Such elements also give the reader/viewer other entry points to the package.

Third Place

Benedict a papal life in pictures

The Catholic Register
Lucy Barco

Varying the size and shape of the photos helps to make the page visually interesting and doesn’t allow for a cluttered look. The eye is effectively drawn to the text at the bottom due to the photo scale.

N381a: Best Redesign

First Place

Tennessee Register Best Redesign Entries

Tennessee Register
Tennessee Register Staff

This entry merits recognition for the modernity of its new design: new slab serif fonts that feel more relatable, and a ne justification that makes every page feel sharp and clean. The full page photo and addition of national and international news are also notable.

Second Place

Southern Nebraska Register, 2023 redesign

Catholic Diocese of Lincoln
Bishop James D. Conley; Cathy Blankenau Bender; and Dennis Kellogg

This entry merits recognition for its increased and diversified attention to matters of local interest.

N511: Best Regular Column by Bishop or Archbishop

First Place

Walking With Migrants

The Tablet
Bishop Emeritus Nicholas DiMarzio

Standout entry of column writing that addresses one of the most crucial topics of news happening in the country.

Second Place

Christ Our Hope

The Catholic Virginian
Most Rev. Barry C. Knestout

Great writing and analysis addresses a cutting-edge, important topic and greatly informs the reader.

Third Place

Archbishop Paul Coakley, Sooner Catholic, Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

Sooner Catholic_Archdiocese of Oklahoma City
Archbishop Paul S. Coakley

Excellent, reflective writing and original thinking about important local events that resonate more broadly.

Honorable Mention

Liberty and safety: not an either-or

The Catholic Moment
Bishop Timothy Doherty

Honorable Mention

“Be Merciful with a Cheerful Heart” by Bishop Joel M. Konzen, SM

The Georgia Bulletin
Bishop Joel M. Konzen, SM

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

First Place

Are You There Beauty?, Risk Everything, Breaking Its Own Rules

National Catholic Register
Barbara Nicolosi

Sophisticated analysis of culture and arts.

Second Place

From the Sidelines

The U.P. Catholic
Jim LaJoie

Great insight into a key moment in culture and entertainment.

Third Place

Dr. David King’s Culture and the Church

The Georgia Bulletin
Dr. David King

Interesting analysis of a timely topic.

Honorable Mention

Tuned Into Faith

The Tablet
John Alexander

N513b: Best Regular Column - Family Life

First Place

Family Life Columns by Theresa Civantos Barber

Aleteia
Theresa Civantos Barber

Excellent set of columns built on a solid basis of reporting and fact gathering. Offers resources and advice in one package on a set of interesting topics. Well done.

Second Place

Faith at Home

OSV News
Laura Kelly Fanucci

Excellent and fresh angles and perspectives on a set of interesting topics.

Third Place

Best Regular Column-Family Life: Dr. Heather Bozant Witcher

Clarion Herald
Dr. Heather Bozant Witcher

Interesting writing on a diverse set of topics, breathing life and fresh perspective into important issues.

Honorable Mention

Best Regular Column - NOLA Catholic Parenting

Clarion Herald
Phillip Garside, Stacy LaMorte, Vivian Gonzalez Marino and NOLA Catholic Parenting

Honorable Mention

No Greater Joy – Gretchen R Crowe

OSV News
Gretchen R Crowe

N513c: Best Regular Column - General Commentary

First Place

Creative Fireworks, The Church in Africa, Trapped Armenians

National Catholic Register
Michael Warsaw

Bravo! This is a great collection of columns—the writing is crisp and concise, and the topics are timely and significant. I very much appreciate the strong, faithful stance these columns take and the calls to take a position. I felt like I should have been playing “Onward, Christian Soldiers” on my laptop as I read these columns—so strong and inspirational. I’m sure many readers look forward to reading this column from issue to issue and specifically read the paper for these columns. I feel blessed and uplifted having had the opportunity to judge these columns.

Second Place

Asking for a Friend - Fr. John LoCoco

Milwaukee Catholic Herald
Fr. John LoCoco

I love the theme of these columns: "Asking for a Friend." The columns totally live up to the theme, asking and then answering everyday—and very interesting, and probably common—questions that Catholics might have about applying the principles and traditions of their faith to modern-day circumstances. The writing is crisp and down-to-earth, and the answers are grounded solidly in Catholic doctrine. I imagine that many readers look forward to reading this column from issue to issue and even seek out the paper specifically for this column. I thoroughly enjoyed reading these columns.

Third Place

It is Good – Elizabeth Scalia

OSV News
Elizabeth Scalia

These are very well-written columns, especially the one on Tyre Nichols—the writing adeptly paints the heart-wrenching scene with raw emotion with which probably any parent could relate. The author gives readers good points to think about to develop a well-reasoned point of view. Readers probably look forward to reading this column from issue to issue because of the relatability of the topics (current cultural concerns and hot news) and the good writing.

Honorable Mention

The Church on the Street: Deacon Robert Kinghorn

The Catholic Register
Deacon Robert Kinghorn

Honorable Mention

Wirth Reading

The A.D. Times
Paul Wirth

N513d: Best Regular Column - Scripture

First Place

Sunday Scripture

OSV News
Deacon Greg Kandra

These columns are well-written. They are very much accessible to the average reader, and they are engaging in their use of plain-spoken language. The topics are at once timely and timeless. These are the type of column that someone would look forward to reading in each edition of the newspaper.

Second Place

Sunday Word

The Florida Catholic
Father Brian Campbell

The writing in these columns is very accessible, and the topics are educational. The columns answer questions that people might have on an everyday basis, and they are grounded in church tradition and scripture. They would help the reader to be a good evangelist and teacher to others—so, the columns are a great tool. Nice work!

Third Place

From the Editor's Desk

North Country Catholic - Diocese of Ogdensburg
Darcy Fargo

These columns are written in a down-to-earth style that makes them highly accessible to the average reader. They cover everyday, relevant topics and thus provide the reader with educational materials and insights that will allow them to be

good teachers and purveyors of the information themselves. This column seems like the sort of offering that would attract readers to the newspaper and which readers would look forward to receiving with each issue. Nice job!

Honorable Mention

Sunday Word - Father David Scotchie

The Florida Catholic
Father David Scotchie

Honorable Mention

Column on Scripture by Fr. Peter John Cameron, OP

Aleteia
Fr. Peter John Cameron, OP

N513e: Best Regular Column - Spiritual Life

First Place

US Bishops' Document against Transgender Health Care is a Disaster

National Catholic Reporter
Daniel P. Horan

This column is absolutely, superb. Daniel uses hyperlinks and sourcing to add context to his topics. The writing is thorough and an absolute pleasure to read.

Second Place

Faith & Thought

The Tablet
Father Robert Lauder

Fr. Lauder's column takes a unique approach to Catholic issues. He often uses books and philosophy or literature references which make his discussions rich and engaging.

Third Place

Real Presence: Three Part Series

The Catholic Spirit
Fr. Joseph S. I. Isles, Fr. Timothy Eck II and Fr. Matthew Marinelli

Sr. Torres has an engaging way of drawing in the reader. Her columns were thematically interesting and very well written.

N513f: Best Regular Column - Political Issues

First Place

"Burke at Bedminster and Pence at Napa: The GOP at prayer?"

National Catholic Reporter
Michael Sean Winters

The overall tone and style of this column made it stand out. Current issues with a bit of flair to the details and insights makes this piece a winner.

Second Place

Grace is Everywhere

Our Sunday Visitor
Kenneth Craycraft

The creative titles of this column are only matched by the quality of the writing and the interesting and relevant topics selected. Solidly consistent.

N513g: Best Regular Column - Pro Life Issues

First Place

Witness for Life

The Observer
Therese Stahl

The author uses an appropriate style and tone to connect with the target audience which contextualizes the concept and leaves it open for others with possible varying opinions to join in.

N521a: Best Coverage - Immigration

First Place

Migrant Crisis Brings Scrutiny to NY's Status as 'Sanctuary City,' Ukrainians Hit With Red-Tape Nightmare in U.S. After Fleeing War, 'Reconnect' Teaches English and Job Skills to NY Asylum-Seekers

The Tablet
Paula Katinas and Bill Miller

The context of US cities struggle tied with current world crises brings a macro and micro view to a turbulent issue. The tone and style makes this content easily digestible.

Second Place

Detained immigrants launch hunger strike at two California facilities

National Catholic Reporter
Aleja Hertzler-McCain

The cohesion of this series as it ties together background information with current details from multiple angles in an articulate way makes this piece stand out.

Third Place

Catholic Health World immigration coverage

Catholic Health Association
Kathleen Nelson, Lisa Eisenhauer and Julie Minda

The way this piece humanizes the issue while still supplying necessary context and details makes the story telling stand out while also informing the reader of current realities.

N521b: Best Coverage – Local Politics

First Place

Catholic lawmaker filibusters in Nebraska Legislature to block bill targeting trans youth

National Catholic Reporter
Aleja Hertzler-McCain, Katie Collins Scott and Brian Roewe

Solid reporting. In-depth articles spotlight national issues and engage readers with exceptional writing and seamless flow.

Second Place

Abortion Politics in Lead Up to 2024 Election

Catholic News Agency
Tyler Arnold, Daniel Payne and Jonah McKeown

Thorough, balanced coverage. Articles effectively articulate mixed and varied perspectives.

Third Place

Parents' Rights

National Catholic Register
Joan Frawley Desmond and Matt McDonald

Articles provide useful perspective on LGBTQ issues playing out in political and educational arenas.

N521c: Best Coverage – Papal Trips**First Place****Papal Trips: A Culture of Encounter**

National Catholic Register
Colm Flynn

Colm Flynn's first-person accounts of the papal visits is very effective for bringing the reader into the scene—he paints vivid pictures with his writing. The coverage in this package of stories takes the reader beyond the headlines and into the hinterlands, as it were, to expose the authentic locale, which helps to bring real understanding to the context, the challenges, and the realities of daily life. Also, for a location like South Sudan, Flynn's coverage is highly educational and enlightening. I learned a lot.

Second Place**World Youth Day 2023**

Catholic News Agency
Shannon Mullen, Jonah McKeown, Joe Bukuras and Hannah Brockhaus

This is a nice package of stories that helps to bring the reader to the scene and to experience what in-person pilgrims felt. Nice coverage of a wide variety of perspectives from across the globe. Easy to read and digest. These are inspirational stories that give hope for the future.

Third Place**Pope Francis visits Mongolia**

Catholic News Service
Cindy Wooden, Lola Gomez and Robert Duncan
This is a great set of articles that allows the reader to experience the full papal visit, day to day. The detail in the stories helps to give the reader a feel for the impact of the papal visit and the hope for the future for a still-nascent mission in an exotic part of the world with diverse and numerous religious challenges. These articles help the reader to understand the importance of ecumenicism.

Honorable Mention**Pope Francis' trip to Marseille**

Catholic News Service
Carol Glatz, Lola Gomez and Robert Duncan

Honorable Mention**Papal trip to World Youth Day in Lisbon**

Catholic News Service
Justin McLellan, Lola Gomez and Robert Duncan

N521d: Best Coverage - Religious Liberty Issues**First Place****FBI Memo on Investigation of Traditional Catholics**

Catholic News Agency
Tyler Arnold, Joe Bukuras and Daniel Payne
This package represents some of the best investigative and expository reporting I have ever read. With its probe, the Register became a player in the quest to demand reform in the FBI and to get the FBI to own up to its unjustified investigation of and besmirchment of practicing Catholics. The writing is engaging, and the narrative is neatly tied together with solid evidence and reporting. Excellent job at holding government officials' feet to the fire!

Second Place**Church Under Persecution in Nicaragua**

National Catholic Register
Lauretta Brown, Joan Frawley Desmond and Michael Warsaw

This is a nice package of stories that exposes an issue with which most readers probably would be unfamiliar. The articles do a good job of getting the reader up to speed and explaining the plight of the Catholic leaders in a way that is very understandable and digestible. The stories compel the reader to think beyond our borders and understand geopolitical issues involving Nicaragua in a new light. Great work! I very much enjoyed learning as I read these articles.

Third Place**State, National and International Religious Liberty Coverage**

Catholic News Agency
Tyler Arnold and Joe Bukuras
This is a diverse collection of stories that exposes the readers to a breadth of experiences. Excellent use of multimedia embeds within stories where appropriate. The package of stories gives the reader the idea that one might expect to

experience solid coverage of religious liberty issues when reading this newspaper, which could engender brand loyalty for CNA.

N521e: Best Coverage - Disaster or Crisis**First Place****Everyone deserves a safe, decent, affordable home**

The Catholic Messenger
Barb Arland-Fye
Excellent news coverage as well as editorial advocacy. The coverage drew in a lot of voices, and the first-person accounts of what happened were very compelling.

Second Place**Lahaina wildfires**

Hawaii Catholic Herald
Jennifer Rector and Patrick Downes
Great details, great photos. I thought the story by By Patrick Downes and Jennifer Rector on how the faith leaders coordinated their support was a particularly strong enterprise piece.

Third Place**In spite of a year of war, Ukrainians endure and religious ministry continues**

Global Sisters Report
Chris Herlinger
Fantastic color, brought to life by amazing photos. The story on the work of sisters such as Lydia Timkova was particularly moving, and very enterprising. Videos helped bring all of this coverage to life. Outstanding work.

Honorable Mention**The Covenant School Shooting**

Tennessee Register
Katie Peterson
Thorough, detailed coverage of an awful tragedy. The "How should you talk to your children about school shooting" was a particularly thoughtful piece with helpful resources.

Honorable Mention**Maui Fires**

Catholic News Agency
Kevin Jones, Daniel Payne and Jonah McKeown
Solid coverage, clear writing. The church story was based on reporting by the Star-Advertiser; although the context of the coverage was good, relying on the work of others was a consideration here. This was a competitive category with lots of "boots on the ground" reporting in other entries.

N521g: Best Coverage - Pro life Issues**First Place****"Moms on Campus" Series**

National Catholic Register
Lauretta Brown
Well-written, comprehensive, detailed stories celebrating Catholic universities and colleges and their outreach to students. Great story choices that not only detailed efforts to support student but showed the impact that these efforts had on people. Thoughtfully done. The YouTube videos were a terrific bonus that helped tell the stories.



N521c: Best Coverage – Papal Trips

Second Place

God and somebody next to you

Arlington Catholic Herald
Zoey Maraist

Really nice piece, well written. Great details. Excellent use of quotes.

Third Place

Activists Praise Dobbs Ruling, Vow to Continue Anti-Abortion Efforts; Diocesan Youth Prepared to Lead Pro-Life Charge as ‘Soldiers of Christ’; Laws Across America

The Tablet
John Lavenburg and Carol Zimmermann

Outstanding state-by-state legal breakdown of abortion laws nationwide. Really impressive.

Honorable Mention

March for Life comes back to DC amid backlash to abortion ruling

National Catholic Reporter
Brian Fraga and Katie Collins Scott

Great topics. Outstanding, nuanced writing.

Honorable Mention

Death Penalty Coverage 2023

The Florida Catholic
Jean Gonzalez, Glenda Meekins and the Florida Catholic Media Staff

Compelling coverage of William Thomas Zeigler Jr., and a strong spotlight on death penalty issues.

N521h: Best Coverage - Racial Inequities

First Place

Activists invite police, clinicians to get to know locals in challenged Cleveland neighborhoods; Bon Secours St. Francis equips barbers, stylists to talk health with customers; AHA program enables hospitals to assess, then bolster health equity efforts

Catholic Health Association
Julie Minda

Solid, well-reported articles reveal ingrained racial inequities and creative approaches to extricate its pernicious roots. Thorough, well-documented and engaging stories that articulate replicable solutions.

Second Place

Cardinal Gregory: Black Catholics have ‘kept the faith’ despite injustice

National Catholic Reporter
Aleja Hertzler-McCain and Katie Collins Scott

Excellent examination of obscured/ignored racial inequity inherent in clergy abuse scandals. Further, all three articles illuminate the valued role of ethnic diversity and underscore the need to eradicate racial inequities.

Third Place

Black Catholics: We Must Take Up MLK’s Fight for Social Justice, Catholics Shared in MLK’S Vision, Bishop’s BHM Mass Message: ‘All Part of the Same Family’

The Tablet
Bill Miller, Carol Zimmermann and John Lavenburg
Solid coverage of racial inequity and the essential need for a response. Articles also effectively articulate the role and resonance of history in the present day.

Honorable Mention

Clean-up effort at Sacred Heart cemetery; Descendants help clear grounds near ancestor’s grave; Cardinal leads prayer service for enslaved African Americans buried in unmarked graves

Catholic Standard
Catherine Buckler and Mihoko Owada

N521i: Best Coverage - Ecumenical and Interfaith Issues

First Place

The Vatican archives and Catholic-Jewish relations

Catholic News Service
Carol Glatz

Excellent analysis and writing about an important issue.

Second Place

One Among Us Justice Award goes to interfaith friends

The Catholic Messenger
Barb Arland-Fye

Interesting writing about an appealing topic.

N521j: Best Coverage - Catholic Education

First Place

Coverage of Atlanta’s Catholic Schools

The Georgia Bulletin
Andrew Nelson

Three exceptionally written stories, all different, but all focusing on students. The first, a small school of 100 wraps its love, prayers and financial support around two of those students overcoming cancer. The second peeks inside a state of the art STREAM lab, bringing together science, technology, religion, engineering, arts and math. And the third shows us a high school mural which, to the surprise of the students, actually highlights some current students. All wonderfully complete stories with sparkling photos.

Second Place

Serving students with special needs

Our Sunday Visitor
Katie Yoder

Cheerleaders welcomed her on her first day of school and from that we move into the rocky past and the wonderful present of a student with Down syndrome and her journey into a new world of acceptance by a school that recognized the value of life. The beauty of this story is that this welcome and ultimate success of one student leads into a deep discussion of the need for more Catholic schools to accommodate students with special needs.

Third Place

Catholic Schools Gain on Public Schools’ Losses, Diocesan Students Outscore Public School Counterparts in Reading, Catholic HS More Diverse Than Elite Public Schools

The Tablet
Paula Katinas

Outstanding merger of personal stories and statistics to show the value of Catholic education in New York City where public school enrollment is dropping while Catholic school enrollment inches up. We also learn that Catholic schools are more diverse than elite New York schools. Complete with charts, an in-depth view of education.

Honorable Mention

What’s Working in Catholic Education

Catholic News Agency
Joe Bukuras, Jonah McKeown and Francesa Pollio Fenton

Honorable Mention

As Catholic dioceses release new gender policies, grassroots groups demand input

National Catholic Reporter
Katie Collins Scott and Christopher White

N531a: Best Editorial on a Local Issue - Weekly

First Place

Arkansas, address maternal mortality

Arkansas Catholic
Malea Hargett

Compelling presentation of an egregious issue that is more pernicious in local area. Solid arguments supported by solid data.

Second Place

State needs courage to stop death penalty

Arkansas Catholic
Malea Hargett

This editorial takes second place only because there are not two first places. Clear, direct, compelling argument supported by data.

Third Place

Moral Decline Leads to a City Where Crime Does Pay

The Tablet
The Tablet Staff

Launching with mundanity, editorial delves into relevance and consequence of trivializing seemingly mundane offenses. Statistics uphold argument. Well done.

N531b: Best Editorial on a Local Issue – Non-Weekly

First Place

Flat against this tax

The Compass
Patricia Kasten

Effective, well-articulated argument. Provides historic perspective as well as plain explanatory detail to support opinion.

Second Place

Will the Nashville school shooting finally change things

Tennessee Register
Rick Musacchio

Simple, stark lead opens to comprehensive detail about the event, the response and national efforts to combat gun violence. Effective close returns ubiquitous issue to the local level, underscoring need for communities and individuals to act.

Third Place

In miracles, we can find the hope of God’s love

Tennessee Register
Andy Telli

Engaging perspective on miracles. Underscores how everyday actions by individuals within a community also may rate as miracles.

N532a: Best Editorial on a National or International Issue - Weekly

First Place

Any faithful Catholics who can seek office?

Arkansas Catholic
Malea Hargett

This editorial has an excellent, clear, and strong voice throughout, allowing the reader to know exactly what's wanted from them. The writer expertly supports the request with specific evidence, statistics, and quotations that show why Catholics should answer the call to public office or other influential sectors. The last couple of sentences (the most well written) end with a punchy jolt, grabbing the reader's attention.

Second Place

Do you believe Church should be open to all?

Arkansas Catholic
Malea Hargett

The writing in this column is strong, especially the inclusion and second reference to a central image that drives home the writer's directive to have a Church open to all. The last paragraph is a highly effective "re-writing" of Ecclesiastics 3 to show everyone has a need for the church at all times.

Third Place

A Decade of Teaching Catholics to Dialogue

The Tablet
The Tablet Staff

This editorial is useful for anyone as a type of guide to help break down divisions between each of us. The writer's choice to cite the evolution and detail of Pope Francis's dialogue request (as well as ways it's already been answered) engages the reader to take up the Pope's call.

Honorable Mention

A true Christian cannot be anti-Semitic

The Criterion
Daniel Conway

N532b: Best Editorial on a National or International Issue – Non-Weekly

First Place

Accompany people in pain without abandoning God's plan

Tennessee Register
Andy Telli

This writer makes use of a wealth of sources, from the Tennessee General Assembly to the book of Genesis and more, to carefully build the argument against gender reassignment. The argument is a complex one, which the writer acknowledges by also asking for compassion for those struggling with gender issues.

Second Place

Bad policing puts good cops in a difficult spot

Tennessee Register
Andy Telli

This editorial begins in exactly the right place, detailing with needed specific and horrific description, the most recent police brutality case. The writer presents the Church's response, aptly and carefully laying out a definition of mercy as a take-away solution.

Third Place

Eucharistic Revival reminds us of the centrality of the priesthood

Tennessee Register
Erik Ritland and Katie Peterson

The central directive of this editorial to appreciate the vocation of priest is elevated by a detailed explanation of the Eucharist and the priest acting "in the person of Christ" during the sacrament. The topic isn't just informative and instructive, but timely as a three-year Eucharistic Revival is under way in the Church.

Honorable Mention

Thanksgiving is an opportunity to give thanks to God

Tennessee Register
Katie Peterson

N532c: Best Editorial on a National or International Issue – National Newspaper or Wire Service

First Place

Editorial: Air quality is a justice issue – and not just when it hurts NYC

National Catholic Reporter
NCR Editorial Staff

The lead-in graphs are written with evocative language and imagery that capture the reader's attention. Statistics are sprinkled throughout to great effect in building the writer's argument.

Second Place

A True Shepherd

National Catholic Register
Shannon Mullen

Using deep anecdotal coverage of the senator's life connects and drives home the writer's request in the editorial. It is a well-crafted exploration of Archbishop Cordileone's grace.

Third Place

NCR's Newsmaker of 2023: Jeannine Gramick, tireless advocate for LGBTQ Catholics

National Catholic Reporter
NCR Editorial Staff

N537a: Best Feature Writing - Weekly

First Place

"Amazing Grace": From heartbreak and rage, woman answers God's challenge with a remarkable promise

The Criterion
John Shaughnessy

An incredible story of forgiveness and faith portrayed with great emotion and detail. This story dives into the human condition. It's well-written and well-reported.

Second Place

Young woman stitches together faith and fashion to create timeless liturgical garments

Rhode Island Catholic
Laura Kilgus

I've been a judge in this competition for many years and this is one of the most unique stories I've come across. This story wonderfully portrays a young woman who combines her love of faith and fashion to create intricate vestments for Catholic priests. A great and intriguing read. Certainly no run-of-the-mill story.

Third Place

Faith and parish support helped Plymouth teen on road to recovery after brain aneurysm

The Boston Pilot
Wes Cipolla

A well-told report of a young man who is dealt a cruel blow to his health and how, through faith and perseverance, he and his family have traveled down the winding path of recovery. Vitally important that the reporter gave the young man a voice in the story. A gentle touch on a difficult topic.

Honorable Mention

Family Matters

The Evangelist
Mike Matvey

Honorable Mention

Celebrating the Real 12 Days of Christmas

Rhode Island Catholic
Jennifer Barton

N537b: Best Feature Writing – Non-Weekly

First Place

Guardian of the Faith

Idaho Catholic Register
Gene Fadness

A well-reported and compassionately told story of the importance and need for the Body of Christ, even behind prison walls. A portrayal of a living example of the transformative power.

Second Place

Drawing on their talents

Florida Catholic Miami
Jim Davis

Incredibly uplifting story about discovering people's hidden or untapped talents. I wanted to read every word of this story of a shelter that goes beyond just providing food and bed. Through art therapy, they've also found enjoyment and a purpose. Lovely piece.

Third Place

Finding Healing from Abortion

Diocese of Knoxville
Gabrielle Nolan

A sensitively written account that features multiple sources telling their stories about abortion and the trials and tribulations they faced. It takes a

trustworthy reporter to report these stories. That's obviously the case here because the account is full of an array of highly personal recollections.

Honorable Mention

Blankets of love
Hawaii Catholic Herald
Jennifer Rector

Honorable Mention

The gift of presence when life's path is diverted
Clarion Herald
Mark Lombard

N537c: Best Feature Writing – National Newspaper or Wire Service

First Place

Vatican's Venice Biennale exhibit serves as a laboratory for putting Laudato Si' in action
National Catholic Reporter
Christopher White
Outstanding writing anchors this feature by skillfully weaving together detailed description of the Vatican exhibition at the Venice Biennale and its theological grounding in Pope Francis' Laudato Si'. The piece manages to be both evocative and enlightening.

Second Place

Colossal lifesaving effort began with 60 minutes of CPR
Catholic Health Association
Lisa Eisenhauer
This moving story about heroic efforts by healthcare workers to save a patient's life had me riveted from start to finish. The story's details and pacing create a strong emotional response.

Third Place

St. Mary center helps people with HIV or AIDS to not just survive, but thrive
Catholic Health Association
Julie Minda
This retrospective on a program to assist people with HIV or AIDS provides important history about how these patients were treated decades ago, when there was a great deal of stigma. The feature incorporates excellent interviews with patients and healthcare workers, along with valuable context about the treatment of HIV and patients' vastly improved outcomes today.

Honorable Mention

Beauty in the Desert: 'Santero' Art Fuses Local Traditions and Catholic Faith at Sacred Heart Spanish Market
Elizabeth Hansen
Elizabeth Hansen

N541: Best Headline

First Place

Ale-vangelizing in the community
The Catholic Virginian
Kristen L. Byrd
This headline does an excellent job of building curiosity and interest



in the article below with the one word, "Ale-vangelizing." It's a clever play on the two things important to the priest's work.

Second Place

Mountain climbing Benedictine monks 'seek things above'
SueAnn Howell
SuaAnn Howell
Using a headline with a double meaning encapsulates the weaving together of the monks' goals, both spiritual and physical, detailed in the story. Using a quotation from scripture in the headline adds to the complexity of its meaning.

Third Place

Reaping the fruit(cakes) of labor
Arlington Catholic Herald
Ann M. Augherton
This headline is both snappy and intriguing with the modification of a common phrase. The writer does a good job of crafting a headline that makes the reader wonder what fruitcake has to do with monks.

Honorable Mention

New Library In The Books
The Catholic Week
Rob Herbst

Honorable Mention

"Alto" this World
The Evangelist
Michael Matvey

N561a: Best In-Depth News/ Special Reporting - Weekly

First Place

Tommy Zeigler Case
The Florida Catholic
Jean Gonzalez
The Florida Catholic continues its 25 years of reporting on the death-row case of a Florida man who has maintained his innocence of murders committed in 1975. The article incorporates precise reporting and outstanding writing.

Second Place

Reporting from Israel at War
Rhode Island Catholic
Rick Snizek and Jennifer Barton
This on-the-ground coverage of the Israel-Hamas War was reported at personal risk to the author, who witnessed rocket attacks and interviewed people in both Israel and Gaza about their experiences.

Third Place

Unapologetically Catholic
The Leaven
Therese Horvat
This insightful roundup weaves together research about the growing number of Americans who are unaffiliated with any religion and interviews with Catholics who share their explanations for the trend and ideas for modern evangelization.

N561b: Best In-Depth News/ Special Reporting – Non-Weekly

First Place

Descendants of people enslaved and sold by the Jesuits in 1838 reunite for family reunion

in Southern Maryland

Catholic Standard
Mark Zimmermann and Mihoko Owada
This moving story about a reunion for the descendants of people enslaved and sold by the Jesuits covers a broad time period, writing memorably about individuals who were sold into slavery and providing reflections from those who came together recently to honor them.

Second Place

Building New Lives: Catholic Charities resettles more refugees fleeing conflict
Diocese of Charlotte
Christina Lee Knauss and Troy Hull
This feature, published in English and Spanish, about efforts to resettle refugees in the Diocese of Charlotte details one family's long-awaited journey to the United States and provides important context about the rise in the number of people seeking to escape conflict.

Third Place

Detroit's Ukrainians maintain unbroken spirit one year after Russian invasion
Archdiocese of Detroit
Daniel Meloy
This multifaceted story uses interviews, anecdotes and research to demonstrate the impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on Detroit's Ukrainian Catholic community, with many refugees joining family members in the area, enrolling in local schools and taking part in parish life.

N561c: Best In-Depth News/ Special Reporting – National Newspaper or Wire Service

First Place

Pope Francis' 10th anniversary
Catholic News Service
Cindy Wooden, Carol Glatz, Robert Duncan, Paul Haring and Justin McLellan
This extraordinary team effort exploring various aspects of Pope Francis' 10th anniversary combines thought-provoking interviews, memorable writing and significant context to provide a comprehensive picture of what the pope has accomplished and what lies ahead.

Second Place

In Honduras' Dry Corridor, climate change poses a painful dilemma: Adapt or leave
National Catholic Reporter
Brian Roewe
This beautifully written feature, reported from Honduras, places individuals' choices about migration in the context of the global climate crisis, promoting understanding and empathy.

Third Place

A year after Pope Francis' Canada trip, sisters walk long road to reconciliation amid boarding schools' bitter legacy
Global Sisters Report
Sandrine Rastello
This thoughtful, in-depth article employs months of reporting and a dozen interviews to examine the complexities of reconciliation efforts within religious communities in Canada.

Honorable Mention

Steps from the brink: Faith in addiction recovery

The Catholic Register
Michael Swan, Peter Stockland, Lucy Barco and Mickey Conlon

Honorable Mention

Breaking the bondage: Ending human trafficking's evil

The Catholic Register
Quinton Amundson, Peter Stockland, Anna Farrow, Lucy Barco, Mickey Conlon, Mary French and Angela Vecchiato

N563b: Best Investigative News Writing – Non-Weekly

First Place

Stolen Station of the Cross returned to Richmond parish after 22-year mystery

Archdiocese of Detroit
Daniel Meloy

This piece reads like an unraveling mystery of whodunit. Following the trail, the reporter clearly and succinctly tells the story of a missing artifact.

N563c: Best Investigative News Writing – National Newspaper of Wire Service

First Place

Lingering Vatican investigation of Tennessee bishop leaves diocese demoralized

National Catholic Reporter
Brian Fraga

This piece is deserving of all the recognition for its breadth of research and interviews with those involved, particularly the bishop. The reporter does an excellent job of balancing the subject matter's responses with the various issues others detail.

Second Place

Catholic clergy abuse survivors of color endure compounded trauma

National Catholic Reporter
Katie Collins Scott

This timely work fulfills its goal to draw a wide-ranging picture of specific clergy abuse in Black and brown communities and the additional hardships endured. Particularly heart-wrenching are the many interviews with those abused.

Third Place

Group promoting author GK Chesterton faces turmoil over right-wing connections

National Catholic Reporter
Brian Fraga

This is an in depth, but more importantly, balanced look at some complaints with a G.K. Chesterton group. Every issue is highly researched, often historically, anecdotally and other manners.

N564a: Best Analysis/Background/Round-Up News Writing - The Gerard E. Sherry Award – Weekly

First Place

Death Penalty Coverage - 2023

The Florida Catholic
Jean Gonzalez and the Florida Catholic staff

This is a gripping story from the first words to the last. The writing is terse and compelling, the backgrounding

never slows the story down, and the story has urgency throughout. While written with a point of view, it never slips in editorializing. Astonishing work.

Second Place

Reporting from Israel at War

Rhode Island Catholic
Rick Snizek and Jennifer Barton

The history of the Holy Land could have run in any publication in the U.S., and the other pieces offer inside glimpses that just weren't available from secular media. Wonderful job making your publication indispensable.

Third Place

Unapologetically Catholic

The Leaven
Therese Horvat

Fine, in-depth examination of a subject that is so important, with each of the people quoted bringing a different perspective to the table. There is a lot for readers to mull over here.

Honorable Mention

Buyer Beware: You Are Going to Be Scammed by Relic Sellers on Web, Vatican Ensures Authenticity of Saintry Relics

The Tablet
Bill Miller

Honorable Mention

Soulless Homilies

The Tablet
John Lavenburg

N564b: Best Analysis/Background/Round-Up News Writing – The Gerard E. Sherry Award – Non-Weekly

First Place

Navigating gender dysphoria

Arlington Catholic Herald
Anna Harvey

This is an excellent piece of explanatory journalism, and although it clearly states the Catholic perspective on the issue, it does not come off as strident or judgmental — which is entirely in keeping with the message. The writing is careful and thoughtful. Well done.

Second Place

Man and machine

Arlington Catholic Herald
Kevin Schweers

Good overview of a topic that needs as much thoughtful coverage as possible. Smooth writing; good research.

Third Place

Mass attendance is up, but...

Hawaii Catholic Herald
Patrick Downes

Very good summary of a topic of great interest, with good context worked in. At a time when analysis of what's happening in mainstream churches is filled with conjecture, this is solid.

Honorable Mention

The Catholic obligation to vote

Arlington Catholic Herald
Ann M. Aughterton

Places voting in clearly in the context of a responsibility, not just a right.

N564c: Best Analysis/Background/Round-Up News Writing - The Gerard E. Sherry Award – National Newspaper or Wire Service

First Place

A year after Pope Francis' Canada trip, sisters walk long road to reconciliation amid boarding schools' bitter legacy

Global Sisters Report
Sandrine Rastello

An outstanding examination of this heartbreaking subject, with vivid imagery and compelling detail. The writing is lucid and impossible to stop reading.

Second Place

Amid record chronic homelessness, advocates and experts say there is a solution

National Catholic Reporter
Katie Collins Scott

Outstanding explanatory reporting on how some success has been found with this chronic problem that plagues so many cities. Nice to see this considered a "Catholic subject." Great journalism.

Third Place

Germany's Synodal Way

National Catholic Register
Jonathan Liedl

What lifted this up was the format — a clear, concise top and then a breakdown of issues with clear explanations of each one, instead of a long narrative trying to weave it all together. This made it so much easier to understand.

Honorable Mention

10 Years with Pope Francis

National Catholic Reporter
Christopher White

Honorable Mention

Medicaid 'unwinding' threatens chaos for insured and care providers

Catholic Health Association
Lisa Eisenhauer

N565a: Best News Writing on a Local Event - Weekly

First Place

Arkansas' Catholic hospitals innovate care amid nursing shortage

Arkansas Catholic
Katie Zakrzewski

Very well-reported story with multiple sources that takes a local look at a nationwide problem - a shortage of nurses in the workforce. Story looks not only at the problem but what is being done to address the issue. Very solid business story.

Second Place

The call to be His witnesses in the world

St. Louis Review
Laura Kosta and Jennifer Brinker

Incredibly in-depth reporting, with rich details across a broad range of coverage but highly readable. Really liked the use of sidebars and bullet points to highlight topics.

Third Place**Christ Shining in the Darkness**

The Tablet
Bill Miller

Very enjoyable story based on a simple premise - the need for light in our lives. Reporter takes a topic that may not seem all that newsworthy - the need for outside lighting at the Cathedral Basilica of St. James - and turning it in to a wonderful piece about how a simple light can be transformative in so many ways.

Honorable Mention**Two families in Little Rock lose homes, but not their faith**

Freelance
Aprille Spivey

Honorable Mention**City Memorializes Teen With Street Sign as Drive for Sainthood Continues**

The Tablet
Paula Katinas

N565b: Best News Writing on a Local Event – Non-Weekly**First Place****The life, death and legacy of Bishop Matthew H. Clark**

Catholic Courier
Mike Latona, Jennifer Burke and Amy Kotlarz Knapp

No stone left unturned in this reporter's reporting. What could have been a surface-level obituary piece was transformed into a richly written memorial that recounts the seemingly glorious life of Bishop Clark, from early life to his death and beyond. The reader learns a lot through story. Deeply detailed but an easy read.

Second Place**30 years later, World Youth Day '93 remains a spiritual revolution**

Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communications
Roxanne King

A wonderful look back at the transformative World Youth Day in Denver in 1993. This is far more than a retrospective piece. The story is full of colorful and deep details that gives the reader a true feel for an event that happened three decades ago. Most notable is the new reporting throughout the story, much of it from interviews with sources who provide their recollections of attending the event. An inspiring and enjoyable read.

Third Place**The Covenant School Shooting and Aftermath**

Tennessee Register
Katie Peterson

Deep, detailed and highly varied follow-up reporting on the tragic Mass shooting that took place at The Covenant School in Nashville. A mixture of hard news and feature reporting is combined to give readers a sense of the depth of the tragedy as well as what is being done to cope with it. Fine work.

Honorable Mention**Resettling refugees and asylum seekers in Rochester**

Catholic Courier
Mike Latona and Elena Cambio

Honorable Mention**Our Lady of Fatima tours Archdiocese of Newark**

Archdiocese of Newark
Jaimie Julia Winters and Sean Quinn

N565c: Best News Writing on a Local Event – National Newspaper or Wire Service**First Place****Hundreds gather for gun violence summit hosted by St. Louis archdiocese**

Catholic Health Association
Valerie Schremp Hahn

Well-sourced, well-reported story on how the Catholic community in St. Louis responded to a school shooting in Nashville and used the tragedy to launch a wide-ranging discussion about gun violence. Story quotes an array of sources and uses statistics and charts to explain the crisis and what needs to be done to address it. Solid explanatory story.

Second Place**“Granite Mountain Hotshots” remembered at memorial Mass**

Freelance
Tony Gutiérrez

Poignant and touching piece that captures the raw emotions still present from a decade-old tragedy that took the lives of a group of firefighters. Story does well in portraying how the faith community responded to the situation, then and now.

N566a: Best News Writing on Regional Event - Weekly**First Place****Florida Martyrs**

The Florida Catholic
Jean Gonzalez

Good job mixing information about the current event and the history that led to this point. Nice grasp of detail.

N566b: Best News Writing on Regional Event – Non-Weekly**First Place****Speakers: Protect Indigenous women and girls from violence**

The Catholic Spirit
Barb Umberger, Joe Ruff and Rebecca Omastiak
Incredible lede that pulls the reader into a story of national significance. This is compelling, must-read work.

Second Place**Salina Diocese The Register - Regional Events**

Catholic Diocese of Salina
Katie Hamel and Diane Gasper-O'Brien

I really appreciate that this conveyed the enthusiasm of the event without being over the top. Good background and history.

Third Place**Catholic Charities 5-part series**

The Catholic Sun
Eileen Jevis, Tom Maguire and Dc. Tom Cuskey
Good overview of the history and the many programs offered by Catholic Charities, which readers may not be aware exist.

N567a: Best News Writing on a National Event – One Shot**First Place****Pope Francis axes firebrand Texas Bishop Strickland, darling of right-wing Twitter**

National Catholic Reporter
Brian Fraga

Clear, authoritative reporting and writing. This could have been published anywhere, from the smallest Catholic paper in Texas to New York Times. It is rich in context and framing.

Second Place**How will schools react to Artificial Intelligence?**

Clarion Herald
Peter Finney Jr.

Bright idea — not enough is being written about this subject, and this is very smart in its approach. Good job taking a national issue and looking at it from a local perspective. This will make readers in any community wonder what their schools are doing.

Third Place**Community raises Super Bowl athlete**

Diocese of Orlando
Glenda Meekins

What a nice feature for any reader, even someone who is not a fan. Good detail, especially the quotes — which indicates the interviewing was well-done.

N567b: Best News Writing on a National Event - Series**First Place****Coverage of exhumed body of Sister Wilhemina**

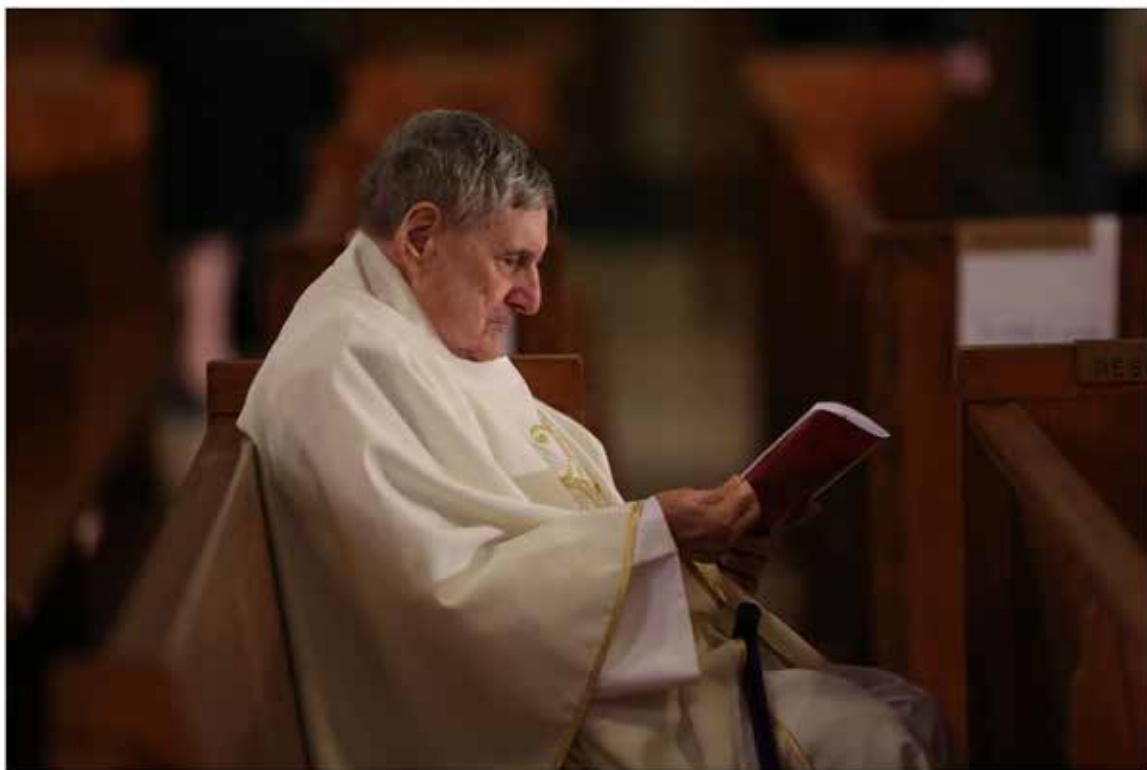
Catholic News Agency
Shannon Mullen, Joe Bukuras and Hannah Brockhaus

Fascinating top, with each story in the series advancing and expanding the coverage. The writing has a subtle tone of urgency and excitement, which is not easy to do, and really fits the subject. Well done.

Second Place**National Black Catholic Congress**

Catholic Standard
Mark Zimmermann, Catherine Buckler, Jaclyn Lippelmann and Mihoko Owada

For anyone interested in the topic, this is the most comprehensive coverage they would expect. It's written with a sense of expertise and sensitivity to the themes of the gathering.



CLERGY/RELIGIOUS LOCAL TOP STORIES

'I never went reluctantly': The enthusiastic and impactful priesthood of 101-year-old Msgr. Turro

Joe Jordan • March 6, 2023

N571b: Best Personality Profile – Non-Weekly

N568a: Best News Writing on International

First Place

Israel at War - A Hostage Family's Pain

Rhode Island Catholic
Rick A. Snizek

Important on-the-ground coverage of people directly affected by some of the most important global events of the past year.

Second Place

"Confusion, control and abuse": Report offers new details about Jean Vanier's secret sect and sexual exploitation

National Catholic Reporter
Katie Collins Scott

Excellent, in-depth reporting and investigation that builds on important report revealing important news.

Third Place

Israel at War - Reporter's Notebook

Rhode Island Catholic
Rick A. Snizek

Engaging first-hand account of the start of the Israel Hamas conflict.

Honorable Mention

Fight for faith in Nicaragua hits home

Archdiocese of Newark
Joe Jordan

Important reporting bring to light and uncovered topic.

Honorable Mention

Latin Patriarch: Israel at War - Time Has Come for Political Leaders to Make Good on Statehood Slogans as war rages

Rhode Island Catholic
Rick A. Snizek

N568b: Best News Writing on an International Event – One Shot

First Place

Nicaraguan government expels more women religious, takes over another order's property

Global Sisters Report
Rhina Guidos

This series features excellent reporting, sustained outrage over an overlooked topic, writing that focuses on displaced and vulnerable populations, and a clear connection and implication for the Catholic church and its parishioners worldwide.

Second Place

In spite of a year of war, Ukrainians endure and religious ministry continues

Global Sisters Report
Chris Herlinger

Impressive continued coverage of one of the most critical news events in the world in the past year.

Third Place

Israel at War Series

Rhode Island Catholic
Rick A. Snizek

Excellent series of breaking news and spot news coverage of the Israeli Hamas war from the ground.

Honorable Mention

The Plight of Armenian Christians in Nagorno-Karabakh

Catholic News Agency
Peter Pinedo

Honorable Mention

Coverage of COP28

National Catholic Reporter
Brian Roewe

N571a: Best Personality Profile - Weekly

First Place

Against the Odds

The Leaven
Maira Cullings

This is a great profile—a highly educational piece about an historical figure that could be used as a lesson for students to learn about multiple aspects of US history. I learned a good amount in reading just this one article. The way the article is presented in various components contributes to making the information understandable and digestible. Just a really nice all-around piece of work that I feel blessed to have been able to judge.

Second Place

Poet of 'Trees' a Catholic Convert, Humble Soldier, and "Gallant Soul"

The Tablet
Bill Miller

This is a highly educational piece of work that I very much enjoyed reading. The subject is significant in addition to being interesting, and the context of his life also is significant. The various components of the article make it digestible and engaging. This would be a great article to present to history or literature students, providing information and context.

Third Place

Man hears God's call in tomato fields of rural Fla.

The Florida Catholic
Linda Reeves

This is an interesting profile with great call to action. The reader learns about a significant issue and, with the coverage in the article, gains inspiration to understand the plight of the subject and people like him and possibly also to take action. The writing is engaging, and the coverage is cohesive and is holistically presented.

Honorable Mention

Local Artist Helps Bring the Saints to Life in New Book

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
Paula Lent

Honorable Mention

Father Duffy: Times Square Sentinel, Faithful Chaplain of the "Fighting 69th"

The Tablet
Bill Miller

N571b: Best Personality Profile – Non-Weekly

First Place

Priesthood of 101-year-old Msgr. Turro

Archdiocese of Newark
Joe Jordan

This profile is a great tribute to a man with great impact. Through the writing, the reader really gets the idea of this guy being quite a character. Excellent use of multimedia to accompany the article and put the subject vividly in the readers' minds. It's a well-constructed article, showing the phases of his life and his influence. I thoroughly enjoyed reading about his life.

Second Place**Gene Fisch's story transcends time**

The Catholic Sun
Dan Hurley

This a very informative and educational profile and, as the article mentions, told at an opportune moment in the subject's life. This article could be used in classrooms to bring history to life for students. The article has a nice balance of personal memoir and factual history. It's a very engaging story and well-written so it is accessible to a wide audience.

Third Place**Augusta County blacksmith forges signs of faith**

The Catholic Virginian
Joe Staniunas

This is a very well-written article—the writing brings the subject and the context to life. It is an inspirational story of someone with a unique role. The reader really gets an idea of what motivates the blacksmith—it's inspirational. I thoroughly enjoyed reading this article. Great work at identifying such an interesting subject and telling the story so vividly!

Honorable Mention**Sharing faith through hula**

Hawaii Catholic Herald
Anna Weaver

Honorable Mention**Country star Craig Morgan shares journey of faith**

Tennessee Register
Katie Peterson

N571c: Best Personality Profile – National Newspaper or Wire Service**First Place****Fighting euthanasia in Canada: Amanda Achtman is a millennial on a mission**

Catholic News Agency
Zoe Romanowsky

This is an excellent article that discusses an important and pressing issue in Canada. The writing draws in the reader and impresses the urgency of the issue and the emotions underpinning the subject's mission. It is a multifaceted article that draws upon historical context and contemporary state of play on the euthanasia issue. As such, it compels readers to digest the entire article and to think critically about the issue in the context of their faith.

Second Place**Cardinal Mario Grech: Central figure in pope's plan to change Catholic Church**

National Catholic Reporter
Christopher White

This is an interesting and well-written article that brings to light an issue with which most readers probably would be unfamiliar through the presentation of this profile. I learned a lot by reading it. The article provides a compelling story about the cardinal's journey and mission that is both educational and inspiring—a great topic and subject.

Third Place**"This is the life": Denver sister has fostered more than 100 children**

Catholic Health Association
Valerie Schremp Hahn

This is an inspirational profile that could motivate readers to take action—to become foster parents, to adopt, or to support children in need. The subject has really put her faith in action, and her story demonstrates that an ordinary person can be extraordinary if they live their mission.

Honorable Mention**Slain LA 'Bishop Dave' Remembered as a Humble Man of Action Who Wanted People to Encounter Christ's Healing Love**

National Catholic Register
Joan Desmond and Laretta Brown

Honorable Mention**Beauty matter**

The Catholic Register
Anna Farrow

N575a: Best Reporting on a Special Age-Group – Senior Citizens**First Place****Ministry memory care facilities apply Montessori principles to increase resident engagement**

Catholic Health Association
Julie Minda

Readers not familiar with Montessori education methods are in for a treat learning about using these foundational techniques not for preschoolers but for seniors in memory care. This story turns the Montessori method of education on its head relating research and practice of time proven techniques that add to the confidence and well-being of seniors. Weaving Maria Montessori's biography and history with the academic research project crafting the practices is a great way to tell this innovative story.

Second Place**NWI Catholic - Senior View**

Northwest Indiana Catholic
Erin Cisczon, Most Rev. Robert J. McClory and Colleen McGinty-Rabine

The "Senior View" articles offer rich and detailed descriptions of three distinct experiences serving seniors. They are informative pieces, complemented by insightful quotes and engaging storytelling. The accompanying colorful photos effectively represent the content of the stories. Overall, these articles provide a well-rounded and captivating exploration of the senior perspective.

Third Place**How to care for the dying: Longtime nurse gives high doses of comfort and compassion**

The Catholic Spirit
Dave Hrbacek, Dave Hrbacek

A pithy lead sets up the story well, a story that provides a compelling "argument" supporting the Minnesota Eldercare center and its work for 40 years. The reporter uses an interesting blend of historical framework and personal vignettes to share the information.

Honorable Mention**Remembering the March on Washington**

Catholic Standard
Mark Zimmermann, Richard Szczepanowski and Catherine Buckler

Honorable Mention**Stitch in time for 95-year-old seamstress**

Catholic Diocese of Salina

Katie Hamel, Editor and Diane Gasper-O'Brien, Freelance Writer

N575b: Best Reporting on a Special Age-Group – Young Adults (18-40)**First Place****Archdiocese of Newark faithful head to World Youth Day**

Archdiocese of Newark
Jaimie Julia Winters

The accompanying photos in these stories are truly breathtaking, offering stunning and creative representations of the real experiences of Newark teens and countless others at World Youth Day 2023. While the images captivate, the stories themselves go even further, filling in the gaps with pithy anecdotes, personal reflections, and vivid experiences that transport the reader beyond the visual realm. Together, they create a compelling and immersive narrative.

Second Place**World Youth Day**

The Leaven
Jack Figge and Jay Soldner

Devoting an entire special supplement to World Youth Day chock full of stories written from a variety of perspectives and bright colorful engaging photos creates a media package that is hard to beat. The pot insets and quotes add personalization to the mix.

Third Place**Millennials on a Mission**

Catholic News Agency
Joe Bukuras, Daniel Payne and Zoe Romanowsky
These three articles feature well-told inspirational stories of young adults dealing with contemporary personal challenges (cancer, confronting euthanasia, and the effects of technology on the human spirit). Striking photos accompany the texts.

Honorable Mention**Young woman's time with Christ leads to memorable moment for her husband, son; A time of defending the Blessed Mother leads to a renewed faith and a marriage; An unlikely faith journey of 6,250 miles draws a young woman closer to Christ**

The Criterion
John Shaughnessy

These three articles provide in depth stories of engaging faith for a woman and her family as they celebrate Christian initiation; for a woman's devotion to the Blessed Mother and the transformative effects on her life; and a Children's museum project featuring sacred spaces. Each is descriptive, containing a good story, good quotes and colorful accompanying photos.

N575c: Best Reporting on a Special Age-Group – Children and Teens Younger than 18**First Place****NCYC: A Special Supplement of The Criterion**

The Criterion
Mike Krokos, John Shaughnessy, Sean Gallagher, Natalie Hoefler, Brandon A. Evans and Ann Lewis
Excellent writing, engaging graphic design and colorful pages make this a joy to read. The perfect entry that would be of interest to all ages, particularly young adults.

Second Place

Kids' Clarion

Clarion Herald
Beth Donze

The graphic design, use of color and special font make this entry very appealing to anyone under 18. The story variety was also commendable.

Third Place

Junior Saints

Catholic Standard
Writings and artwork by students in Catholic schools in The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington
This entry focused on students and combined their writing on caring for creation and Christmas with their artwork. The design and student voice made this a winner.

Honorable Mention

Children's holy hours encourage little ones to start a relationship with Jesus

Archdiocese of Detroit
Gabiella Patti

Solid reporting combined with stunning photos made this entry a joy to read. Parents and young parishioners alike will be drawn to this story.

Honorable Mention

On Veterans Day, young Scouts and veterans unite to honor fallen heroes

Archdiocese of Newark
Maxim Almenas

N579: Best Reporting on the Celebration of a Sacrament

First Place

Harmony Waller: A life of service

Clarion Herald
Peter Finney Jr.

This story excels on multiple fronts: it not only showcases how to uncover the deeper narrative behind a sacramental event but also serves as a valuable resource for readers seeking inspiration for their own parish involvement. By spotlighting the remarkable work of the religious education coordinator and incorporating diverse voices, including those of children, the article demonstrates extra effort and skill. Overall, a job well done in delivering a compelling and instructive piece.

Second Place

Many liturgical rites, but all one Catholic Church

Clarion Herald
Christine Bordelon

What a fascinating exploration of the Maronite Catholic Liturgy. Great detail; wonderful context and background. This is a great learning experience for readers.

Third Place

Church to welcome new Catholics

Catholic Courier
Jennifer Burke

This is a basic assignment elevated by tight writing, a great lede and a beautiful touch in circling back to that lede in the ending. Very impressive work.

Honorable Mention

Here comes the brides

The Florida Catholic
Glenda Meekins

Honorable Mention

Local men answer the call: four new priests ordained

The Georgia Bulletin
Andrew Nelson

N581a: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues - Call to Family, Community and Participation

First Place

Bishop-supported leadership training for immigrants transforms parish communities

National Catholic Reporter
Katie Collins Scott

This multifaceted story weaves together numerous voices and experiences, using excellent examples and pointed quotes, to show the impact of a program that helps to train immigrant leaders and foster relationships between immigrant and nonimmigrant communities.

Second Place

Lobbying for life

St. Louis Review
Jennifer Brinker

This feature clearly explains Catholic social teaching and uses accessible, inspiring examples to show how everyday people can — and must — advocate for the dignity of others by improving how society is organized.

Third Place

Parish Christmas dinners live out synod's call for closeness to people alone or in need

OSV News
Kimberley Heatherington

This heartwarming and joyous story ranges across the United States to illustrate how parishes welcome guests to community Christmas dinners.

N581b: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues - Care for God's Creation

First Place

At 10-year mark, Pope Francis seen as a global leader on the environment

National Catholic Reporter
Brian Roewe

*This comprehensive and well-structured survey of Pope Francis' role as an environmental leader ties together the influence of his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, his consistent attention to climate issues and the actions his example has inspired among Catholics worldwide.*

Second Place

Laudato Trees planting program enlists Catholic properties to help increase DC's canopy

National Catholic Reporter
Brian Roewe

The vivid writing in this feature explores a collaboration among Washington, DC-area organizations that have planted tens of thousands of trees. The story expertly provides context on the importance of trees in making urban environments more livable for all species.

Third Place

Planting Seeds, Cultivating Love

St. Louis Review
Laura Kosta

This feature on Catholic environmental efforts in the St. Louis area centers inspiring interviews with people who took responsibility for improving the care for creation by parishes, schools and families.

Honorable Mention

Swim expedition shows we might better 'clothe the naked' by buying fewer clothes

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N581c: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues - Dignity and Rights of the Workers

First Place

Dignity of Work

St. Louis Review
Laura Kosta

This story offers in-depth profiles of businesses in the St. Louis area to show how people with a variety of backgrounds and needs can be included and respected at work.

Second Place

Catholics concerned as U.S. child labor violations increase and lawmakers seek to weaken laws

OSV News
Kimberley Heatherington

This comprehensive explanatory piece provides shocking examples of young people working in some of the most dangerous American industries, and offers responses from Catholics and labor leaders to state lawmakers who are trying to weaken child-labor laws.

Third Place

Never Forget the 146

The Tablet
Bill Miller

This poignant tribute to the young women who died in the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire in 1911 honors specific victims and survivors of the tragedy, and emphasizes the vital importance of safety regulations.

N581d: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues - Life and Dignity of the Human Person

First Place

Holy Death

Idaho Catholic Register
Emily Woodham, Gene Fadness and Dr. LaVonne Mills

This comprehensive coverage on the topic of holy death offers a diverse array of information and writing styles, ensuring the topic remains engaging and informative. It effectively addresses the contemporary state of funerals and the observation of death, juxtaposed with traditional death rituals. The inclusion of quotes and experiences from those involved enriches the narrative, providing valuable advice and insights. Great job on delivering such a well-rounded package!

Second Place

Colorado Pro-Life efforts

Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communications
André Escaleira, Jr.

This is a complementary pair of articles that highlight the legitimacy and urgency of the pro-life worldview. These articles do an excellent job of showing in a practical way how a crisis pregnancy can be a blessing, no matter the circumstances. I like the way the stories demonstrate the need for more children, actually, to meet the demand from good people who want to be parents through adoption. These stories are inspiring and informative.

Third Place

Catholic Doulas Help Mothers in Need Say ‘Yes’ to Life

Elizabeth Hansen
Elizabeth Hansen

This is a very accessible story—many people could probably relate to the experience of expecting a child and seeking assistance during the course of the pregnancy and delivery. The article is written in a way that makes the topic compelling and easy to read. One could imagine others reading this story and taking action to replicate the doula mission elsewhere.

Honorable Mention

Undaunted by Professor’s Actions, Students Continue Pro-Life Message

The Tablet
Paula Katinas

Honorable Mention

Rochester welcomes asylum seekers

Catholic Courier
Mike Latona

N581e: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues - Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

First Place

Bishop Blesses Motels4Now which Houses the Chronically Homeless in the South Bend Area

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
Jill Boughton

This inspiring story not only sheds light on a successful initiative to address homelessness, a widespread issue in many communities, but also serves as a source of instruction and motivation. The narrative’s ability to uplift readers is truly a blessing, and its potential to draw attention to the newspaper is evident. Great work on sharing such a impactful story!

Second Place

Catholic Doulas Help Mothers in Need Say ‘Yes’ to Life

Elizabeth Hansen
Elizabeth Hansen

This story resonates with a wide audience, as many can relate to the experience of expecting a child and seeking support during pregnancy and delivery. The article’s accessible writing style makes the topic engaging and easy to comprehend. It’s conceivable that readers may be inspired to replicate the doula mission in other communities after reading this piece. Well done on crafting such an impactful and relatable narrative!

Third Place

Food truck ministry serves hot meals and hope

The Georgia Bulletin
Andrew Nelson

This story is interesting as it capitalizes on the food truck phenomenon, and it is written in an engaging style. The storytelling is vivid and brings the reader to the scene in an effective way. It’s great that the article includes a call to action for readers to become personally invested in the effort. Thank you for writing this article!

Honorable Mention

Trauma recovery center helps patients overcome impacts of violence

Catholic Health Association
Lisa Eisenhauer

Honorable Mention

For centuries, sisters in the Deep South have worked to alleviate poverty. There’s still more to do.

Global Sisters Report
Dan Stockman

N581g: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues - Solidarity

First Place

“Mexico’s sisters accompany youth gang members: ‘They make me turn the page’”

Global Sisters Report
Nuri Vallbona and Luis Donaldo González
The Global Sisters Report shines a spotlight on the impactful work of the Compañía María de Nazareth sisters, vividly depicting their ministry’s efforts and successes. A gang member’s testimony highlights the inspiration and motivation provided by the missionaries and sisters, emphasizing the transformative power of God’s word in their lives.

Second Place

Annulment explained

Arlington Catholic Herald
Meghan Bartlett
The Arlington Catholic completes a vibrant piece on the ministry of annulment an often overlooked work of the Church. The report explains the process in detail and we can hear and feel the effects.

Third Place

Solidarity to overcome a culture of violence

St. Louis Review
Jennifer Brinker
A quality piece of reporting and writing. Gun violence is looked at from many areas.

Honorable Mention

Sr. Consuelo Morales accompanies families of those killed or missing in Mexico

Global Sisters Report
Julieta Valdez

Honorable Mention

Missionary priest builds up Haiti one student, one classroom at a time

Catholic News Agency
Zoe Romanowsky
Father Louis Merosne embodies the belief that everything is possible with God, embracing the Herculean task of rebuilding the Catholic educational system in Haiti. In a recent Facebook video, he shared his vision of starting small to achieve a grand dream of building schools and transforming Haiti, one student at a time. His dedication inspires prayer and support for this important mission.

N584a: Best Reporting on Priesthood, Religious Life or Diaconate – One Shot

First Place

9/11 hero found relationship with Christ after tragedy, now helps others as deacon

Archdiocese of Newark
Sean Quinn
Hundreds rushed down staircases, fleeing the World Trade Center’s North Tower on 9/11. But not Paul Carris. He eased down 71 flights helping a woman whose physical condition prevented speed. He waved others past as he held the woman’s hand while her other hand clutched the railing. They finally made it outside and, pondering a life of service, he decided to become a deacon. This superbly paced story keeps readers to the end of the escape and into the beginning of a new life for Carris.

Second Place

God and Baseball

Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange
Greg Hardesty
Mass anyone? With maybe a bit of baseball tossed in? That’s sort of the life of Father Alan Benander. So we learn in this easy to read entertaining story that when we sin, or strike out, we need to keep on trying. Yes, baseball is full of errors. Sound like life? Yes, Father Alan is committed to teaching the Gospel, but, you guessed it, he also has taught baseball.

Third Place

After 60 years, the IHM Sisters’ famous ‘singing nun’ is still hitting the high notes

Archdiocese of Detroit
Gabriella Patti
Wonderfully written story about the singing nun. No, not Maria von Trapp, but the classically trained Maria Theresa. She has directed music programs, sung the national anthem repeatedly at events, and uses her voice to calm the sick and dying. The easy flowing writing pulls in the readers and keeps them to the end.

Honorable Mention

Give Me that Old Time Religion

The Leaven
Joe Bollig

Honorable Mention

Basketball sisters now play for God

The Florida Catholic
Linda Reeves

N584b: Best Reporting on Priesthood, Religious Life or Diaconate - Series

First Place

Vocations, Seminaries, and Religious Communities

Catholic News Agency
Kevin J. Jones, Daniel Payne and Jonah McKeown
Statistics can be boring. But meaningful statistics can enlighten. Statistics in these stories not only enlighten, but go the extra mile by offering direction for the church as it seeks to increase the number of men entering the priesthood. Large parishes where priests have the least contact with members lag in priesthood commitments, while smaller parishes do



N588: Best Seasonal Issue- Digital Only

better. Also, some seminaries thrive while others lag. These three stories open eyes and instead of sounding the alarm, open the door to new possibilities. Great combination of statistics and insightful writing.

Second Place

Before They Were Priests

The Tablet
Paula Katinas

They were not always priests. One chased down criminals or found himself quelling a riot. The other was in the military, a steamfitter, who, by the way, also had a tryout as a pitcher with the New York Mets. But they eventually felt the calling into the priesthood and this entertaining and informative piece moves readers along their path.

Third Place

In Vocations

Texas Catholic Herald
James Ramos, Rebecca Torrellas and Jo Ann Zuniga

You are here to serve, not to be served. Preaching as a way of spreading God's word is important. And don't forget the poor. It's all presented in these stories focusing on advice to young priests and observations by not so young priests, but also wonderful advice for readers. The combination of well written and illustrated articles provide guidance for all.

Honorable Mention

Priesthood, Religious Life, Diaconate in the Archdiocese of Newark

Archdiocese of Newark
Jaimie Julia Winters and Joe Jordan

Honorable Mention

NWI Catholic - Priest Stories

Northwest Indiana Catholic
Anthony Alonzo, Erin Cisczon, Lynda Hemmerling and Marlene Zloza

N587: Best Seasonal Issue – Print only

First Place

Christmas in Bethlehem

Our Sunday Visitor
Fr. Patrick Briscoe, OP

The stunning cover photo of the Holy Land is only the beginning of a strong issue visually and in text exploring both the pathos and the joy of the Christmas Season in this fractious cultural time. Editors and writers do not shy away from realistic cultural portrayals; at the same time they provide content rich well written stories addressing church concerns, political realities, spirituality, and faith. The issue is a joy to read and view.

Second Place

The angel said to them ...

The Compass
The Compass Staff

In-depth coverage of Christmas topics and happenings in the coverage area, along with a beautiful stained glass cover design and clear interior design.

Third Place

Catholic Schools Week

The Evangelist
Emily Benson, Michael Matvey, Brenda Powell and Cindy Schultz

The Catholic Schools week special issue features sharp photos of kiddos and human interest stories which highlight the benefits of Catholic schools for students but also the local church.

N588: Best Seasonal Issue- Digital Only

First Place

2023 Advent Calendar

Catholic Courier
Gina Capellazzi and Jeff Witherow

The Catholic Courier interactive Advent calendar is both creative and comprehensive, offering readers a rich array of content. From diocesan

activities to seasonal recipes, stories about saints, and exploration of Catholic religious traditions from diverse ethnic backgrounds, the calendar is engaging and inclusive. It provides a fun and inviting way for readers to delve into the Advent season and deepen their spiritual journey.

N591a: Best Sports Journalism

First Place

Adults with autism make friends, have fun at unique parish basketball clinic

Archdiocese of Newark
Sean Quinn

A well crafted and thorough examination of local Catholic sports programs. Excellent use of key story narrative to springboard into critical support services and community outreach needs for underserved groups in our communities. Excellent journalism.

Second Place

How a world champion martial artist became a youth minister

Archdiocese of Newark
Joe Jordan

Engaging and impact story. Well crafted storyline shines a light on the demands of high-impact sports, while highlighting the journey of discovery and the importance of faith.

Third Place

Buffalo Bills chaplain seeks to draw players, coaches to God

Catholic Courier
Jennifer Burke

Thorough, in-depth look at the importance of faith. Well written and engaging. Excellent work!

Honorable Mention

Horvath Enjoying Early Taste of NFL Success

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
Eric Peat

Honorable Mention

Living the dream at the Little League World Series

Tennessee Register
Andy Telli

N591b: Best Sports Journalism

First Place

Year After Coming Up Short, Marian Claims Soccer Crown

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
Eric Peat

Very well-written, well-sourced story of redemption on the soccer pitch. Took what could have been a simple, watered-down game story, the writer transformed the story to include all of the elements that went into the team becoming champions. Intriguing story. Not the run-of-the-mill piece it could have been.

Second Place

Nats pitcher's big league faith

Arlington Catholic Herald
Zoey Maraist

Reporter does well to portray how a high-profile professional athlete has remained grounded in his faith and how he also uses that faith to direct to his

family life. Story is very readable and covers the topic of faith among athletes without coming off as "preachy." Nice work.

Third Place

Fight like a McKenney

The Catholic Sun
Tom Maguire

Story does a nice job of conveying the impact coach McKenney has had on the lives of those around him. Very well-sourced story that adds in dashes of humor to show hope for such serious matter.

N596a: Best Print Special Supplement - On a Bishop's Transition

First Place

Welcome to Rhode Island Bishop Richard G, Henning

Rhode Island Catholic
Laura Kilgus, Rick Snizek, Sue Richard, Marie Zagorsky, Cole DeSantis and Jennifer Barton

A wonderful special supplement featuring engaging design, strong editorial content, and creative pieces to help readers understand the new coadjutor bishop transition. Excellent work!

Second Place

Best Print Special Supplement – On a Bishop's Transition

The Catholic Spirit
The Catholic Spirit

Excellent editorial work coupled with strong art and layout design.

Third Place

The Ordination of Bishop John Tran

The Georgia Bulletin
The staff of The Georgia Bulletin

A nice supplement that features interesting editorial pieces welcoming the new auxiliary bishop. The explanation of the coat of arms and bishop symbols were especially creative and interesting to readers.

Honorable Mention

Bishop Nickless 50th ordination anniversary,

Lumen Media/Diocese of Sioux City
Dawn Prosser and Renee Webb

N596b: Best Print Special Supplement - One-Time Special Issue

Second Place

The Eucharist

Milwaukee Catholic Herald
Staff

Handsome presentation; interesting, thoughtful and informative stories.

Honorable Mention

Post Roe v. Wade: Abortion in America One Year Later

The Tablet
The Tablet Staff

Well assembled, thoughtful package.

N596c: Best Print Special Supplement - Regular Special Supplement

First Place

Mommy & Me

Clarion Herald
Clarion Herald Staff

I enjoyed the variety of voices and messages in this colorful entry. Quite a few topics touched. Something for every reader.

Second Place

Catholic Schools Week

The Boston Pilot
Dan Maguire, Advertising Manager; Nan Wilkins, Production Manager; and Father Robert O'Grady, Special Assistant

Colorful. Nice use of ample photographs. Lots of faces and information.

Third Place

The Tablet Jr.

The Tablet
The Tablet Jr. Staff

Nice work by the kids! Interesting stories.

Honorable Mention

NWI Catholic - Official Directory for the Catholic Diocese of Gary Indiana

Northwest Indiana Catholic
Most Rev. Robert J. McClory, Colleen McGinty-Rabine and Erin Cisczon

Honorable Mention

2023 Vocations and Milestones

Catholic Courier
Staff

N597c: Best Digital Special Supplement

First Place

Congrats Class of 2023

The Florida Catholic
Jean Gonzalez, Michael Jimenez and the Florida Catholic Staff

This piece excellently represents the theme and is timely. The visual appeal is well-organized making it easy to read and navigate.

N811a: Best Multiple Picture Package - Feature

First Place

World Youth Day

The Leaven
Jay Soldner

Nice look at this event. The photographer covered a lot of ground in order to give viewers a good look. The best photojournalism takes viewers to places they can't go. This certainly does that.

Second Place

We are an Easter People: Easter in Galveston-Houston

Texas Catholic Herald
James Ramos

Nice story with photos taken with multiple techniques. In a good picture story, less is more.



N596c: Best Print Special Supplement - Regular Special Supplement

A tighter edit may have made have lifted this to a higher finish.

Third Place

NWI Catholic - First Communion Picture Package

Northwest Indiana Catholic
Anthony Alonzo, Bob Wellinski and Erin Ciszczon
This story opens with two photos that are excellent. They well composed and interesting moments. The remaining photos are a bit repetitive, the potential was there to follow through on the promise of the first two photos.

Honorable Mention

Kelly Youth Rally

The Leaven
Jay Soldner

Honorable Mention

Good Mornings: Sisters inspired by weekly Mass with Bishop

Rhode Island Catholic
Laura Kilgus

N811b: Best Multiple Picture Package - News

First Place

World Youth Day in Review

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
Nicole Hahn, Joshua Schipper and Francie Hogan
This collection of photographs offers a diverse array of shots that effectively capture the wide range of experiences of the pilgrims, providing readers with valuable insight into the participant's perspective. The combination of artistic images showcasing architecture and context, along with action shots portraying emotions and energy, creates a rich and comprehensive narrative. The photos truly tell a complete story, showcasing great work in documenting the pilgrimage experience.

Second Place

Diocese follows in pilgrims' footsteps

Catholic Star Herald / Diocese of Camden
Mike Walsh
This collection of photos effectively captures the essence of the experience, telling a compelling story through well-conceived and skillfully presented images. Despite being in black and white, the photos are alive with depth and detail, demonstrating the

extra effort put into making them impactful. Well done on creating a visually engaging narrative!

Third Place

Holy Week

Arlington Catholic Herald
Joe Cashwell, Hannah Camerota, Anna Harvey and Zoey Maraist
This collection of photos effectively captures the diverse experiences of Holy Week, drawing the reader into the depth of the rituals. Particularly for those who have participated, these images evoke a sense of resonance, potentially fostering a deeper connection with the worshipers depicted. Great work in conveying the essence of this sacred time through photography.

Honorable Mention

Relishing Relics

The Catholic Spirit
Dave Hrbacek

Honorable Mention

Palm Sunday

Arlington Catholic Herald
Pia Hovenga

N811c: Best Multiple Picture Package - Sports

First Place

Hendricken vs La Salle Football

Rhode Island Catholic
Chris Jenkins
This is a fun collection of photos demonstrating breadth of sporting opportunities and emotions. It captures many poses and moods and draws in readers with the activities pictured. Great work!

Second Place

P.C. Friar inspires students on and off the court during visit to Good Shepherd Catholic Regional

Rhode Island Catholic
Laura Kilgus
These photos really draw in the reader because of the magnetic presence of the coach subject. The reader can almost feel the mentorship going on through these photos. The photos really draw in the reader to be part of the scene in a way. Nice work!

Third Place

Catholic Athletic League Basketball 2023

Rhode Island Catholic
Laura Kilgus
Nice action shots to draw in readers. The lineup pics are rather boring, though. Great colors and angles to convey the excitement and energy of the sports. Overall a nice package of photos.

Honorable Mention

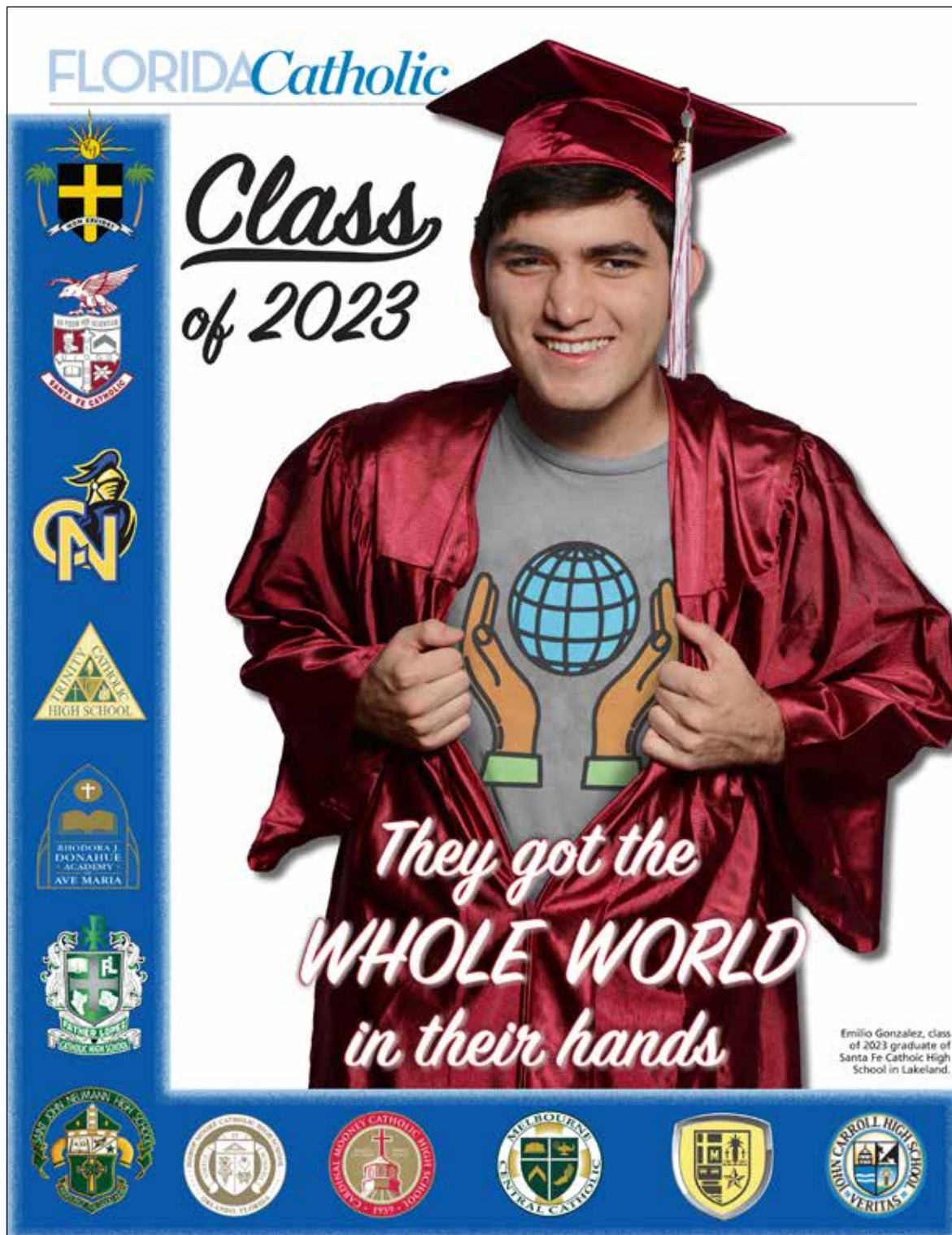
Gladiators of the Gridiron

The Leaven
Jay Soldner

Honorable Mention

Boys of Summer

The Leaven
Kathryn White



N597c: Best Digital Special Supplement

N821a: Best Photo Story - Feature

First Place

Evenings of refuge

Catholic Star Herald / Diocese of Camden
Rich Hundley III

The photos effectively capture the refuge story. The first conveys not only the need but the gratitude of those seeking refuge. The photos that follow reveal not only the value but the high-level commitment of those providing refuge.

Second Place

Live Stations of the Cross, Sooner Catholic, Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

Sooner Catholic_Archdiocese of Oklahoma City
Sooner Catholic and Chris Porter

Vivid depiction of stations of the cross. Engaging presentation with mix of photo sizes guides effective progression.

Third Place

'Jesus Christ is risen today'

Tennessee Register
Katie Peterson

Photos effectively capture elements of Holy Week. Although elements are in place, presentation misses in terms of progression.

Honorable Mention

Chrism Mass 2023

Catholic Diocese of Lincoln
Natalie Bender and Cathy Blankenau Bender

N821b: Best Photo Story - News

First Place

Diocesan Pilgrimage

Arlington Catholic Herald
Mary Brodeur, Pedro Lopez and Kerry Nevins

Perfect progression that tells the full story. Photo composition, quality and presentation make you feel as if you were there. Effectively captures the group and individual experience of the pilgrimage.

Second Place

Celebration with Bishop Rhoades Ends Cross-Diocesan Eucharistic Pilgrimage

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
Joshua Schipper and Lisa Kochanowski

Detailed depiction of pilgrimage, from its start to finish. Shows pilgrimage in a real context that captures commitment of church leaders and parishioners.

Third Place

Archdiocese of Detroit schools welcome new and familiar faces as 2023-24 school year begins (PHOTOS)

Archdiocese of Detroit
Valaurian Waller

Photos capture exuberance for return to school while giving nod to challenges. Illustrates disparities while conveying eagerness to achieve among students and staff.

Honorable Mention

Blessings and prayers during Holy Week and Easter

Catholic Standard
Photos by Mihoko Owada



N821a: Best Photo Story - Feature

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'Keep a torch burning'

'Mantén encendida la antorcha'

Guadalupe torch run devotion brings hope, unity
CÉSAR HURTADO | catholicnewsherald.com

La devoción al recorrido de la Antorcha Guadalupeana trae esperanza y unidad
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LEXINGTON — The annual Guadalupe Torch Run from Mexico to New York made its way through seven parishes in the Diocese of Charlotte in November, with hundreds of people turning out to pray, celebrate and get a glimpse of the revered flame.

LEXINGTON — Cientos de fieles acompañaron la llegada y traslado de la Antorcha Guadalupeana del 7 al 12 de noviembre en su recorrido por siete parroquias de la Diócesis de Charlotte.

The three-month relay runs through dozens of Mexican communities and 14 American states — a 2,500-mile journey with local runners carrying the torch through stretches of their dioceses, making stops at churches for festivities, prayer and Masses. A symbol of hope and unity across borders, the flame was lit Sept. 2 at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City and remains burning throughout its journey, which concludes Dec. 12. The torch crossed into North Carolina Nov. 7 from Simpsonville, S.C., making its first stop in the diocese at the vibrant Charlotte parish that shares the torch's namesake: Our Lady of Guadalupe. More TORCH SEE PAGE 14

Después de visitar las parroquias Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en Charlotte y San Francisco de Asís en Mocksville, el jueves 9, pasadas las 10 de la mañana, la Antorcha Guadalupeana hizo una escala en la Iglesia Nuestra Señora del Rosario en Lexington, donde decenas de corredores locales realizaron un breve recorrido por vías rurales. La antorcha, imágenes y corredores fueron saludados en el exterior del salón parroquial, luego todos ingresaron para orar y rendir honores a las imágenes de la Guadalupeana y San Juan Diego. "Hace 23 años iniciamos la carrera", dijo la Sra. Lucía Romero, organizadora que acompaña la antorcha desde su partida en la Ciudad de México hasta su arribo a Nueva York. "La antorcha pasa por 6 estados mexicanos y 14 de la Unión Americana y, con toda seguridad, alguno de sus familiares en México la ha llevado ANTORCHA SEE PAGE 15

N831a: Best Story and Photo Package – By an Individual



N840: Best Photograph – Feature Photo

N831a: Best Story and Photo Package – By an Individual

First Place

Keep a torch burning

Diocese of Charlotte
Cesar Hurtado

A stirring, dramatic and emotional image. Love the use of light.

Second Place

A prayer runs through it: Priest casts for souls as he leads men's fly fishing retreat

The Catholic Spirit
Dave Hrbacek

Unusual and vivid images tell a story of faith in a much different way than usual. Nicely done.

Third Place

Called by Name: Galveston-Houston pilgrims trek to Lisbon for World Youth Day 2023

Texas Catholic Herald
James Ramos

Nice candid, evocative portraits of those involved; photo credits in the gallery were somewhat confusing. Not certain who took which images.

Honorable Mention

New Abbey of St. Walburga nun finds 'surging joy' in making solemn profession

Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communications
André Escaleira, Jr.

Honorable Mention

Gospel Lights the Journey

The Southern Cross Newspaper - San Diego
Deacon Christopher Bongato

N831b: Best Story and Photo Package – By two individuals or more

First Place

In spite of a year of war, Ukrainians endure and religious ministry continues

Global Sisters Report
Chris Herlinger, Gregg Brekke

Excellent coverage. Photos and story are high quality and compliment one another well. Together this is a perfect piece. Very well done.

Second Place

What's Seminary Life Really Like?

The Leaven
Jack Figge and Jerry Naunheim

This package is phenomenal. The pictures are breathtaking and give extra insight into the story, which is fabulously written. Bravo!

Third Place

Pilgrims on a Journey: World Youth Day Day by Day

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
Nicole Hahn and Joshua Schipper

Very neat way to unfold the story. Great photos that capture the days, as well as great use of text.

Honorable Mention

'Rebuilder' of Mission San Luis Rey Comes Home

The Southern Cross Newspaper - San Diego
Denis Grasska and Andy Hayt

Honorable Mention

The nativity John Paul II visited every year, and its surprise creator

Aleteia
Isabella H. de Carvalho and Antoine Mekary
Fascinating story told wonderfully with words and photos. Very interesting. Would love to see this in person! Sounds and looks so cool.

N840: Best Photograph – Feature Photo

First Place

Censing Our Lady of the Cloud

Diocese of Paterson
Joe Gigli

This is just a stunning photo. It's like a work of art that should be framed. Strikingly beautiful — t seriously stood out, heads and shoulders, among the numerous entries in this category. This photo brings the experience to life in print. The perspective, colors, texture, focus, and scene are

all simply exquisite. I love it. I feel blessed to have been able to see and judge this photo.

Second Place

A prayer runs through it: Priest casts for souls as he leads men's fly fishing retreat

The Catholic Spirit
Dave Hrbacek

This is simply a beautiful action shot. It's bright, crisp, fresh, and alive. Nicely captured and framed. It stands in stark contrast to so many stuffy photos that populate the pages of Catholic newspapers — it's truly refreshing. It draws in the reader to wonder the relevance, and it complements the story well. Nice work!

Third Place

In November, we remember the dead . . . and our own mortality

Idaho Catholic Register
Deacon Scott Pearhill

This is a beautifully artistic photo demonstrating serious intentionality and somehow bringing a cemetery to life and making it relevant to the living. It's really an achievement. The framing, colors, perspective, and mood are really quite excellent. Great job!

Honorable Mention

Mass in the woods

St. Louis Review
Jacob Wiegand

Honorable Mention

Altar boys

Idaho Catholic Register
Vero Gutiérrez

N841: Best Photograph – Spot News

First Place

Our Lady of Guadalupe festival, Sooner Catholic, Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

Sooner Catholic_Archdiocese of Oklahoma City
Chris Porter

This is a beautifully structured photo with many nice elements — color, activity, people, architecture. It draws the reader into the activity — indeed, practically places the reader in the middle of the activity. Beautiful framing. This photo demonstrates not only creativity but intentionality that took some planning to achieve. Great work!

Second Place

Incense

The Leaven
Jay Soldner

This is a creative, artistic photo taken from an interesting perspective. Many really nice elements here. Not sure what is pictured at left, and I think the photo could have benefited from cropping out the people/bodies at left. It's a nice picture, just the same, and draws in the reader with its artistic qualities. Nice work!

Third Place

Good Friday

Clarion Herald
Peter Finney Jr.

A very nice photo—great colors and perspective. This photo draws the reader into the story and also tells a story. The use of depth to draw focus onto

the Christ figure is stunning. A compelling photo. Beautifully done!

Honorable Mention

NWI Catholic - Ordination to the Priesthood
Northwest Indiana Catholic
Bob Wellinski and Erin Ciszczon

Honorable Mention

Relishing Relics
The Catholic Spirit
Dave Hrbacek

N842: Best Photograph – General News Photo

First Place

Blessing of St. Michael House for Ukrainian refugees

St. Louis Review
Jacob Wiegand

The war in Ukraine has been a major international story for more than two years. This tender moment, captured by the photographer, illustrates the human fallout of this conflict. Nice work siting back, allowing situation to develop, and being ready for the moment.

Second Place

Adoration at SEEK23

St. Louis Review
Jacob Wiegand

Nice use of motion drawing attention to the prostate worshiper.

Third Place

Oklahoma March for Life

Sooner Catholic_Archdiocese of Oklahoma City
Chris Porter

Nice angle and composition on an event where nothing unusual happened. You can see the effort made to make photograph more appealing.

N844: Best Photograph – Portrait

First Place

Aguek Arop

The Southern Cross Newspaper - San Diego
Andy Hayt

Great portrait. Nice lighting and composition. Photographer really understands how to tighten the working space and use it to his advantage.

Second Place

Fr. Horan moves to senior status

Catholic Courier
Jeff Witherow

Another images where the photographer understood how to make light work for him. A little loose on the composition, but the photo is nice.

Third Place

Vocations: The Lord has chosen you to make a difference

Diocese of Charlotte
Troy Hull

The distortion from the wide angle is a bit gimmicky but it 's a nice portrait of the gentlemen.

N845: Best Photograph – Scenic, Still-life or Weather Photo

First Place

Sunrise at Fatima, Portugal

Catholic News Service
Lola Gomez

Astonishing image with the shrine perfectly framed by the columns and using the colorful sky as the contrasting backdrop. Top-notch photo.

Second Place

Infrared Wisconsin Cemetery

Sam Lucero

Incredibly eye-catching image with wonderful use of infrared filter that draws the viewer to the image of the crucifixion. Unique photo.

Third Place

Climbing the tree at Wilderkids Urban Forest School

St. Louis Review
Jacob Wiegand

Adorable and touching image showing a sense of playfulness and wonderment. Drawn in by the contrasting colors of the children's jackets against the natural earth tone backdrop.

Honorable Mention

St. Joseph statute in Santarem, Portugal, WYD

The Catholic Virginian
Michael Mickle



N841: Best Photograph – Spot News



N846: Best Photograph – Sports Photo

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First Place

Catholic Central Girls

The Evangelist
Cindy Schultz

An image of raw emotion, captured in unison. Perfectly timed photographic artistry.

Second Place

Knight Time

The Catholic Week
Rob Herbst

An enthralling image of celebration that captures the support of a teammate while the opponents are wildly sprawled on the field. A simple photo at first glance but upon inspection reveals many prongs.

Third Place

Three Father Ryan wrestlers crowned state champs

Tennessee Register
Andy Telli

A photo that stunningly captures the joy and triumph of sport, with the hero lifted up by joyous friends and supporters.

N847: Best Photograph – Sacramental

First Place

Easter joy/Cardinal baptizes man at Easter Vigil

Catholic Standard
Photo by Mihoko Owada

Creative perspective in capturing a sacrament in an image.

Second Place

Former Buddhist drawn to Church through beauty of Catholic Mass

Idaho Catholic Register
Darin Cooper

Great capture of movement and dynamic range in a still image.

Third Place

Mass of the Holy Spirit at Paul VI High School

Catholic Star Herald / Diocese of Camden
Mike Walsh

Wonderful use of lighting and perspective.

Honorable Mention

A Wedding Anniversary Kiss

The Catholic Week
Rob Herbst

Honorable Mention

Day of Joy

The Evangelist
Cindy Schultz

N848: Best Photograph – Priesthood, Religious Life, or Diaconate

First Place

'May I Yet Gain Eternal Joy'

Texas Catholic Herald
James Ramos

Excellent composition capturing emotion.

Second Place

Novices share a laugh before Mass

Tennessee Register
Katie Peterson

Such range of emotion captured across the faces in this image. Wonderful work.

Third Place

The Wind Beneath

Mississippi Catholic
Tereza Ma

Wonderful job capturing action and motion and bringing life to the scene through image.

Honorable Mention

Fr. Bertram Shifting to Capuchin Leadership Role

Milwaukee Catholic Herald
David Bernacchi

Honorable Mention

3 men anointed by the Holy Spirit to lead

Diocese of Orlando
Glenda Meekins

N849: Best Photograph – Holy Days/Liturgical Seasons

First Place

Lighting the Pascal candle

St. Louis Review
Jacob Wiegand

Excellent framing and composition.

Second Place

Ash Wednesday at Belmont University

Tennessee Register
Katie Peterson

Excellent work capturing emotion.

Third Place

Live Stations of the Cross, Sooner Catholic, Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

Sooner Catholic_Archdiocese of Oklahoma City
Chris Porter

Wonderful job capturing action.

Honorable Mention

Bishop Rhoades enters the cathedral during the Easter Vigil

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
Joshua Schipper

Great use of low lighting.

Honorable Mention

Children bring flowers to baby Jesus at papal Mass

Catholic News Service
Lola Gomez

Great use of perspective and scope.

N851: Best Photograph – Catholic Education

First Place

Linton Hall School: Small performers, big patriotism

Arlington Catholic Herald
Zoey Maraist

Exceptional use of light and color to create a highly engaging image. Photo expertly illustrates the timely and relevant topic.

Second Place

Catholic Schools Rustle Up Faith on the Dusty Trail

Texas Catholic Herald
James Ramos

A unique and interesting look at the topic. This photo perfectly captures the importance of the day while providing a glimpse at the human aspect. Excellent use of leading lines and powerful composition.

Third Place

Catholic-school students honor Mary

Catholic Courier
Jeff Witherow

Superb use of light, color and composition to summarize the story and powerfully underscores the story's central theme with an artistic flare.

Honorable Mention

Catholic schools off to running start for 2023-24 school year

Catholic Standard
Photo by Mihoko Owada

Global Sisters Report
Rhina Guidos

A light-hearted and kind image showing two subjects at opposite ends of their points in life. The shadows convey the subtle actions of the subjects against an urban backdrop.

Michael Mickle

The variety of colors and textures in the photo are quite remarkable. But what's most captivating is the image capturing the intensity and emotion of the young pilgrim along with contrasting calming smile and peace expressed by the bishop.

N852: Best Photograph – Immigration/Migration

First Place

Pope Francis prays at migrants monument

Catholic News Service
Lola Gomez

A stunning image of contrasts. The Pope and his light-colored vestments stand out against the dark statue. Seemingly deep in prayer, the image captures the Pope with a look of concern among the sullen faces of those that make up the statue.

Second Place

Josephine Sr. María Soledad Morales Ríos plays ball with a child at the CAFEMIN shelter in Mexico City

N853: Best Photograph – National/International Event

First Place

Father Paolo Degaspero waves the American flag as he looks back at his pilgrims at World Youth Day

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
Joshua Schipper

The variety of flags in the photo shown among the Masses are captivating and the American flag fully extended with a crystal clear focus on the pastor makes for a memorable image.

Second Place

Bishop Knestout listening to young pilgrim

The Catholic Virginian

Third Place

NCYC Photo

The Criterion
Natalie Hoefler

Enjoyable image that conveys the joy and captures the smiles of the subjects among the loud and large sea of people behind them. The clarity and focus of photo is noteworthy.

N854: Best Photograph – Hot Topic Eucharistic Revival

First Place

Eucharistic Procession, Sooner Catholic, Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

Sooner Catholic_Archdiocese of Oklahoma City
Chris Porter

This beautifully-framed masterfully captures the action of a Eucharistic procession. The tight, up-close framing brings you right to the center of the procession, an intimate and up-close encounter with the Eucharistic Lord. It's a rare photograph for a Eucharistic procession, where photographers usually remain at a distance from the action.

Second Place

Father Daniel Whelan incenses the altar during adoration by candlelight

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
Joe Romie

This gorgeously-shot photo excels in capturing the beauty and reverence of Eucharistic adoration. The technical skill is evident: the low light photography that captures the subjects illuminated by the monstrance, the censer in mid-swing but not blurry. Great photo!

Third Place

Pilgrims finish the final leg of the 8-day cross-diocesan Eucharistic pilgrimage

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
Joshua Schipper

A unique take on the Eucharistic procession photo, taken head on instead of at an angle. The beauty of this photo is in the story it communicates about the Eucharist - a diversity of people that surround the monstrance. The umbrellas in the background speak to the perseverance of the procession, enduring inconveniences to bear witness to the mystery in their midst.

Honorable Mention

"Now is the time" for revival - Sister Philomena Folse, CFR

Catholic Star Herald / Diocese of Camden
Rich Hundley III



N847: Best Photograph – Sacramental



N854: Best Photograph – Hot Topic Eucharistic Revival

Spanish Language Divison

GS111: Spanish Publication of the Year

First Place

Nuestra Voz

The Tablet
Nuestra Voz Staff

This publication has an impressive mix of topics ranging from recipes, to current events, to spotlights on local children's accomplishments. Nuestra Voz offers an opportunity for Spanish-speaking readers to learn about past and upcoming events in the Catholic community and to feel connected to other members of the church. It was also well-organized and had a great layout with many compelling images.

Second Place

El Pueblo Catolico

Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communications
Archdiocese of Denver Marketing and Communications Staff

These publications all covered a wide range of topics and balanced stories about Catholic history with current events. As a whole, the newsletters were well-organized and aesthetically pleasing, with images to accompany and elevate the text.

Third Place

Compromiso de una fe joven en Portugal, Sobre los hombros de gigantes, ¿Qué mundo les dejamos?

El Pregonero
Staff

El Pregonero is an incredibly important publication for the Spanish-speaking Catholic population. They do a great job focusing on diversity, inclusion, and justice through the lens of Catholicism.

Honorable Mention

Misioneros

Maryknoll Magazine
The Misioneros Staff

Honorable Mention

Agosto, Septiembre, Octubre 2023

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

S347: Best Special Supplement or Special Issue

First Place

Viajando Juntos

El Pregonero
Rafael Roncal, Miguel Vivanco, Andrea Acosta, Javier Díaz and Patricia Castrillo

This special section represents a remarkable effort to honor and bear witness to the successful and devoted career of an extraordinary man.



GS111: Spanish Publication of the Year

Second Place

Bases de la vocación

TrueQuest Communications | VISION | Prepare the Word
VISION editors

This supplement provides useful editorial information regarding a religious vocation.

S351b: Best Layout of an Article or Column

First Place

Un encuentro con Jesus y su Iglesia: JMJ Lisboa 2023

Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communications
Filippo Piccone

Overall, the way that design team makes the interaction of copy and image is very unique! The layout of different testimonials from participants of this events is very smart and appealing! Nowadays the transparency effect is overused. However, in this article is very well done and tastefully mastered!

Honorable Mention

El padre Vic tiene una nueva misión

Glenmary Home Missioners
Emilie Winner

S352: Hot Topic – The Eucharistic Revival

First Place

Rally y Misa Eucarística

Intermountain Catholic - Diocese of Salt Lake City
Laura Vallejo, Marie Mischel and Linda Petersen
I liked that this article began with a call to participate/ invitation, then moved into describing the event and festivities, then on the side had a breakdown of the schedule. This format and style works well to help community members get excited for, plan for, and learn more about the upcoming Rally Eucarístico.

S361: Best Cover – Magazine

Second Place

El Pueblo Catolico - Feb/Mar 2023

Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communications
Filippo Piccone

The selected photo is truly remarkable! Its composition, balance, lighting, and color make it a captivating cover image. The humility depicted in

the sinner's posture during the Holy Sacrament of Reconciliation beautifully encapsulates the boundless mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. Moreover, the layout and composition of the other typographical elements, including the header, title, and editorial information, are impeccably balanced. Great work!

S362: Best Cover – Newspaper

First Place

Caminando con María

El Pregonero
Javier Díaz

This attractive cover successfully combines photography and digital art to enhance each other and to create a moving, well integrated image.

S402: Best Use of Video on Social Media

First Place

Jovenes y problemas de salud mental: Psicologa catolica Lissa Jimenez

Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communications
Vladimir Mauricio-Perez and Neil McDonough

S403: Best Podcast

First Place

Cómo mantenerse seguro en las redes sociales, Los niños y la Eucaristía, ¿Cómo se construye una iglesia?

La Voz Catolica
Rocío Granados, Cristina Cabrera, Ana Rodríguez-Soto and María Alejandra Rivas

This podcast offered a great range of speakers with different areas of expertise and personalities to keep the discussions fresh. They covered a wide range of topics across (and within) the three episodes that would appeal to a wide range of audiences interested in Catholic life in the Miami area.

S404b: Best Online Content Not Published in Print

First Place

El jugador de los Seahawks, Abraham Lucas, ama el deporte, pero vive su vida para Dios, ¿Por qué no pueden comulgar quienes no son católicos?



S347: Best Special Supplement or Special Issue

Northwest Catholic
Jean Parietti, Obispo Frank Schuster and Make Gallitelli

S513f: Best Regular Column

First Place

¡Feliz 2023! ¡Salud!

Non-Profit Religious Organization
M. Yvette Millán Torres LL.M.

M. Yvette Millán Torres' regular "reflexión" column offers many great reflections on life and faith. I liked how she often anchored these ruminations in an upcoming or recent holiday, such as New Years or Easter.

Second Place

Resoluciones de Año Nuevo: Simplificar la vida y dedicar más tiempo a Dios y la familia

El Católico de Rhode Island
Silvio Cuellar

This was a great regular column that showed the range of topics that Silvio can write about as both an expert and community member. I can imagine subscribers looking forward to reading a new article by him in each edition.

S513g: Best Regular Column

First Place

En nombre de "los pequeños, los últimos, y los perdidos"; Es hora de reunir entre sí los conceptos del sexo y la reproducción; La decadencia de la familia alimenta la disminución de la fe

La Voz Catolica
Archbishop Thomas Wenski

These articles did a good job laying out the key political issues for the Catholic Church and how members of their congregation are getting involved, such as lobbying efforts. The author also covered large-scale trends in the U.S. as it relates to congregational life and how he sees this problem being solved.



S352: Hot Topic – The Eucharistic Revival

S521g: Best coverage

First Place

Una Experiencia Inolvidable Con El Papa Francisco Y Los Desplazados Internos, Jóvenes Se Levantan en La Jornada Mundial De La Juventud

Maryknoll Magazine
Michael Bassano, M.M. and Giovana Soria
Excellent coverage a very important topic. The pictures especially helped to bring the story to life. You were able to feel the enthusiasm for the event and the joy of the participants.

S521h: Best coverage

First Place

Luchadoras incansables

El Pregonero
Andrea Acosta

The article is excellently written, with a strong emphasis on the mother's narrative and her profound love for her children, particularly her deaf daughter.

Second Place

Cementerio busca recordar a los bebés desconocidos; Apoyo para quienes han sufrido un aborto espontáneo; En St. Ambrose, 3,000 banderas por los no nacidos

La Voz Catolica
Priscilla Greear, Marcy Knight and Linda Reeves
A very nice article. Wonderful the way it covered the cemetery and also invited people to participate in the mission of remembering.

Third Place

Joven hispana de Detroit encuentra fortaleza en su fe durante embarazo de gemelas siamesas con un solo corazón

Archdiocese of Detroit
Karla Fierro
A very moving and heartfelt story The love of the mother is expressed well in the article. The importance of being a community of prayer is stressed as well.



S362: Best Cover – Newspaper

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LO QUE HE VISTO Y OÍDO



Cardenal Wilton D. Gregory
Arzobispo de Washington

Cuaresma, tiempo de **esperanza**

-luego de otro triste recuerdo de febrero-

El poeta T.S. Eliot comenzó su famoso poema La tierra baldía con la frase "Abril es el mes más cruel", mientras reflexionaba sobre los estragos de la destrucción causada por la Primera Guerra Mundial y sobre cómo podía la gente adaptarse a los cambios que requería cada estación.

Ahora, yo tendrí que discrepar de su opinión sobre el mes de abril, porque febrero ha sido un mes excepcionalmente cruel en los últimos años. En 2020, la pandemia mundial empezó a aparecer por primera vez en febrero. En 2021, una inusual y enorme tormenta de nieve cobió la vida de más de 200 personas en el suroeste de los Estados Unidos. Y en 2022, Rusia invadió Ucrania. Todo esto en febrero. Ahora, los desastrosos terremotos que han sacudido a Turquía y Siria le han dado a febrero otro triste recuerdo. En realidad, la observación de T.S. Eliot sobre el mes de abril tal vez no era tan acertada como lo planteó en un principio.

Febrero es también el mes en el que comenzamos la Cuaresma este año. Este tiempo de transformación es una invitación anual para que cada uno de nosotros acepte el llamado que Dios nos hace para nuestra conversión y crecimiento espiritual. Tal como sucede con la tierra, que se renueva cada año e infunde nueva vida, nosotros estamos igualmente invitados a una regeneración del corazón, de la mente y del alma durante esta temporada santa. La Cuaresma no debe ser vista como un tiempo de tristeza, sino de esperanza.



FOTO: OSV/ ARCHIVO
Una joven recibe la señal de la cruz en la frente durante la Misa del Miércoles de Ceniza.

Al emprender nuestras prácticas cuaresmales, debemos hacerlo con la esperanza de que Dios hará algo maravilloso para nosotros en estas semanas de oración, ayuno y caridad.

Al considerar los innumerables informes noticiosos que describen los trágicos acontecimientos ocurridos en el mundo en época reciente, es posible que no siempre entendamos que Dios nos sigue llamando a ser fieles a él. Incluso los últimos acontecimientos de febrero, que han proyectado un horrible manto de oscuridad y desgracia sobre el mundo, pueden ser también oportunidades para que respondamos con caridad y compasión ante las necesidades que enfrentamos. Nuestro pueblo ha sido y sigue siendo increíblemente generoso a la hora de ofrecer apoyo y socorro a nuestros hermanos y hermanas de Ucrania, Turquía y Siria. Hasta la propia pandemia ha suscitado innumerables reacciones creativas en los ámbitos médicos, científicos y sociales para hacer frente a estos virus. Los desastrosos naturales han hecho aflorar lo mejor de muchas personas, como lo hemos visto en numerosas crónicas internacionales de compasión y bondad.

Comencemos, pues, esta Cuaresma con el espíritu lleno de esperanza y confiando en que Dios puede sacar lo mejor de nosotros mientras rezamos, ayunamos y respondemos caritativamente a los acontecimientos que afectan a nuestras comunidades y a todos aquellos que siguen necesitándonos. El presente mes de febrero nos ha deparado no pocos episodios desastrosos. Aun así, quiera Dios que todos descubramos un corazón renovado y lleno de esperanza en esta Cuaresma, la cual, sorprendentemente, concluirá en el mes de abril y con la victoria triunfante de Jesús, nuestro Señor, sobre la muerte misma.

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S531: Best Editorial

First Place

El éxito es polvo...

Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communications
Vladimir Mauricio-Perez

The article was written in a very attractive and interesting way. Grabbing one's attention to find out who this man was. The pictures also were very helpful in illustrating the story.

Second Place

Una explosión de culturas

El Pregonero
Rafael Roncal

An excellent explanation of the reality of the presence of the Latino in the United States. Very positive and upbeat but also a teaching moment.

Third Place

El poder de los sueños

El Pregonero
Rafael Roncal

Very good use of the power of dreams. Creative to tie it to MLK but also to the simple dreams of each one of us.

Honorable Mention

Somos, todos pasajeros

El Pregonero
Rafael Roncal

Honorable Mention

La legislación propuesta amenaza el Secreto de Confesión

Intermountain Catholic - Diocese of Salt Lake City
Obispo Oscar A. Solis

S532: Best Editorial Page

First Place

Cuaresma, tiempo de Esperanza*

El Pregonero
Cardenal Wilton Gregory, Papa Francisco and Rafael Roncal

This two-page editorial section is beautifully designed and illustrated — it beckons the readers in, no matter the subject. Lucky for the readers, once in the pages, they will meet with eloquent, thoughtful, and hopeful commentary that is rich with guidance and will lead to fruitful meditation.

Second Place

"Keep the Heat On" necesita de su ayuda más que nunca

El Católico de Rhode Island
Rick Snizek, Laura Kilgus, Silvio Cuellar and Azade Sarah Perin-Monterroso

The editorial pages of El Católico offer readers a variety of timely pieces on a large range of subjects, all successfully designed to guide them in leading rich spiritual lives.

S534: Best Essay Reflecting on Faith Formation

First Place

The Passion of the Monarca Migrante: Un Vía Crucis Latino

Maryknoll Magazine
Leonel Yoque

This was an exceptional feature, which illustrated

S532: Best Editorial Page

Honorable Mention

Oraciones y Esperanza Durante el Inicio del Relé Pro-Vida en Manhattan

The Good Newsroom Archdiocese of NY
Armando Machado

Honorable Mention

El Pueblo Catolico: Pro-Life Issues

Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communications
Rocio Madera

S521i: Best coverage - Priesthood, Religious Life or Diaconate

First Place

Hermanas clarisas se mudaran a las planicies de Colorado para seguir vida de contemplacion

Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communications
Rocio Madera

This article did a great job breaking down the different elements of the Sisters' lives and how they find meaning in their tasks and routine. They covered a lot of interesting things beyond the typical scope people might think of when imagining the lives of nuns.

Second Place

Trayendo Buenas Noticias, ¡Qué locura!, Dos simples preguntas

Maryknoll Magazine
Rodrigo Ulloa-Chavarry, M.M., Mary Ellen Manz, M.M. and John Blazo, M.M.

Maryknoll did a commendable job in its three submitted articles, effectively highlighting the priesthood and religious life for its readers. These pieces showcased a diverse array of professions within the Catholic Church, illustrating opportunities available to individuals of varying ages and experiences, regardless of gender.

Third Place

El padre Vic tiene una nueva misión

Glenmary Home Missioners
Omar Cabrera

This was an interesting profile on Padre Vic Subb with lots of great information about his work and the ways he continued to be active despite mobility issues.

Honorable Mention

Buenos días: Hermanas inspiradas por Misa semanal con el obispo

El Católico de Rhode Island
Laura Kilgus

Honorable Mention

Obispo Coadjutor Richard G. Henning ofrece conmovedor mensaje en Misa de bienvenida

El Católico de Rhode Island
Silvio Cuellar and Laura Kilgus

the relevance of Scripture and Catholic rituals in the 21st Century. The author deftly wove together theology, personal narrative and sociopolitical context.

Second Place

Aunque es pobre la morada, se las doy de corazón

Glenmary Home Missioners
Padre Neil Pezzulo

This piece offers an engaging and uplifting reflection on las Posadas. Father Pezzulo vividly illustrates the significance of this ritual, emphasizing how it brings the Christmas story to life for believers through physical participation, thereby emphasizing the season's relevance and urgency. Additionally, he skillfully integrates cultural context, highlighting how Latino immigrants are revitalizing American Catholic communities.

Third Place

Los misioneros de FOCUS influyen en reavivar la fe de un estudiante de IU de Jerome

Idaho Catholic Register
Vero Gutiérrez

This narrative offers an enjoyable and uplifting exploration of a young man's journey of faith. The author's incorporation of specific personal anecdotes adds depth and engagement to the story, such as the revelation that observing his father work on cars sparked his interest in computer science. However, further elaboration on how Rodríguez's life transformed following his encounter with Jesus during the retreat would enhance the narrative. More details about the conference speaker's message and Rodríguez's subsequent adjustments to his daily routine, beyond attending Mass regularly, would provide valuable insight into the depth of his spiritual transformation.

Honorable Mention

Juntos en fraternidad y solidaridad

El Pregonero
Carlos Ayala Ramírez

S537: Best Feature Writing

First Place

Fronteras de Esperanza

Maryknoll Magazine
Andrea Moreno-Díaz

This story powerfully exposes the moral crisis at the Southern border, focusing on the Soto family's harrowing journey to El Paso. Moreno-Díaz skillfully narrates their experience with compassion and attention to detail, though some moments are difficult to digest, such as parents shielding their children's eyes from corpses. The prose is eloquent and evocative, capturing the essence of El Paso's significance for migrants.

Second Place

Encontrar La Eucaristía Entre Los Desplazados

Maryknoll Magazine
Paul Jeffrey

This is a vivid portrayal of life amidst war, depicting civilians in Myanmar grappling with the loss of home and loved ones as they strive to rebuild their lives. Tackling this challenging topic, which involves messy religious and political conflicts in a region distant from the magazine's readers, required finesse. The author's narrative approach, framed through the perspective of Father John Barth, an

La Noche de Alcance para Personas Sin Hogar Proporciona Comida Aliento y Presencia

Local, Español | 06/2/2023 | By: Armando Machado

"Hay personas que se ofrecen a orar por ellos específicamente por su nombre"



The Homeless Outreach group at the St. Patrick's Cathedral parish office before beginning the May 24 Homeless Outreach Night. Photo by Colin Nykaza.

Julien Gustinelli estuvo entre los voluntarios que caminaron en Midtown Manhattan la otra noche buscando personas sin hogar para darles bolsas de sándwiches, elementos esenciales de higiene y tarjetas de oración como parte del programa mensual de alcance para personas sin hogar de la Oficina Arquidiocesana de Alcance para Adultos Jóvenes.

"La falta de vivienda es un gran problema en Nueva York. Lo veo en todas partes", dijo Gustinelli a *The Good Newsroom* mientras caminaba por Lexington Avenue desde la Catedral de San Patricio hasta la Grand Central Terminal. "Me mudé aquí hace unos ocho meses desde el sur de Florida. Cuando vi este grupo católico y que estaban haciendo esto, quise unirme".

S565: Best News Writing – Local/Regional Event

American missionary aiding Myanmar's displaced people, adeptly guides readers through this complex context.

Third Place

¿Cómo se construye una iglesia?

La Voz Católica
Rocío Granados

This is a compelling and well-reported narrative that delves into the intersection of the sacred and the secular. The author paints a vivid picture of Miami's unique dynamic within the Catholic community, where despite closures elsewhere, the Archdiocese is actively constructing new churches. Highlighting the delicate balance architects must strike between tradition and modernity, grappling with technological advancements and building regulations, the story offers insight into the practical challenges faced by faith leaders. Through thorough exploration, the author skillfully examines these design dilemmas.

Honorable Mention

Mujeres sanan las cicatrices de otras mujeres que enfrentan distintas violencias para resurgir juntas

OSV News
Marietha Gongora

Honorable Mention

El padre Vic tiene una nueva misión

Glenmary Home Missioners
Omar Cabrera

S541: Best In-Depth Analysis

First Place

¡Padre, Gracias por Mostrarnos el Camino a Ti!
Non-Profit Religious Organization
M. Yvette Millán Torres LL.M.

This was a moving meditation on parenthood, and what it means to raise a child. The author reflected on her own childhood memories with candor and curiosity. The inclusion of vivid details — including memories of making smoothies with her father — made the story feel personal and fresh.

Second Place

Fátima: Mensaje para nuestro tiempo

Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communications
Vladimir Mauricio-Perez

The explainer provides an insightful look into the early 20th-century Marian apparitions in Portugal, tying its historical significance to the broader context of wartime Europe and making a compelling case for its relevance to contemporary issues. An enlightening read.

S545: Best Interview

First Place

Caminaré con la gente

El Pregonero
Andrea Acosta

The story of Bishop Menjivar is very moving in and of itself but this particular article was very well

Segunda época

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S572: Best Parish Profile

written. Touching the emphasis on the bishop's personal story and how this influences his ministry as Christian, priest and now bishop.

Second Place**Todos somos iguales**

El Pregonero
Rafael Roncal

The interview of Cardinal Gregory was very touching. Brought home the importance of his ministry to all the faithful of his Archdiocese. The pictures were a great help in bringing home the humanity of the Cardinal.

Third Place**Defendiendo al agua en la Amazonía**

Maryknoll Magazine
Lisa Sullivan

Very well written article. It was good that they took the importance of an issue regarding the environment from a personal viewpoint.

Honorable Mention**Padre Mauricio Romero, Franciscano Capuchino, nuevo pastor asociado en nuestra diócesis**

El Católico de Rhode Island
Azade Sarah Perin-Monterroso

Honorable Mention**Llegamos a Estados Unidos en busca de dinero, pero encontramos a Dios**

Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communications
Vladimir Mauricio-Perez

S565: Best News Writing – Local/Regional Event**First Place****La Noche de Alcance para Personas Sin Hogar Proporciona Comida Aliento y Presencia**

The Good Newsroom Archdiocese of NY
Armando Machado

It's clear the author of this story did some gumshoe reporting. A wide range of perspectives are represented in the story: a young man who's experienced housing insecurity and is now giving back; a homeless woman who received aid from this group; the event's organizer, who explained why this kind of outreach matters for everyone involved.

Second Place**Avivamiento de Cuaresma en Holy Cross en el Bronx: Día 22**

The Good Newsroom Archdiocese of NY
Armando Machado

The reporter included powerful testimonies from people gathered at the event, who, despite struggling with difficult personal challenges, found solace and hope in their faith community. Those interviews elevated the story, taking what could've been a routine event recap and transforming it into a feature.

Third Place**El Obispo Coadjutor Richard G. Henning será recibido en un momento histórico para la comunidad hispana**

El Católico de Rhode Island
Silvio Cuellar and Laura Kilgus

This story pays tribute to a momentous occasion for Spanish-speaking Catholics. The story's writing was crisp and engaging.

Honorable Mention**Mari Pablo Alienta a los Fieles en el Congreso Eucarístico del Estado de Nueva York**

The Good Newsroom Archdiocese of NY
Armando Machado

Honorable Mention**Con una masiva presencia de feligreses de varios estados culmina peregrinación regional Hispana en La Salette**

El Católico de Rhode Island
Hortencia Medina and Silvio Cuellar

S567: Best News Writing-National/International Event**First Place****Lideres catolicos reciben con beneplacito el nuevo plan pastoral del ministerio hispano**

OSV News
Marietha Gongora V.

The story captures the depth of a new pastoral plan for Latino ministry, enriched by historical insights from a Boston College expert and further animated by the unique viewpoint of an LA priest, emphasizing the Latino community's diversity.

Second Place**Viviendo un nuevo Pentecostés**

Idaho Catholic Register
Vero Gutiérrez

This was a vivid account of World Youth Day, through the eyes of a priest who experienced the pilgrimage for the first time. The author included many fun and poignant anecdotes, which help the reader imagine how the event looked and felt.

Third Place**Coordinador diocesano del Ministerio Hispano reflexiona sobre nuevo Plan Pastoral Nacional**

El Católico de Rhode Island
Azade Sara Perin-Monterroso and Silvio Cuellar

This was a colorful, engaging account of a regional pilgrimage. The writing was fresh and vivid. (Look no further than the opening line: "Un día fresco y nublado fue el escenario perfecto para la Peregrinación Regional Hispana.")

S571: Best Personality Profile**First Place****Los médicos tienen otro nombre para el padre Morales: 'Milagro'**

Idaho Catholic Register
Vero Gutiérrez

This was a moving story about resilience and faith. The author handled a difficult subject with care. The author collected powerful first-hand accounts of the accident, including testimony from a first responder. The profile, however, remains focused on Father Gabriel's optimism, and his impressive recovery.

Second Place

Servir a los pobres con dignidad

Maryknoll Magazine
Giovana Soria

This thoroughly reported feature is a testament to the power of mentorship. The author includes moving, specific details from Mesias Pedroza's childhood, which imbued him with sensitivity and care for the power. In turn, Pedroza tells the story of his mentor, who helped him grow as a missionary. The author deftly weaves together the biographies of these two men — both of whom dedicated their lives to service.

Third Place

For Venezuelan-born Catholic, restoring much-loved sacred images is act of devotion

OSV News
Marietha Góngora V.

It's clear this author listened closely to a woman whose work might otherwise go unnoticed. Modeste is devoted to her craft, which requires attention to detail and reverence for art. The author lets Modeste's voice shine through; it's clear that Modeste's artisanship is ultimately a testament to her faith.

Honorable Mention

Denver proclama 'Día de Linda Sosa' en honor a líder comunitaria de San Cayetano

Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communications
Rocio Madera

This was a poignant tribute to a community servant, whose efforts were recognized by the Denver mayor. The author let Ms. Sosa's voice shine, and also spotlighted examples of her service to the community.

Honorable Mention

El arte de restaurar la devoción con las manos

OSV News
Marietha Gongora V.

S572: Best Parish Profile

First Place

St. Benedict en sus 50 años: "Amar, orar, servir"

La Voz Católica
Cristina Cabrera Jarro

This was a lovely story about a parish that has bloomed from its humble roots. The story is told through the eyes of parishioners who were there for its founding. The author gives those parishioners the space they need to tell their story. The story is chock full of idiosyncratic quotes and anecdotes, which reveal the charm of the parish community. The author of this piece clearly has an ear for good dialogue and an eye for detail.

Second Place

Parroquia Reina de la Paz inaugura nuevo centro parroquial

Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communications
Rocio Madera

The feature is an inspiring account of a parish center's creation, detailing parishioners' resolve in overcoming hurdles, with the author skillfully weaving together the community's diverse perspectives on the construction challenges.

S573a: Best Reporting - On Cultural Heritage

First Place

The Passion of the Monarca Migrante: Un vía

crucis latino

Maryknoll Magazine
Leonel Yoque

Que Maravilla. What a wonderful article, creative and meaningful. Very well written and drawing attention to something new and different. Very good the juxtaposition of the painter with her work.

Second Place

Este es el hombre de la Sábana Santa

La Voz Católica
Rocío Granados

A very meaningful article. It focused upon the artist but more importantly upon the art and the meaning for the Latino community. Hopefully it was translated into English so the English speaking community could come to a better understanding of the Latino emphasis on the passion.

Third Place

Alegria y agradecimiento a Dios

Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth
Violeta Rocha

A very positive and enlightening article. Helpful in seeing the importance and meaning of the 15a celebration in the United States for the Latino community. The article should go a long way in helping the Anglo community come to a deeper appreciation of the celebration.

Honorable Mention

Nuestra Señora del Rosario visita Orem

Intermountain Catholic - Diocese of Salt Lake City
Laura Vallejo

S573b: Best Reporting - On Family

First Place

Dios escuchó a una madre humilde

El Pregonero
Miguel Vivanco

This was a heartwarming story about a multi-generational Catholic family and the distance his sisters and mother traveled to be there for his ordination.

Second Place

Impactos cumple 50 años de familia, fe y amistad; Matrimonios santos para construir familias y vocaciones santas; Hombres con rosarios: "soldados de la paz"

La Voz Católica
Priscilla A. Greear, Rocío Granados and Dianelys Rodríguez

These articles covered a wide range of topics under the umbrella of "family" and made connections between different aspects of the Catholic faith and church community and how they connect to families. The first article also offered a spotlight on the experience of a community member finding a mom's ministry and gaining a lot from it.

S573c: Best Reporting - On Immigration

First Place

Los inmigrantes: Valor, talento y trabajo, ¿Quiénes están llegando y por qué?, "Un legado de acogida"

La Voz Católica
Rocío Granados and Ana Rodríguez-Soto

This article does a great job uplifting the humanity

of immigrants and focusing on their talents and worth. I also appreciated how it focused on the publication's home city (Miami) and made the issue of new employment hurdles for immigrants feel close-to-home for readers.

Second Place

Fronteras de Esperanza, The Passion of the Monarca migrante: Un Vía Crucis Latino, Con ojos y corazón abiertos a la migración

Maryknoll Magazine
Andrea Moreno-Díaz, Leonel Yoque and April Pruitt

These selections of articles told a powerful story about the experience of immigrants and the volunteer work of Maryknoll community members at the US/Mexico border.

Third Place

Jóvenes inmigrantes inician nueva vida

El Pregonero
Miguel Vivanco

This piece made the experience of immigrants to the U.S. more personal by focusing on four teenage boys who left Caracas for the U.S. and how they are settling into their new home.

Honorable Mention

On immigration-Spanish

OSV News

Marietha Góngora V. and Manuel Rueda

S573d: Best Reporting - On Latin America

First Place

On Latin America-Spanish

OSV News
Marietha Gongora V.

A clearly written story, well reported and filled with telling details, about efforts to combat violence against women in Latin America. The sources interviewed are knowledgeable and the reader is left with a solid understanding of the issue.

Second Place

La libertad de Nicaragua pronto se va a dar

La Voz Católica
Rocío Granados

The story vividly captures the complex feelings of the Nicaraguan priests forced to leave their country after they were released from political detention.

S573e: Best Reporting - On a Local Issue

First Place

Maestra venezolana se reinventa

El Pregonero
Miguel Guilarte

This is a lovely feature that sheds light on an urgent topic: the hard work, resourcefulness, and determination demanded of recent exiles when they arrive in the U.S. The writer focused on an interesting and eloquent individual and made her story come to life.

S573f: Best Reporting - On Sports

First Place

¡Santa diversión!

La Voz Católica
Ana Rodríguez-Soto

Wonderful headline, wonderful pictures, delightful story beautifully told. A perfect piece for a soccer-loving community.

S575: Best Reporting on a Special Age Group

First Place

Columna Jóvenes Misioneros

Maryknoll Magazine

Luna Stephanie, Ray Almanza and April Pruitt

The article was very brief and a quick read. I often find it harder to write something short and interesting than something longer. It was much appreciated the topic and the focus upon one young man rather than a group.

Second Place

Special Age Group - Spanish

OSV News

Maria del Pilar Guzman

The article was very well written. It was basically a book review which was a good way to serve the public and generate interest in the book. An important addition to pastoral juvenil.

Third Place

Jóvenes se levantan en la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud

Maryknoll Magazine

Giovana Soria

Excellent article and interesting the way it involved the life of the young along with the ministry of the Holy Father. Very creative and the pictures helped to bring the article to life.

Honorable Mention

El SEPI, innovador y exitoso en su acercamiento a los jóvenes católicos hispanos; Nuevo liderazgo para la Pastoral Juvenil en el Instituto Pastoral del Sureste, SEPI

La Voz Católica

Rocío Granados

S576: Best reporting on Catholic education

First Place

La educación católica impulsa un sueño de inmigrantes

La Voz Católica

Emily Chaffins

The story tenderly narrates a family's triumph over adversity, centered on a young woman's graduation—a first for her family. It's a rich tapestry of personal triumphs, beautifully chronicling the parents' unfulfilled educational journeys and their pride in their daughter's achievements.

Second Place

Una Iglesia abierta para todos

Glenmary Home Missioners

Omar Cabrera, John Feister and Ashley Lodge

This story is a beautiful profile of a family determined to give their children a Catholic education. Vivid, moving details reveal how important these seemingly simple moments.

S577: Best reporting on the Celebration of a sacrament

First Place

Una Iglesia abierta para todos

Glenmary Home Missioners

Omar Cabrera, John Feister and Ashley Lodge

This story is a beautiful profile of a family determined to give their children a Catholic education. Over the course of the story, the author reveals why faith is so important to this family: the father, who had been struggling with alcoholism for years, got sober with the support of his church community.

Second Place

Acogen con gozo a nuevos católicos

El Pregonero

Andrea Acosta

This was a well-reported portrait of a community of believers being welcomed into the Church. The author's reporting is thorough; a wide range of voices are featured. Their unique stories reveal the diversity and vibrancy of this community.

Third Place

Seminarista Jairon Olmos Rivera dá un paso más en su camino hacia el Sacerdocio

El Católico de Rhode Island

Por Cole Desantis

This was an engaging feature about a seminarian being ordained as a deacon. The author included great quotes from friends of his, who could speak to his faith journey.

S579a: Best Reporting on Social Justice Issues - Call to Family, Community and Participation

First Place

Servir a los pobres con dignidad, CREANDO UNA COMUNIDAD SOSTENIBLE, UNA MISIÓN DE PAZ CONTINÚA

Maryknoll Magazine

Giovana Soria, Carolyn Trumble and Luna Stephanie

The story's respectful portrayal of serving the poor sets a commendable standard. More images showcasing the individuals engaged in ministry would enhance the narrative's impact, as personal interactions often resonate more than group shots.

Second Place

San Oscar Romero intercede por El Salvador

El Pregonero

Miguel Guillarte

The coverage is exceptional, offering a unique glimpse into Romero's personal life and family ties, alongside his enduring spiritual legacy and the continued need for his intercession.

S579b: Best Reporting on Social Justice Issues - Care for God's Creation

First Place

Buenos resultados del "Equipo Verde"

El Pregonero

Miguel Vivanco

This was an excellent article, very well written and attractive. The short piece about using bottled water especially caught my attention. At first I thought it was an ad that didn't have anything to do with the article, which was great. It summarized the article in a short attractive and easy to read section.

Second Place

Mi dichosa estancia en el Amazonas, Jóvenes

Misioneros - Cuidar la creación y a los pobres, Defendiendo el Agua en la Amazonia

Maryknoll Magazine

Esperanza Principio, Ray Almanza and Lisa Sullivan

Excellent article very well written and to the point. Shows the excellence we come to expect from Maryknoll publications. The article made the Amazon come to life and brought the work of the community as well as the joy of living in the jungle.

Third Place

Señas para una nueva vida, Plenitud de vida en Emusoi, Educando Héroes

Maryknoll Magazine

Meinrad Scherer-Emunds, Gregg Brekke and Carolyn Trumble

These articles shed light on the ways that passionate missionaries find their purpose in connecting with people abroad. In particular, this selection of pieces focused on the work that Maryknoll does with children, especially those affected by the AIDS and COVID pandemics.

S579e: Best Reporting on Social Justice Issues - Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

First Place

Una Rica Pobreza en Bangladesh, Casitas De Impacto Enorme, Sirviendo a Mártires Migrantes en Taiwán

Maryknoll Magazine

Paul Jeffrey and Paul Bork

These 3 articles painted a beautiful picture of Maryknoll's work abroad and the ways that the Catholic Church has supported migrants in need. I enjoyed learning about Padre Joy in particular! I also appreciated the "reflexiona" and "actua" sections at the end.

S579g: Best Reporting on Social Justice Issues - Solidarity

First Place

Encontrar La Eucaristía Entre Los Desplazados, Soñando Con La Paz en Ucrania, Protestas en Perú: Una Demanda Por Respeto

Maryknoll Magazine

Paul Jeffrey, Gregg Brekke and Barbara Fraser

The story painted a clear picture of how Maryknoll's work aligns with the topic of "solidarity" and demonstrates how they strive to have a social justice impact with their mission trips.

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

First Place

Seminarista encontró su vocación mientras padecía de leucemia

Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communications

Vladimir Mauricio-Perez

This was a very compelling and inspiring story about pursuing a career within the church after many years of struggle with illness and chemotherapy. I often imagine people in this line of work as being older adults and it was interesting to read about how a teenager chose this path.

Second Place

Fallece el P. Elkin Sierra, de 58 años de edad; La Arquidiócesis de Miami se regocija con cinco nuevos sacerdotes mileniales; Immaculata-La Salle rinde homenaje a "Sister Red"

La Voz Católica

Ana Rodríguez-Soto and Jim Davis

This was a beautiful tribute Father Sierra who died far too young! The article made clear all of the ways that his faith, compassion, and kindness impacted those around him.

Third Place

Trayendo Buenas Noticias, Dos Simples Preguntas, ¡Qué locura!

Maryknoll Magazine

Rodrigo Ulloa-Chavarry, M.M, John Blazo, M.M. and Mary Ellen Manz, M.M.

This was an interesting first-person account of Father Ulloa-Chavarry's path. I liked the style in which it was written and how he brought the readers on a journey with him as he first learned about the possibility of doing mission work.

Honorable Mention

El Obispo Coadjutor Richard G. Henning será recibido en un momento histórico para la comunidad hispana

El Católico de Rhode Island

Silvio Cuellar and Laura Kilgus

Honorable Mention

Religiosos en un limbo jurídico

TrueQuest Communications | VISION | Prepare the Word

Miguel Naranjo, Graciela Mateo and Traducción de Mónica Krebs

S591: Best Single Issue or Section**First Place**

¿Estás listo para recibirlo?

Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communications
El Pueblo Católico Staff

This is a very complete and informative issue designed to help readers prepare for the Christmas season in a way consistent with Catholic tradition. It is varied, full of practical details and very approachable.

S598a: Best Writing - Analysis**First Place**

¿Qué debería tener en mente un católico acerca de Halloween?

Archdiocese of Denver, Office of Communications
Edgar Mares

Very well written and practical as well. It is a common question in the Latino community so the article is extremely helpful.

Second Place

Un Verano Libre de "Luchas"

Non-Profit Religious Organization
M. Yvette Millán Torres LL.M.

Down to earth practical and upbeat. Very well written and interesting.

S598b: Best Writing – In Depth**First Place**

Ser padre de crianza, porque creemos en amar al prójimo como a uno mismo

La Voz Católica

Rocío Granados

Taking an adolescent from a foreign land into your family home requires a great amount of determination and faith. This is the story of one such family, and it serves as inspiration and call to action.

Second Place

Estudiar: La única salida

El Pregonero

Miguel Vivanco

A touching story that focuses on one unaccompanied minor struggling to adapt to life in the United States but sheds light on the thousands of young immigrants who face similar situations.

Third Place

El padre Vic tiene una nueva misión

Glenmary Home Missioners

Omar Cabrera

S811b: Best Multiple Picture Package - News**Third Place**

El Padre Raymond Tetrault fue un pionero del Ministerio Hispano y de los desamparados

El Católico de Rhode Island

Silvio Cuellar

S821a: Best Photo Story - Feature**First Place**

Fotos de la Misa Diocesana en Honor a la Virgen de Guadalupe

El Católico de Rhode Island

Cole DeSantis

The pictures were great and filled with life but I would have appreciated a full story than just a

corner of pictures.

S831: Best Story and Photo Package – By an Individual**Second Place**

El padre Vic tiene una nueva misión

Glenmary Home Missioners

Omar Cabrera

The first two pages are excellently balanced, with typography and images The layout showcases the designer's skill. The use of red is particularly commendable. Great job!

Honorable Mention

Una Rica Pobreza en Bangladesh

Maryknoll Magazine

Paul Jeffrey

S840: Best Photograph – Feature Photo**First Place**

Una rica pobreza in Bangladesh

Maryknoll Magazine

Paul Jeffrey

I think it is an excellent photograph, it reflects our humanity. It moves the heart.

S842: Best Photograph – General News Photo**Third Place**

Oraciones y Esperanza Durante el Inicio del Relé Pro-Vida en Manhattan

The Good Newsroom Archdiocese of NY

Armando Machado

Honorable Mention

Misión en acción

Maryknoll Magazine

Nile Sprague



S840: Best Photograph – Feature Photo

Book Awards

B101: Pilgrimages/Catholic Travel

First Place

The Via Dolorosa: A Pilgrim's Guide to the Stations of the Cross

Howard M. Berlin, The Numismatourist Press

This selection is well-rounded and engaging, capturing the spirit of Catholic pilgrimage and travel. The titles blend practical advice, personal anecdotes, and theological insights, making them both informative and inspiring.

Second Place

Twenty Extraordinary Experiences Along the Way to the Grotto - Everyday Miracles of Lourdes

Marlene Watkins, EWTN Publishing, Inc.

Impressive variety and depth in this category! This entry offers valuable insights into the Catholic pilgrimage experience, guiding readers on both physical and spiritual journeys.

Third Place

That They May All Be One

Sophia Martin, Eastern Christian Publications

This book provides an excellent exploration of the rich history, traditions, and spiritual significance of Catholic pilgrimage and travel. It offers valuable resources for both seasoned pilgrims and those new to the experience.

B102: Pope Francis

First Place

Walking with Pope Francis: The Official Documents in Everyday Language

James Kroeger, MM, Orbis Books

The author has done a commendable job by offering accurate summaries of 10 of Pope Francis' major documents, including his significant encyclicals. Given that most of these documents are lengthy, these summaries are valuable for both everyday readers and researchers. The organization, complete with headings and reference numbers, is particularly helpful.

Second Place

Pope Francis and Mercy: A Dynamic Theological Hermeneutic

Gill K. Goulding, CJ, University of Notre Dame Press

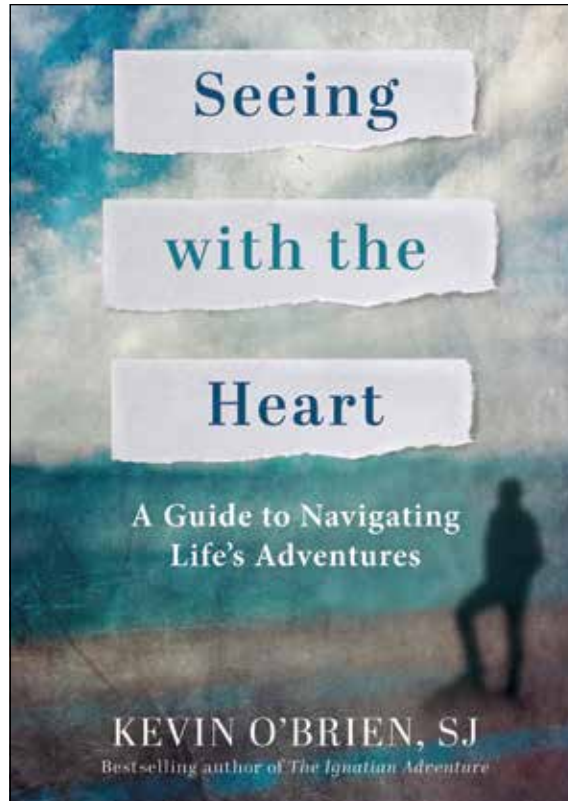
Mercy is undeniably at the heart of Jesus' message and Pope Francis' papacy. This theological exploration of mercy examines the continuity between Popes Benedict and Francis, and delves into Ignatian and other theological influences, such as Guardini and von Balthasar. I would have appreciated more emphasis on Francis and his teachings to better reflect the title of the book.

Third Place

Pope Francis on Eucharist: 100 Daily Meditations for Adoration, Prayer, and Reflection

Pope Francis, Liturgical Press

Though brief, these reflections on the Eucharist from Pope Francis' writings, speeches, and homilies offer reflective reading. The 100 excerpts include some widely quoted phrases ("not a prize for the



B103: Spirituality Classical

perfect"), as well as many lesser-known pearls of wisdom from the pontiff.

Honorable Mention

Walking Together: The Way of Synodality

Pope Francis, Orbis Books

These selections from Pope Francis' writings, speeches, and homilies on synodality highlight its consistent emphasis throughout his papacy. The essays by Cardinal Mario Grech and Sr. Nathalie Becquart provide valuable context. A second or updated edition will be necessary as the synod on synodality process continues.

B103: Spirituality Classical

First Place

Seeing with the Heart

Kevin O'Brien, Loyola Press

This is an excellent introduction to Christian spirituality, filled with anecdotes that illustrate abstract concepts. The questions at the end of each chapter inspire readers to delve deeper and cultivate a prayerful relationship with God.

Second Place

Pocket Guide to Novenas

Annie and John Paul Deddens, Ascension

This is an excellent catechesis on the often misunderstood topic of novenas. The introductions to individual novenas make it an invaluable resource for personal prayer.

Third Place

The Sign of the Cross: Recovering the Power of the Ancient Prayer

Bert Ghezzi, Word on Fire

This work fosters an appreciation for making the sign of the cross, especially as a reminder of baptism and to strengthen resolve against evil.

Honorable Mention

The Living Flame of Love: Study Edition

St. John of the Cross; Study Guide by Kieran



B105: Prayer Books

Kavanaugh, OCD, ICS Publications

This is an excellent commentary on a complex classic spiritual work. The discussion questions, in particular, are unique and thought-provoking.

B104: Spirituality Contemporary

First Place

Gift and Grit: How Heroic Virtue Can Change Your Life and Relationships

Andrew and Sarah Swafford, Ascension

This is a wonderful book that reminds us we are all works in progress. We learn that grit is "courage in the face of hardship" and are reminded of the good that binds friends together. Through their personal experiences, the authors show how grit plays a role in our spiritual relationships with others and with God.

Second Place

Arise to Blessedness

Jen Norton, Ave Maria Press

This inspiring book helps us understand the Beatitudes and demonstrates how to incorporate them into our daily lives. The beautiful illustrations, combined with scripture passages and information about eight modern-day saints, make it a simple yet enjoyable read.

Third Place

Every Day with Jesus

Dr. Mary Amore, OSV

This is truly a book that can be enjoyed by both the young and the old. Each daily reflection starts with a scripture verse followed by a reflection. The author concludes each passage with a question and a short prayer. It's a wonderful book to keep on your table and revisit for years to come.

B105: Prayer Books

First Place

Come to Me: Living the Nine First Fridays

Sr. Anne Flanagan, FSP, Pauline Books & Media

This book serves as both a catechesis and a guide to personal prayer, revitalizing traditional devotion

for the modern Catholic. The blend of traditional and original prayers is particularly appealing.

Second Place

When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God

Dr. Edward Sri, Ascension

This book of reflections challenges common beliefs about prayer, offering practical, easy-to-follow advice on entering into intimate prayer with God.

Third Place

Awake with Christ: Living the Catholic Holy Hour in Your Home

Annabelle Moseley, En Route Books and Media

This book of at-home holy hours encourages readers to meet Jesus at his loneliest place, the Garden of Gethsemane. It fosters pure, childlike faith through guided catechesis and prayer.

Honorable Mention

One Mother, One Family

Monica Shia Amparo, Eastern Christian Publications

This unique prayer book offers a thoughtful introduction to various cultural practices and titles of Mary. The combination of *visio divina* and a scriptural rosary is sure to resonate with people of different prayer styles.

B106: Collections of Prayers

First Place

The Paschal Mystery: Reflections for Lent and Easter

Matthew Becklo (ed.), Word on Fire

The Paschal Mystery is a Lenten reflection book featuring weekly reflections from Bishop Barron and references from the Didache, Church Fathers, Councils, and the Catechism. With theological writings from figures like Athanasius and Augustine, as well as literary contributions from G.K. Chesterton and Flannery O'Connor, this book is a valuable resource for both personal and communal prayer, representing two millennia of Catholic tradition.

Second Place

The Ascension Lenten Companion: A Personal Encounter with the Power of the Gospel, Year A

Fr. Mark Toups, Ascension

The Ascension Lenten Companion provides an engaging Lenten program centered on the Sunday Gospel, with daily meditations and accompanying videos and spiritual exercises. This program offers a valuable opportunity for spiritual growth through daily journaling, making it a beneficial resource for parishes, individual parishioners, and anyone seeking to unite with the universal Church during Lent.

Third Place

A Time of Blessings and Peace

William B. Miller, Twenty-Third Publications

This compact book provides 30 mini-retreats for those in retirement or seeking spiritual growth, each featuring a reflective essay, scriptural reference, and song suggestions. Resource references for each session are easily accessible, making these mini-retreats valuable for both communal and personal reflection on life's experiences, relationships, and legacy.

Honorable Mention

Pocket Guide to Novenas

Annie and John Paul Deddens, Ascension

Honorable Mention

Ave Guide to the Scriptural Rosary

Ave Maria Press

B107: Mysticism

First Place

The Living Flame of Love: Study Edition

St. John of the Cross; Study Guide by Kieran Kavanaugh, OCD, ICS Publications

St. John of the Cross was a prominent mystic in the Catholic Church, and the study edition of 'The Living Flame of Love' makes the nuances of mystical life accessible and easy to read. With discussion questions aiding reflection and dialogue, this book is a valuable reference for many formation programs in the local church.

Honorable Mention

The Sayings and Stories of the Desert Fathers and Mothers: Volume 2: Th-Ō (Thêta-Ōméga)

Translated and introduced by Tim Vivian, Liturgical Press

B108: Liturgy

First Place

Catholic Women Preach: Raising Voices, Renewing the Church - Cycle B

Elizabeth Donnelly and Russ Petrus, Orbis Books

The second volume of the Catholic Women Preach series features homilies from various writers for the Sundays and Feasts of Cycle B, offering biblically sound and liturgically based reflections. These insights, rooted in lived experiences, provide not just a nuanced woman's perspective on the scriptures but also a critical and important voice for the Church today.

Second Place

Down Deep in My Soul: An African American Catholic Theology of Preaching

Maurice J. Nutt, CSsR, Orbis Books

Maurice J. Nutt's scholarship on preaching in the Black Catholic tradition serves as a valuable resource for anyone committed to their ministry of preaching. Drawing from broad pastoral experience, his insights provide an original and passionate call for preachers to reexamine their approach to breaking open the word of God for those eager to hear it anew.

Third Place

Further Issues in Eucharistic Praying in East and West: Essays in Liturgical and Theological Analysis

Edited by Maxwell E. Johnson, Liturgical Press

This collection of ten essays delves into the early Christian tradition of Eucharistic praying, offering thorough research for serious students of liturgy interested in the origins of Eucharistic prayers. While scholarly, the accessible writing provides a fascinating exploration of the often-overlooked origins of eucharistic traditions in both the East and the West.

Honorable Mention

In Christ Now Meet Both East and West: On Catholic Eucharistic Action

Thomas O'Loughlin, Liturgical Press

O'Loughlin's brief work offers a thoughtful meditation on the Eucharist, highlighting its intimate connection to our everyday experience of meals. He views the Eucharist as more than ritual, emphasizing its role in how we live, care for each other, and welcome others, making it a must-read for every communicant.

B109: Pastoral Ministry – Parish Life

First Place

The Gardens of God

Cardinal Arthur Roche, Word on Fire

This book addresses the deepening of the spiritual lives of both the laity and the bishops and priests for whom these retreat reflections were initially intended. As ministers and witnesses in the New Evangelization, it emphasizes the need for a personal, living experience of the Living Christ in every circumstance, both joyful and challenging, for those who place their trust and hope in the Lord.

Second Place

The Road to Hope: Responding to the Crisis of Addiction

Keaton Douglas with Lindsay Schlegel, OSV

Almost everyone in our country is grappling with the devastating impact of the epidemic of substance abuse, affecting individuals, families, and even the Church. This book challenges and equips the Church to respond with hope, healing, reconciliation, and peace, providing both the means and the courage to stand with those most in need and share the saving love of God.

Third Place

Catechumenal Pathways for Married Life: Pastoral guidelines for local Churches

Dicastery of Laity, Family and Life, OSV

Pope Francis has called us to journey more intimately with engaged couples, equipping them to enter a holy, sacred, life-giving bond of marriage reflecting the union of the Blessed Trinity. With many challenges to married life in our secular culture, this book offers the vision and tools for the Church to provide essential formation, laying the foundation for engaged couples to enter and sustain this kind of union for a lifetime.

Honorable Mention

See Yourself as God Does: Understanding Holy Body Image Through Catholic Scripture

Shannon Whitmore, Ascension

It's crucial to recognize ourselves as God sees us, created in His image and likeness for a purpose leading to heaven. This book is a gift for every woman, illuminating the divine design and beauty of human creation and life's purpose.

Honorable Mention

Why They Follow: Lessons in Church Communication from That One Lost Sheep

Matthew Warner, Word on Fire

Effective communication must be central to the Church's mission to share the Good News and

reach those in need of Jesus Christ's message and the Gospel. This book offers a wealth of information and practical ideas on sharing the Good News in a world increasingly adverse and even hostile to the Christian message.

B110: Pastoral Ministry Catechetical

First Place

This is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival

Bishop Robert Barron, Word on Fire

In the midst of the ongoing Eucharistic Revival, Bishop Barron eloquently elucidates Eucharistic theology for both everyday believers and truth seekers. Understanding the Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament shapes our identity as followers of Christ, informs our service to the needy, and instills hope in our faith journey. This book deepens our understanding of Eucharistic theology and enriches our faith life within the Church.

Second Place

When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God

Dr. Edward Sri, Ascension

Many struggle with prayer and seek deeper spiritual growth. This series enriches prayer life, fostering intimate encounters with Christ and fostering a conversion of heart and deeper engagement with the Church, fulfilling a longing for believers.

Third Place

Building a Firm Foundation: An Invitation to Parents of Children Preparing for Sacraments

Maryllynn D. Wesson, D.Min., OSV

Parents play a crucial role as the primary educators of their children in matters of faith. This book offers practical insights on engaging parents in the life of the Church and nurturing their children's faith formation.

Honorable Mention

Received: Your Journey to First Communion

Sarah Shutrop, Ascension

This series is an excellent resource for catechetical preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. In these challenging times for catechists and those preparing children for these sacraments, the series is well-organized, practical, and invaluable to those working with our children.

Honorable Mention

Renewed: Your Journey to First Reconciliation

Sarah Shutrop, Ascension

B111: Pastoral Ministry: Youth & Young Adult

First Place

Young Latino Catholics: Stories of Faith

Hosffman Ospino and Timothy Matovina, Paulist Press

Thank you for focusing on the Young Latino Catholic demographic and shedding light on the complex cultural, economic, and social issues they face. Each story offers a fresh perspective, opening non-Hispanic readers to the richness of the

Hispanic Catholic world. Overall, the book instills great hope in the American church.

Second Place

Untroubled by the Unknown: Trusting God in Every Moment

Fr. Mike Schmitz, Ascension

I adore the title and the overall atmosphere of the book. It tackles a timely and essential topic, offering easy readability and abundant hope.

Honorable Mention

The Art of Listening to Young People - A Scientific and Pastoral Guide

Amoris Christi, En Route Books & Media, LLC

B112: Church Professional

First Place

Why They Follow: Lessons in Church Communication from That One Lost Sheep

Matthew Warner, Word on Fire

What sets this book apart is its presentation as a guide for improving Church communications, while offering broader lessons on Christian ministry and evangelization. Packed with practical insights, it's the kind of book best savored slowly, allowing for reflection and prayer to fully grasp its teachings. Whether one is involved in professional preaching or simply a committed disciple of Christ, this book offers valuable insights for spreading the Gospel effectively.

Second Place

Educating for Eternity: A Teacher's Companion for Making Every Class Catholic

Brett Salkeld, Ph.D., OSV

As someone not in education but deeply invested in Catholic values and tradition, I found this book both helpful and compelling. The author skillfully provides a Catholic perspective on various educational topics, often in unexpected ways. Each chapter is filled with stimulating insights, particularly the opening chapters on education as formation in virtue. I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in Catholic education or evangelizing through education.

Third Place

Preaching to Latinos: Welcoming the Hispanic Moment in the U.S. Church

Michael I. Kueber, The Catholic University of America Press

This book presents a compelling argument for the importance of awareness and adaptability in preaching to Latinos during the Church's Hispanic Moment, highlighting its crucial significance for the U.S. Church. The author's insights span from academic to highly practical aspects of engaging with and understanding Hispanic communities. His humble approach, stemming from personal experience in Hispanic ministry as a Caucasian cleric, offers invaluable perspectives. It's undeniable that bishops, their curias, and any priest with a Hispanic presence in their parish should strongly consider reading this book.

Honorable Mention

Counting the Cost: Financial Decision-Making, Discipleship, and Christian Living

Clemens Sedmak and Kelli Reagan Hickey, Liturgical Press

B1151: English Translation Edition

First Place

Pilgrimage of Anastasius: The Autobiography of the First Provincial of the Discalced Carmelites

Jerome Gracián; Translated by Stephen Watson, O.C.D., ICS Publications

This memoir/apologia, penned by a close associate of St. Teresa of Avila during the earliest days of the Discalced Carmelites, merits attention for its historical significance and spiritual depth. While the narrative is marked by tragedy, the author's humility in adversity serves as a source of inspiration. An exceptional read!

Second Place

God without the Idea of Evil

Jean-Miguel Garrigues, O.P., University of Notre Dame Press

This speculative theological work delves into God's love and justice, grappling with the problem of evil through contemplation of our election in Christ. As a reader aware of my own flaws, I found solace in the author's portrayal of God's unwavering love for humanity. Highly recommended!

Third Place

The Gregorian Melody: The Expressive Power of the Word

Alberto Turco, Liturgical Press

This serves as a vital reference and teaching resource for those aiming to comprehend and excel in the profound tradition of Gregorian chant, shaped by the principles of the Second Vatican Council. While the main body of the text caters to individuals with a solid grasp of music theory and performance, the introductory chapter offers valuable insights for liturgists and pastors keen on exploring chant's role in contemporary Catholic worship.

Honorable Mention

Biblia cum Glossa Ordinaria - Genesis, The Great Medieval Commentary on Sacred Scripture

Samuel J. Klumpenhouwer (translator), Emmaus Academic

Honorable Mention

The Confessions of St. Augustine (Catholic Classics)

St. Augustine of Hippo, Fr. Gregory Pine O.P., Fr. Jacob Bertrand Janczyk O.P., Matthew MinerD, Ascension

B1201: Design and Production

First Place

The Word on Fire Bible, Volume III: The Pentateuch

Word on Fire

Similar to the philosophers' boxed set, this edition of the Pentateuch is masterfully crafted, featuring a sturdy box, sharp gold embossed letters, and intricate designs. The Bible itself is a delight to hold, boasting a grained leather cover, gilt-edge pages, and impeccable printing. Overall, it is a superbly executed edition.

Second Place

Socrates' Children: An Introduction to Philosophy from the 100 Greatest Philosophers

Peter Kreeft, Word on Fire

This boxed set, elegantly presented in four volumes, features clean gold lettering and imprint without any bleeding or smudging. While the type font is smaller than some, the serif style prevents it from being too diminutive, ensuring readability with sufficient leading. Although hardbound copies may offer greater durability, the included box provides adequate protection.

Third Place

Living the Seasons

Erica Tighe Campbell, Ave Maria Press

The cover design is appealing, featuring vibrant colors and inviting illustrations that continue throughout the book. The effective use of white space enhances readability, while the sturdy hardcover ensures durability for year-round use, aligning with its intended purpose.

Honorable Mention

One Mother, One Family

Monica Shia Amparo, Eastern Christian Publications

The author conceived a thoughtful concept for a rosary companion book, opting for a spiral binding to facilitate prayer while ensuring the book remains open. Additionally, the inclusion of sacred art from diverse cultures enhances its attractiveness. Overall, it's a commendable effort.

Honorable Mention

Breaking the Bread: A Biblical Devotional for Catholics Year B

Scott Hahn and Ken Ogorek, Emmaus Road Publishing

B1202: Design and Production: Children's Book

First Place

The Golden Key and Other Fairy Tales

George MacDonald, Word on Fire

Second Place

Saintly Creatures: 14 Tales of Animals and Their Holy Companions

Alexi Sargeant, Word on Fire

Third Place

New Friends Now and Forever: A Story about the Holy Souls

Yorris Handoko, Most High Publishing

B1203: Front Cover Artwork

First Place

New Friends Now and Forever: A Story about the Holy Souls

Yorris Handoko, Most High Publishing

The cover boasts vibrant colors and embraces diverse sensibilities without being garish or excessive, with the front and back complementing each other nicely. The illustrations are well done.

Second Place

Helmet of Salvation

Theresa Linden, Silver Fire Publishing

Professional artwork. Detailed. not cluttered. Good mix with the back cover. Fitting for the genre. Distinct.

Third Place

The Grief of Dads: Support and Hope for Catholic Fathers Navigating Child Loss

Patrick O'Hearn; Bryan Feger; Kelly and Ryan Breaux, Ave Maria Press

Fitting imagery of a lighthouse in the middle of nowhere amid the whirlwind. Good color tone and style. Fitting for the subject.

Honorable Mention

Beyond Pain: Job, Jesus, and Joy Revised Edition

Maureen Pratt, Galilee Road Publishing LLC

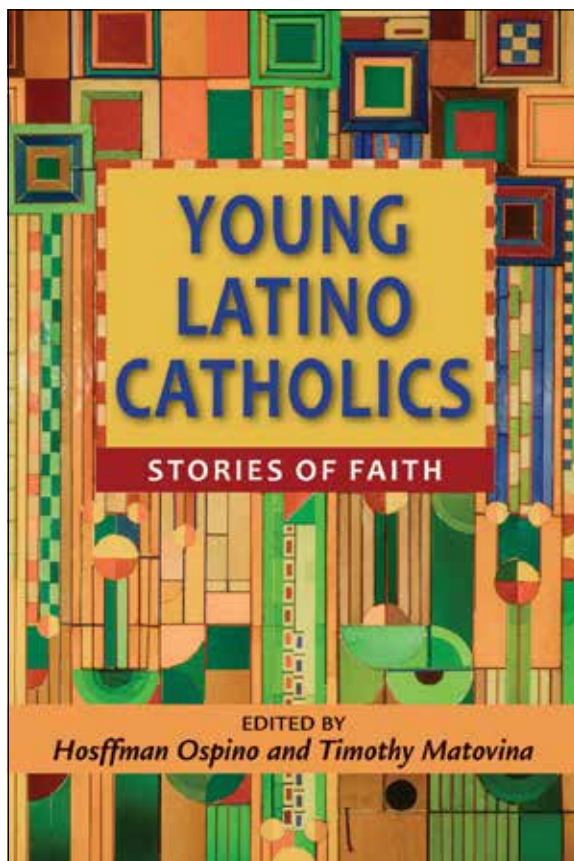
The color and imagery fit the subject and blend well with the back cover. Soothing ethereal and understated.

Honorable Mention

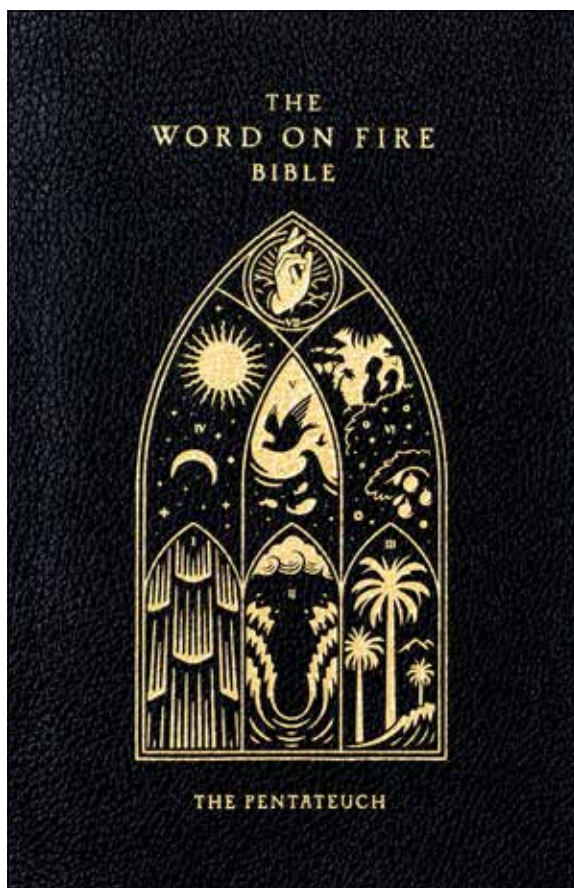
A Cop's Son: One G-Man's Fight Against Jihad, Global Fraud and the Cartels

Kenneth Strange Jr., History Publishing Company LLC

The artwork is fitting for the subject matter, striking a balance without overwhelming the intensity of the theme, evoking it effectively yet subtly.



B111: Pastoral Ministry: Youth & Young Adult



B1201: Design and Production

B1301: Best Book by a Small Publisher

First Place

Lily of the Mohawks: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Philip Kosloski, Voyage Comics & Publishing

In accessible form to all ages, brilliantly presented, and carefully scripted.

Second Place

Prophets of the New Testament

Kieran Larkin, Red Penguin Books

Very carefully presented vis-a-vis prophets and their ministry around Jesus.

Third Place

That They May All Be One

Sophia Martin, Eastern Christian Publications

Honorable Mention

Ashes

Anthony Mancini, Tolmitch Press

Honorable Mention

The Living Flame of Love: Study Edition

St. John of the Cross; Study Guide by Kieran Kavanaugh, OCD, ICS Publications

B1401: Self-Published Fiction Books

First Place

The Shepherdess: The Story of St. Germaine Cousin

Andie Andrews

This novelette delivers a powerful impact within its compact format, with St. Germaine Cousin emerging as a triumphant heroine in this fictionalized yet fact-based biography. Drawing from the author's experience as a shepherdess, the narrative skillfully weaves together the real-life story of the historic saint with semi-fictional characters and events, bringing Germaine's poignant life to vivid fruition. As we navigate life's disappointments and setbacks, we find inspiration in St. Germaine, who, despite enduring poverty of body, mind, and spirit, exemplified kindness, generosity, and love. Her devotion to the Eucharist, forgiveness, fortitude, and selflessness serve as compelling models for our journey towards holiness. St. Germaine, pray for us, and may Andie Andrews' work continue to inspire us!

Second Place

Summer at West Castle

Theresa Linden, Silver Fire Publishing

While as a senior citizen, romance novels aren't typically my preference, I acknowledge their value for a teen audience who may find entertainment and insights in Theresa Linden's portrayal of modern relationships. The exploration of "courting," "praying," and "trusting God" as foundational elements in building love between diverse individuals offers a refreshing perspective. Christian parents and grandparents would do well to consider gifting Ms. Linden's West Brothers Series to their young loved ones.

B1402: Self-Published Non-Fiction Books

First Place

The Via Dolorosa: A Pilgrim's Guide to the Stations of the Cross

Howard M. Berlin, The Numismatourist Press

A labor of love, this guide is both well-researched and aesthetically pleasing, offering a balanced perspective that truly serves as a pilgrim's companion. The author's thoroughness, erudition, and clarity are commendable, making this guide a rare gem among others on the stations.

Second Place

Duty, Honor, Faith, & Country

Martin H. Joyce, Kindle Direct Publishing

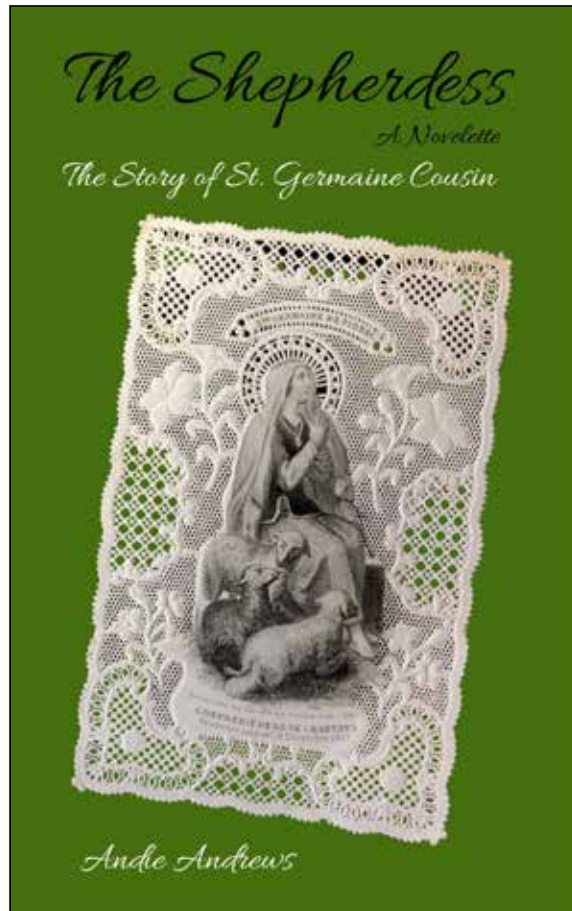
This work could have easily claimed first place if not for its niche audience; nonetheless, for those intrigued by the subject, it offers a truly exceptional treatment. Rigorous research, balanced perspectives, informative content, and passionate delivery characterize this devoted labor of love, reflecting an organic rigor befitting the subject matter and rendering a valuable service to those connected to the chapel and West Point enthusiasts alike.

Third Place

Dear Saints: Catechesis on Saints

Jacob Huether

This is a sincere effort tailored for beginners, though it may seem somewhat simplistic for more



B1401: Self-Published Fiction Books



B1403: Self-Published Children's Books

seasoned readers. Nevertheless, the author's thorough research is evident, and they address crucial apologetic and devotional topics. While it provides a very basic catechesis, it is presented with enthusiasm, orthodoxy, and practicality.

Honorable Mention

Feels Like Home: A Single Catholic Woman's Guide to Religious Life in the U.S.

Susan Flansburg

This charming book features a hardcover design with excellent printing quality and clear art reproductions. The layout, with solid color pages delineating the liturgical seasons, is a thoughtful and effective choice.

Honorable Mention

Dog at the Tinsel Tree: Susie's Story

Denise Lee Branco, Strolling Hills Publishing, LLC

This is a sincere and competent exploration of a topic that may not resonate equally with everyone, due to the potential for distortions. However, it will particularly appeal to animal lovers, especially those fond of dogs.

B1403: Self-Published Children's Books

First Place

Sword of the Spirit

Theresa Linden, Silver Fire Publishing

Sword of the Spirit, the final installment in the Armor of God series, is a delightful adventure that swiftly captures the reader's attention with its engaging storyline and imaginative illustrations. Alongside the fast-paced narrative, readers are enriched with insightful catechism lessons, equipping both characters and readers with essential armor for their battles. This easy-to-read book, appealing to both boys and girls, encourages the acquisition of noble virtues through the guidance of the Word of God.

Second Place

New Friends Now and Forever: A Story about the Holy Souls

Susan Tassone, Most High Publishing

This book is stunning, seamlessly blending captivating illustrations with engaging storytelling about Purgatory. Through relatable scenarios, the author not only establishes the importance of praying for the deceased but also inspires both characters and readers/listeners to pray for specific individuals. With clarity and age-appropriate examples, the author presents the concept of Purgatory in a manner easily grasped by young readers, offering guidance on how they can pray for those seeking heaven.

Third Place

The Secret Princess: A Tale of Hope

J.C. Prins

The Secret Princess transports readers into a fantasy realm rooted in the solid truths of the Catholic faith, narrated through the perspective of a ten-year-old girl, capturing the emotional journey typical of this age. The symbolism of the flower lockets, which reflect the characters' souls and flourish with virtue, adds depth to the narrative. Likely to resonate with older readers within this age range, this story promises enjoyment for both readers and listeners.

B1451: Best Book Published by a Diocese

First Place

That All May Be One: A History of the Catholic Diocese of Memphis

Catholic Diocese of Memphis

Second Place

That All May Be One: An Illustrated History of the Catholic Diocese of Memphis

Catholic Diocese of Memphis

B1501: Anthology

First Place

100 Great Catholic Poems

Sally Read, Word on Fire

The selection of poems is unlikely to disappoint even poetry enthusiasts, offering accessibility to a wider audience. The book's organization and layout are commendable, catering to individuals with varying levels of poetic appreciation, making it well-suited for readers of all sensibilities.

Second Place

Slavery and the Catholic Church in the United States: Historical Studies

David J. Endres, The Catholic University of America Press

Thoroughly researched yet accessible, this work sheds light on a neglected subject, striking a balance between readability and depth. It holds potential appeal even for those unfamiliar with the topic, making it an important read.

Third Place

Popcorn with the Pope: A Guide to the Vatican Film List

David Paul Baird, Andrew Petiprin, and Michael Ward, Word on Fire

This book is enjoyable, interesting, and well-organized, covering a topic of widespread interest. It provides a valuable resource for Christians navigating offensive elements in popular culture while maintaining a readable and balanced tone, making it an excellent guide for those seeking edifying entertainment.

Honorable Mention

No Lasting City: Essays on Theology, Politics, and Culture

Frederick Bauerschmidt, Word on Fire

Rigorous, evocative, and exhaustive, this book primarily caters to specialists and academics, aligning with its intended audience. While commendable, its potential for broader impact is limited, hindering its potential for wider recognition.

Honorable Mention

Ashes: Visible & Invisible

Leslea Wahl, Cynthia T. Toney, Marie C. Keiser, Carolyn Astfalk, Amanda Lauer, Ellen Gable, Corinna Turner, Antony B. Kolenc, T.M. Gaouette, and Theresa Linden, Catholic Teen Books

B1502: Memoir

First Place

All the Way In: A Story of Activism, Incarceration, and Organic Farming

Jeanne Clark, OP, Orbis Books

Second Place

From Prodigal to Priest

Fr. Goyo Hidalgo, Ave Maria Press

Third Place

The Healing Path: A Memoir and an Invitation

James Finley, Orbis Books

Honorable Mention

A Grand Slam for God: A Journey from College Baseball Star to Catholic Priest

Fr. Burke Masters, Word on Fire

Honorable Mention

I Surrender: A Memoir of Chile's Dictatorship, 1975

Kathleen Osberger, Orbis Books

B151: Newly Canonized Saints or those in the Process

First Place

A Guide to John Henry Newman: His Life and Thought

Juan R. Velez, The Catholic University of America Press

This book offers an intriguing perspective on the history and influence of a renowned figure of faith, presented with professionalism and supported by extensive research. A captivating read, it will appeal to scholars, historians, theologians, and anyone curious about the most influential figures in the Catholic Faith.

Second Place

My Son Carlo: Carlo Acutis Through the Eyes of His Mother

Antonia Salzano Acutis with Paolo Rodari, OSV

This book offers a poignant narrative creatively crafted to captivate its audience, showcasing the heartfelt passion and love of a mother as she shares glimpses into her late son's life, revealing his unwavering faith as a source of strength.

B1551: Poetry

First Place

100 Great Catholic Poems

Sally Reid, Word on Fire

Sally Reid's "100 Great Catholic Poems" offers a comprehensive collection spanning twenty centuries, each accompanied by insightful commentary providing historical context and author insights. Poetry, often regarded as the language of Catholicism, serves as a timeless vehicle for transmitting the truths of the faith, with Reid's selections showcasing the rich spiritual legacy of Catholic spirituality through the ages.

Second Place

As Kingfishers Catch Fire: Selected and Annotated Poems of Gerard Manley Hopkins

Holly Ordway, Word on Fire

In "As Kingfishers Catch Fire," Dr. Holly Ordway meticulously annotates 37 works by Gerard Manley Hopkins, one of the greatest Victorian poets and a Jesuit priest, known for his poetic exploration of emotional and spiritual themes. Despite grappling with faith challenges, Hopkins remained steadfastly devoted to his faith, leaving behind an extraordinary legacy. Dr. Ordway recommends reading these poems aloud and slowly to fully immerse oneself in their spiritual depth.

Third Place

This Transfigured Chapel of the Threads

Sarah Law, Resource Publications

Sarah Law's book of 100 images and poems offers a contemplative reflection on the missing letters of St. Terese, contributing to her spiritual legacy. Through poetic narratives, Law reveals Terese's humanity and her journey through trials, suffering, and spiritual darkness, ultimately depicting her transformation into divine love.

Honorable Mention

Butterfly Nebula

Laura Reece Hogan, The Backwaters Press (University of Nebraska Press)

Honorable Mention

Sacred Braille: The Rosary as Masterpiece through Art, Poetry, and Reflections

Annabelle Moseley, En Route Books and Media

B1552: Backlist Beauty

First Place

Pray for Us

Meg Hunter-Kilmer, Ave Maria Press

This serves as an excellent introduction to the communion of saints, offering accessible writing and profound insights into why these friends of God should also be ours. The diverse array of saints included by the author, representing various life stages, ages, and eras of the church, adds significant value to the book. Highly recommended!

Second Place

Cat's Foot

Brian Doyle, ACTA Publications

Brian Doyle's unmistakable voice weaves a captivating tale that effortlessly draws in the reader, resulting in a delightful and engaging story!

B1651: Religious Book Series

First Place

Are You Saved? The Catholic Understanding of Salvation

Fr. Mike Schmitz, Ascension

These accessible texts are rich with theological teaching and offer readers the opportunity to think deeply about the critical issue of soteriology.

Second Place

Oriens

Fr. Joel Sember, OSV

This entry has deeply insightful guide to those who wish to engage in a deeper journey through the Advent/Christmas cycle.

Third Place

My Daily Visitor

Fr. Patrick Mary Briscoe, OP, OSV

This book has simple insights for folks to reference as they journey through Advent.

Honorable Mention

The Word on Fire Bible

Word on Fire

B1652: Children’s Book Series

First Place

Saint John Bosco: The Juggling Saint

Maria Riley

All three books in this series were a delight to read and each book taught a simple, but vital life lesson. The use of the casual font was very creative and welcoming for a child.

Second Place

Not There, Little Bear!

Suzy Senior, Ascension

What a creative and enjoyable method of teaching parables to children! A simple story is told and then the story is tied in to a parable. A great learning tool for teaching children Bible stories.

Third Place

Alex Blows His Top: A Catholic Child’s Book About Anger

Author Christine Gibson, Illustrator: Michael Rogers, OSV

Whether we’re adults or children, we all grapple with emotions like anger, fear, and sadness. This book emphasizes how our faith can guide us through the challenges posed by these emotions.

B1654: Scripture – Series

First Place

The Word on Fire Bible

Word on Fire

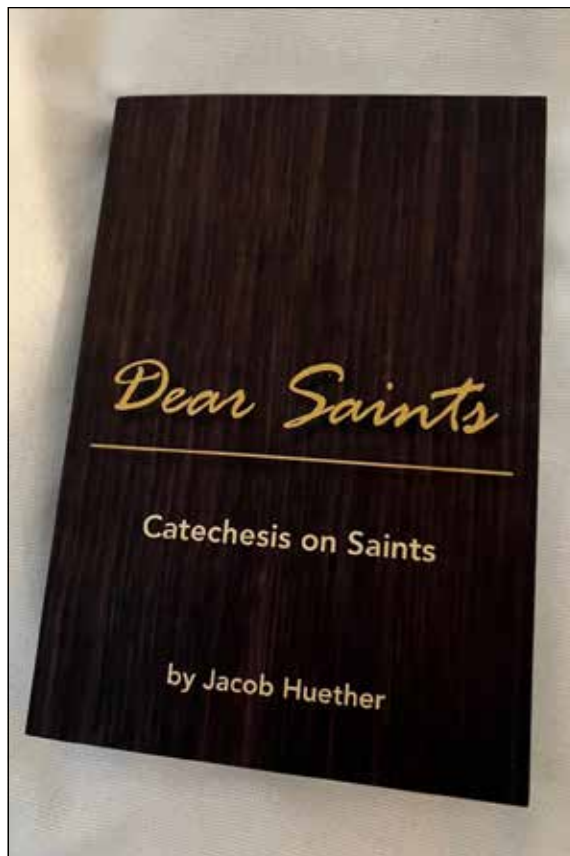
This work is exhaustive, comprehensive, and balanced, offering insightful and erudite yet accessible content, presented in an aesthetically pleasing manner. It boasts credible and well-structured presentation, with elegant and durable packaging.

Second Place

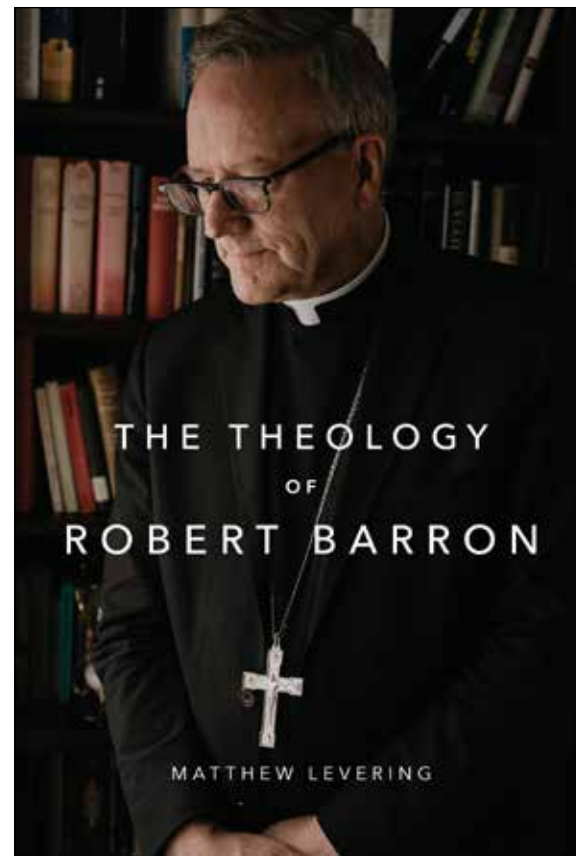
Food for the Soul (Cycle B)

Peter Kreeft, Word on Fire

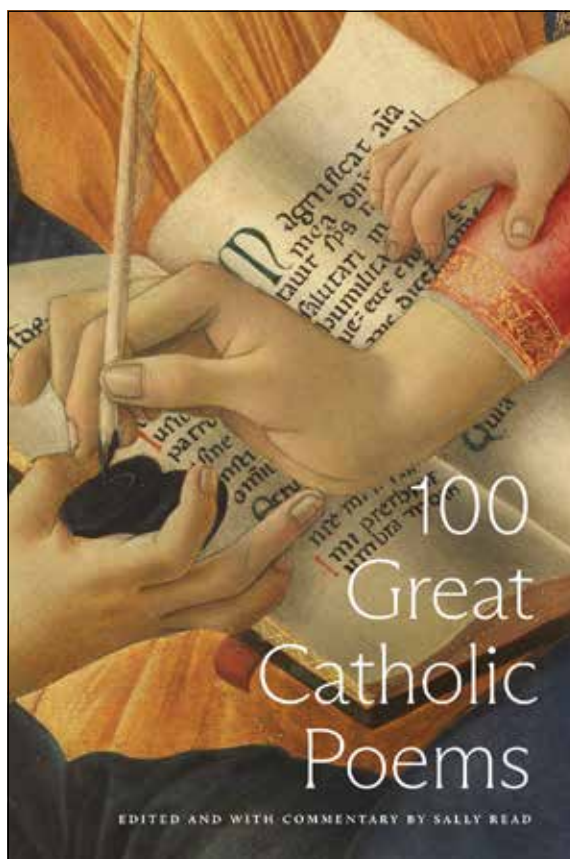
This offers detailed and profound reflections and commentary, imbued with a strong philosophical, and I would add ideological perspective. It’s a challenging read, not for the faint-hearted, yet it presents a thought-provoking and rigorous exploration of an important, albeit somewhat overlooked, subject.



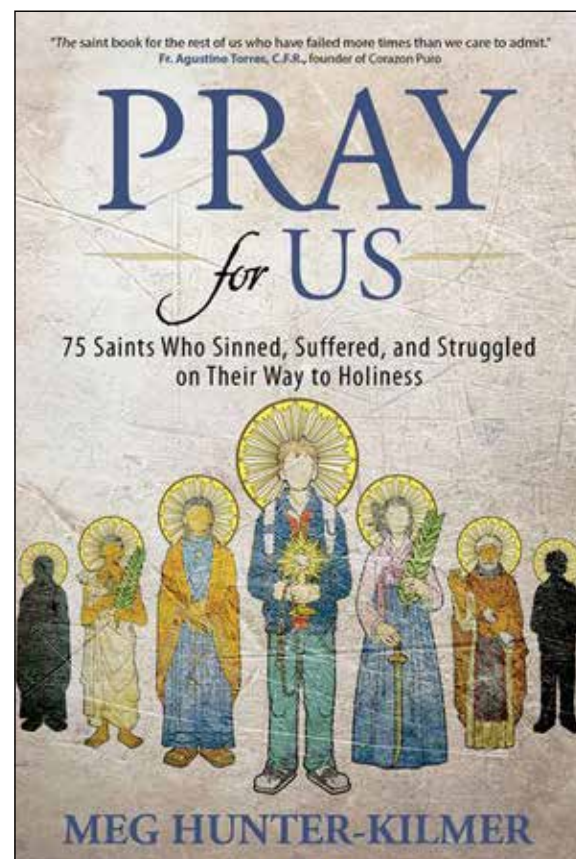
B201: Popular Presentation of the Catholic Faith



B202: Theological and Philosophical Studies



B1551: Poetry



B1552: Backlist Beauty

Third Place

Prophets of the New Testament

Kieran Larkin, Red Penguin Books

An admirable endeavor marked by sincerity and clarity, suitable for readers of all levels of biblical familiarity. While not the most scholarly or rigorously professional, it effectively serves its intended audience, offering an engaging and accessible exploration.

B201: Popular Presentation of the Catholic Faith

First Place

Dear Saints: Catechesis on Saints

Jacob Huether

This engaging presentation of catechesis on the

saints is both accessible and entertaining, enriched with Scripture references. It serves as an excellent introduction to apologetics.

Second Place

Touch the Wounds: On Suffering, Trust, and Transformation

Tomáš Halík, University of Notre Dame Press

The author plunges the reader into Christ’s wounds to illustrate the transformative power of the cross for healing. Additionally, the book dispels prevalent myths about the mysteries of our faith, encouraging readers to embrace them rather than dismiss them as incomprehensible.

Third Place***Those Who Saw Her: Apparitions of Mary, Revised and Expanded, Fourth Edition***

Catherine M. Odell, OSV

Odell offers superb catechesis not only on Marian apparitions but also on Mary herself, portraying her as both the Mother of God and a young woman in ancient Nazareth. This book serves as an excellent resource, providing insights into various apparitions and the Church's process for approving them.

Honorable Mention***Rebuilt Faith***

Fr. Michael White and Tom Corcoran, Ave Maria Press

Honorable Mention***The Divine Beauty Parlor: Rediscovering Purgatory***

Meggie K. Daly, Misericordia Publishing

Daly effectively underscores the significance of purgatory for personal faith and ecumenical dialogue, supported by well-formed arguments grounded in history and scripture. His elucidation of indulgences, often perplexing, proves particularly valuable.

B202: Theological and Philosophical Studies**First Place*****The Theology of Bishop Barron***

Matthew Levering, Word on Fire

This book offers an insightful examination of Bishop Barron's intellectual journey, exploring his engagement with various contemporary disciplines and themes. Providing an overview of major academic and ecclesial issues of the 20th and 21st centuries, it comes highly recommended.

Second Place***Socrates' Children: An Introduction to Philosophy from the 100 Greatest Philosophers***

Peter Kreeft, Word on Fire

Kreeft's four-volume set provides a superb introduction to the history of philosophy, offering concise biographical sketches of the 100 most significant philosophers and sages. With valuable primary source reading suggestions and additional reading lists for beginners, it serves as an invaluable resource for upper-division homeschoolers and adult learners.

Third Place***Lying and Truthfulness: A Thomistic Perspective***

Stewart Clem, Cambridge University Press

This captivating book provides an insightful exploration of the virtue of truth within St. Thomas Aquinas' teachings, shedding light on contemporary political discourse. Clem introduces the concept of "truth indifference," highlighting its societal and personal ramifications, all conveyed with clarity and engaging prose, making a typically dry topic compelling and relevant to our political and moral landscape.

B203: History of Theology, Church Fathers and Mothers**First Place*****The Power of Patristic Preaching: The Word in Our Flesh***

Andrew Hofer, OP, The Catholic University of America Press

Second Place***Theories of Doctrinal Development in the Catholic Church***

Michael Seewald, Cambridge University Press

This book strikes a balance between explanation and theology, making it accessible to intelligent readers without overwhelming them. With a wealth of definitions tailored for beginner theologians, it promises to leave readers knowledgeable and enthusiastic about Catholic doctrine after reading.

Third Place***Fathers of the Faith: Saint John Chrysostom***

Mike Aquilina, OSV

The conversational tone and compact format make this book highly accessible and comprehensible. It provides a fantastic concise overview of Saint Chrysostom's life and his influence on the Catholic Church.

Honorable Mention***Understanding the Hillbilly Thomist: The Philosophical Foundations of Flannery O'Connor's Narrative Art***

Fr. Damian Ference, Word on Fire

Honorable Mention***Fathers of the Faith: Saint Athanasius***

Mike Aquilina, OSV

B204: Morality, Ethics, Christology, Mariology, Redemption, etc.**First Place*****Are You Saved? The Catholic Understanding of Salvation***

Fr. Mike Schmitz, Ascension

In this compact yet powerful book, Father Mike Schmitz, renowned for his insightful podcasts, explores the Catholic perspective on salvation, addressing common questions about being saved with clarity and depth. Through a blend of Scripture, sacramental theology, introspective questions, and heartfelt prayers, he offers readers an enriching and enlightening journey into understanding and embracing salvation.

Second Place***Saintly Habits: Aquinas' 7 Simple Strategies You Can Use to Grow in Virtue***

Andrew Whitmore, Ascension

In "Saintly Habits," Andrew Whitmore navigates readers through a seven-step journey of virtues with Thomas Aquinas, connecting timeless concepts like temperance and fortitude to modern relevance while offering practical strategies for application. Chapter Six's insightful examination of grace stands out as essential reading for Catholics, enriching their understanding of virtue and spiritual growth.

Third Place***Rediscovering the Divine: New Ways to Understand, Experience, and Express God***

Cyprian Consiglio, Orbis Books

This intriguing book offers a fresh perspective on the Trinity, exploring our relationship with God through sacred Scripture and Judeo-Christian tradition, with fascinating insights into the connections between Jewish and Christian worship. Despite occasional denseness, the journey is rewarding, leading to a renewed understanding of the Old Testament.

Honorable Mention***Racism and Structural Sin: Confronting Injustice with the Eyes of Faith***

Conor M. Kelly, Liturgical Press

Honorable Mention***Redeemer in the Womb: Jesus Living in Mary***

Fr. John Saward, Word on Fire

B205: Scripture – Popular Studies**First Place*****The Word on Fire Bible, Volume III: The Pentateuch***

Word on Fire

A balanced and reflective exegesis suitable for a broad audience, offering reliable insights and practical applications that integrate Scripture and Tradition, fostering engagement in lectio divina.

Second Place***The Longest Psalm: Day-by-Day Responses to Divine Self-Revelation***

Michael Casey, OCSO, Liturgical Press

Tackling a challenging subject adeptly, the author provides exegetically accurate and accessible insights into this important psalm, often overlooked by Bible enthusiasts. The text is conducive to contemplation and lectio divina, offering valuable perspectives beyond scholarly circles.

Third Place***The Power of the Cross: Good Friday Sermons from the Papal Preacher***

Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa, Word on Fire

The insightful reflections on the Gospels in this book are suitable for a broad audience, making this collection a valuable compendium.

Honorable Mention***Food for the Soul (Cycle B)***

Peter Kreeft, Word on Fire

Insightful and accessible reflections from a knowledgeable author make this resource invaluable for delving into the depths of the lectionary.

Honorable Mention***Love Basics for Catholics***

John Bergsma, Ave Maria Press

This book covers a lot of ground accessibly and reliably.

B206: Scripture – Academic Studies

First Place

Wisdom Commentary: Tobit

Michele Murray, Liturgical Press

This excellent historical-critical commentary offers a feminist hermeneutical perspective. Murray carefully examines the intersection of biblical content with contemporary issues, particularly those impacting women, resulting in a reading experience akin to a monograph rather than a traditional commentary.

Second Place

Wisdom Commentary: Revelation

Lynn R. Huber and Gail R. O'Day, Liturgical Press

The volume provides historical critical commentary, enriched by Huber's hermeneutical insights and supplemented by sidebar comments from various voices presenting alternative perspectives.

Third Place

Aquinas on Scripture: A Primer

John F. Boyle, Emmaus Academic

Boyle has presented the medieval approach to Scripture, as demonstrated by Thomas Aquinas, in a readable and accessible manner. This primer introduces readers to the categories and vocabulary used by the Church fathers, further developed by Aquinas in his commentaries.

Honorable Mention

The Most Important Words of Jesus

Gerhard Lohfink, Liturgical Press

Honorable Mention

Paul and Mission

Lucien Legrand, Orbis Books

B207: History

First Place

Intimate Strangers: A History of Jews and Catholics in the City of Rome

Fredric Brandfon, Jewish Publication Society

A captivating exploration of the intricate history between ancient Rome and Judaism, spanning from antiquity to World War II, skillfully presented by Brandfon. Through meticulous analysis of documents, historical texts, and artistic elements in Rome, the book offers a compelling narrative that keeps the reader engaged and informed.

Second Place

Heresy Disguised as Tradition

Pedro Gabriel, En Route Books and Media

Gabriel's work on tradition is vital for contemporary discourse, addressing its development and responses to alleged heresies, notably in the section "Heresy Wearing Tradition's Garments." His clear presentation shapes theological discourse and guides toward truth amid contentious debates.

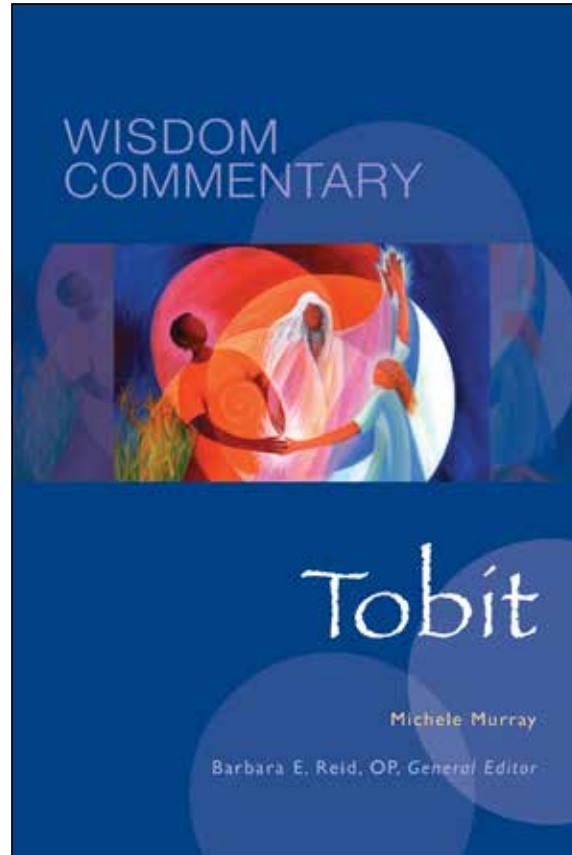
Third Place

Slavery and the Catholic Church in the United States: Historical Studies

David J. Endres, The Catholic University of

America Press

This work offers a significant contribution to contemporary Catholic discourse in the United States, presenting diverse perspectives cohesively and providing a clear, historically informed analysis of a complex subject. The exploration of "American Reaction to Gregory XVI's condemnation of the slave trade" is particularly compelling for its clarity and effective use of historical evidence.



B206: Scripture – Academic Studies

Honorable Mention

How the Saints Shaped History

Randall Petrides, OSV

Honorable Mention

The Jesuits in the United States: A Concise History

David J. Collins, SJ, Georgetown University Press

B208: Biography

First Place

John Tracy Ellis: An American Catholic Reformer

Thomas J. Shelley, The Catholic University of America Press

Second Place

Caryll Houselander: A Biography

Mary Frances Coady, Orbis Books

Third Place

Glorifying Christ: The Life of Cardinal Francis E. George, O.M.I.

Michael R. Heinlein, OSV

Honorable Mention

Martyred and Blessed Together: The Extraordinary Story of the Ulma Family

Fr. Pawel Rytel-Andrianik and Manuela Tulli, OSV

Honorable Mention

No Guilty Bystander: The Extraordinary Life of Bishop Thomas Gumbleton

Frank Fromherz and Suzanne Sattler, IHM, Orbis Books

B209: Reference/Academic Studies

First Place

God's Call Is Everywhere: A Global Analysis of Contemporary Vocations for Women

Patricia Wittberg, SC, Mary L. Gautier, Gemma Simmonds, CJ, with Nathalie Becquart, XMCJ, Liturgical Press

"God's Call is Everywhere" offers a thorough examination of contemporary religious vocations for women within diverse global cultures, exploring factors that attract and deter young women from considering such vocations. Drawing from research across several countries, including the United States, the United Kingdom, Ireland, France, Canada, and Australia, the authors skillfully analyze the decline in vocations and underscore the urgent need for reversal within the global Church.

Second Place

The Word on Fire Vatican II Collection: Decrees and Declarations

Word on Fire, Word on Fire

Though dense, "The Word of Fire: Vatican II Collection" remains readable and accessible, featuring abundant notes, references, and contextual information, including decrees by modern popes alongside traditional texts.

Third Place

Words of Faith: A Vocabulary of Paul the Apostle

Brendan Byrne, SJ, Paulist Press

"Words of Faith" leads readers through an in-depth exploration of the Apostle Paul's writings, focusing on key works of the New Testament. The book delves into Paul's vocabulary, providing contextual insights into words like "love," "justice," "law," and "peace," offering valuable reference material for understanding Paul's concepts more deeply.

Honorable Mention

Liturgy and Life Study Bible

Edited by Paul Turner and John W. Martens, Liturgical Press

B210: Faith and Science

First Place

Science, Reason, and Faith: Discovering the Bible

Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ, OSV

The book fulfills its purpose of addressing the significant questions of science, reason, and faith arising from the Bible. Its question-and-answer format is easily readable, covering relevant topics for all age groups, making it an excellent resource for catechists.

Second Place

When Science Goes Wrong: The Desire and Search for Truth

Guy Consolmagno, SJ and Christopher M. Graney, Paulist Press

The book offers a compelling critique of the “follow the science” culture by highlighting past instances where science has faltered. It emphasizes the importance of humility and acknowledges that, while valuable, science cannot replace the role of Christ in our lives.

Honorable Mention

Theistic Evolution: A Contemporary Aristotelian-Thomistic Perspective

Mariusz Tabaczek, Cambridge University Press

Honorable Mention

Meditations on Creation in an Era of Extinction

Kate Rigby, Orbis Books

B211: Faith Formation

First Place

Received: Your Journey to First Communion

Sarah Shutrop, Ascension

This comprehensive educational set is a standout resource for learning about the Catholic faith. Filled with beautiful illustrations, engaging activities, and well-written explanations, both the book and workbook offer valuable insights for the whole family. The accompanying DVD and card pack add further depth to this meticulously crafted collection, reflecting a genuine passion for the subject and a thoughtful approach to education.

Second Place

New Friends Now and Forever: A Story about the Holy Souls

Susan Tassone, Most High Publishing

This engaging children’s story offers a creative approach to educating young Catholics about death, prayer, purgatory, and Heaven in a safe and accessible manner. With vibrant illustrations and a heartwarming narrative, it provides thought-provoking content that is suitable for all ages.

Third Place

Know Thyself: Catholic Classical Education and the Discovery of Self

Andrew Youngblood, Word on Fire

This passionate exploration of the history and purpose of classical Catholic education is meticulously researched and highly informative.

B212: Jesus – Christology

First Place

Redeemer in the Womb: Jesus Living in Mary

Fr. John Seward, Word on Fire

This masterful work intertwines biblical exposition, theological reflection, liturgical insight, and artistic appreciation, all presented in an accessible style that belies its profound depth. It offers both intellectual and spiritual fortification to the culture of life, and I’m thankful that Word on Fire has made it available for a new generation.

Second Place

Jesus and Me: Talking with My Greatest Friend

Melissa Kirking, Ascension

This practical introduction to prayer for children includes age-appropriate explanations of various prayer types, alongside practice exercises and

sample prayers. Its engaging design, complete with illustrations and sidebars, makes it an ideal gift for a Godson or Goddaughter.

Third Place

The Paschal Mystery: Reflections for Lent and Easter

Matthew Becklo (ed.), Word on Fire

This prayer companion for Lent and Easter offers a rich collection of homilies, essays, hymns, and prayers. Its weekly approach provides flexibility for readers, distinguishing it from other seasonal resources and making it highly recommended.

B213: Sacraments

First Place

Auschwitz and Absolution: The Case of the Commandant and the Confessor

James W. Bernauer, SJ, Orbis Books

This essay collection delves into the complex themes of forgiveness, reconciliation, and sacramental absolution, centering around the historical confession of an Auschwitz commandant. The diverse perspectives presented challenge readers to engage in deep soul-searching, particularly in light of contemporary atrocities.

Second Place

This is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival

Bishop Robert Barron, Word on Fire

In this concise piece, Bishop Barron addresses a central concern of pastoral liturgists: revitalizing a profound reverence and appreciation for the Eucharist among Catholics today. With clarity and heartfelt passion, he aims to deepen readers’ love for the Lord, inspiring a renewed devotion to the sacrament.

Third Place

Be Renewed: A Guide to the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Paul Turner, Liturgical Press

Turner’s Guide to the Sacrament of Reconciliation provides a thorough historical examination of the revision of the Order of Penance. Its meticulous detail makes it an excellent resource for students of liturgy, and it should be considered essential reading for seminary students and confessors seeking a deeper understanding of this sacrament.

Honorable Mention

Received: Your Journey to First Communion

Sarah Shutrop, Ascension

Honorable Mention

Renewed: Your Journey to First Reconciliation

Sarah Shutrop, Ascension

B301: Children’s Book Non-Reader

First Place

God, Right Here

Kara Lawler, InterVarsity Press

“God, Right Here” is a charming picture book that guides children through the wonder of God’s creation across the changing seasons. With its gentle, colorful illustrations and engaging text,

it offers a delightful way for young readers to discover God’s presence in every aspect of their surroundings, fostering a deeper connection to their faith as they explore the world around them.

Second Place

Bless the Lord

Illustrated by Eileen Ryan Ewen, Word on Fire

“Bless the Lord” is a captivating board book designed for babies and toddlers, offering Scripture passages beautifully presented with inspiring illustrations. It showcases the Canticle of the Three Children from the Book of Daniel, inviting young readers to explore the depth of God’s goodness. With its repeated blessings, it creates an interactive and enjoyable reading experience.

Third Place

Jesus is Here

Mary E. Wingfield, OSV

“Jesus Is Here” is an engaging board book designed to introduce young children to the Mass through interactive lift-the-flap features and vibrant illustrations. It reinforces the comforting message that Jesus is present with us always.

B302: Children’s Book Reader

First Place

Detective Thomas and the Biggest Question

Caitlin E. Bootsma; illustrated by Evie Schwartzbauer, OSV

“Detective Thomas and the Biggest Question” is a captivating detective story that cleverly explores questions of faith and reason. Through Thomas’s adventures, children learn to use their imagination and detective skills to understand and appreciate Thomas Aquinas’ Five Proofs for God’s existence. This engaging book is perfect for families and faith learners of all ages.

Second Place

All about Advent & Christmas: Sharing the Seasons of Hope & Wonder with Children

Katherine Bogner; Illustrated by Shari Van Vranken, Emmaus Road Publishing

“All About Advent & Christmas” is a captivating narrative that serves as both a storybook and a comprehensive guide to the holy season. With insightful explanations and vibrant illustrations, it offers readers of all ages a deeper understanding of the season’s meaning and traditions.

Third Place

New Friends Now and Forever: A Story about the Holy Souls

Susan Tassone, Most High Publishing

“New Friends Now and Forever” is a captivating picture book that introduces children to the concept of Purgatory in an age-appropriate manner. Through its accessible story and vibrant illustrations, it conveys a powerful message about the importance of prayer. This book serves as a valuable resource for families looking to explore this topic in depth with their children.

Honorable Mention

The Secret Princess: A Tale of Hope

J.C. Prins

Honorable Mention

Saintly Creatures: 14 Tales of Animals and Their Holy Companions

Alexi Sargeant, Word on Fire

B303: All Children's Books

First Place

Jesus and the Miracle of the Mass

Gracie Jagla; Illustrated by Randy Friemel, OSV

This remarkable book is ideal for children preparing for their First Communion or learning about the Mass. With engaging rhymes and beautiful illustrations, it's a delightful read that children will want to revisit time and again.

Second Place

Praying the Lord's Prayer with Children

Kenneth Steven, Paulist Press

What a delightful way to introduce children to the Lord's Prayer! The beautiful illustrations, representing diverse cultures, emphasize the universal love of God. The story breaks down each part of the prayer, making it easily comprehensible in today's context, ensuring it remains a beloved read as children grow.

Third Place

Saintly Creatures: 14 Tales of Animals and Their Holy Companions

Alexi Sargeant, Word on Fire

"Saintly Creatures" is a beautifully illustrated book that introduces saints through their "holy companions." Though some chapters may feel lengthy, the fascinating descriptions of these creatures and their saintly friends keep the pages turning swiftly. This captivating book, enriched by tales of real-life companions, is destined to be a cherished keepsake for many readers.

Honorable Mention

Jesus in Space: A True Story That's Out of This World

Cecilia Cicone; Illustrated by Gabhor Utomo, Pauline Books & Media

"Jesus in Space" takes young readers on an adventure with astronauts, blending faith seamlessly into their journey. Featuring captivating illustrations and clear explanations of the Eucharist, this book promises to captivate young hearts and remain a cherished favorite for years to come.

Honorable Mention

Go and Fear Nothing: The Story of Our Lady of Champion

Patrick O'Hearn; Illustrated by Ann Kissane Engelhart, OSV

This retelling of the apparitions of Our Lady of Champion to Sister Adele Brise is both easy to read and engaging for younger audiences. The illustrations beautifully accompany the narrative, making it a captivating story with quick-turning pages.

B304: Family Life

First Place

The Book of Cain: On Adding a New Book to the Family Bible

Bill Cain, SJ, Orbis Books

This book is fantastic; I'm intrigued by its fresh and original approach to crafting a "new book" of the Bible. It's highly readable, the kind that's difficult to set aside once you start reading.

Second Place

In the Trenches: Finding God Through Parenting Littles

Kelsey Gillespy, Pauline Books & Media

Terrific, practical guidance for young parents; I appreciated how the author's insightful observations are linked to spiritual principles and scripture. It's ideal for daily devotion, especially for busy parents.

Third Place

Life-Giving Wounds: A Catholic Guide to Healing for Adult Children of Divorce or Separation

Dr. Daniel and Bethany Meola, Ignatius Press

A significant contribution addressing a prevalent issue both within and outside the Church, often overlooked. It could be considered the definitive resource for individuals impacted by division within families.

Honorable Mention

Rooting Your Teen in the Faith: A Field Guide for Catholic Parents

Kim Cameron-Smith, OSV

Honorable Mention

Holy Habits from the Sacred Heart

Emily Jaminet, Ave Maria Press

B305: The Sacrament of Marriage

First Place

Simply Love: Catholic Marriage Day by Day

Troy and Kathleen Billings, OSV

This book's distinctive and engaging layout, featuring daily scriptures, quotes, explanations, and prayers, enhances the reader's journey through

marriage. Well-written, professional, and detailed, it offers an easy-to-follow guide for couples.

Second Place

Becoming Wife: Saying Yes to More Than the Dress

Rachel Bulman, OSV

This book serves as a personal roadmap not only to a joyful marriage but also to a deeply satisfying partnership. Its informative and engaging style ensures that readers stay attentive and engaged throughout.

B351: Book for Young Adults (Ages 12-18)

First Place

Charting the Course

Leslea Wahl, Vinspire Publishing

"Charting the Course" is a young adult novel that blends romance, mystery, travel, and family themes while following the resilient protagonist, Liz, who finds solace in her Catholic faith. Its message of forgiveness and hope makes it appealing to readers of all ages.

Second Place

Ghosting My Friend

Chris Chan, Level Best Books

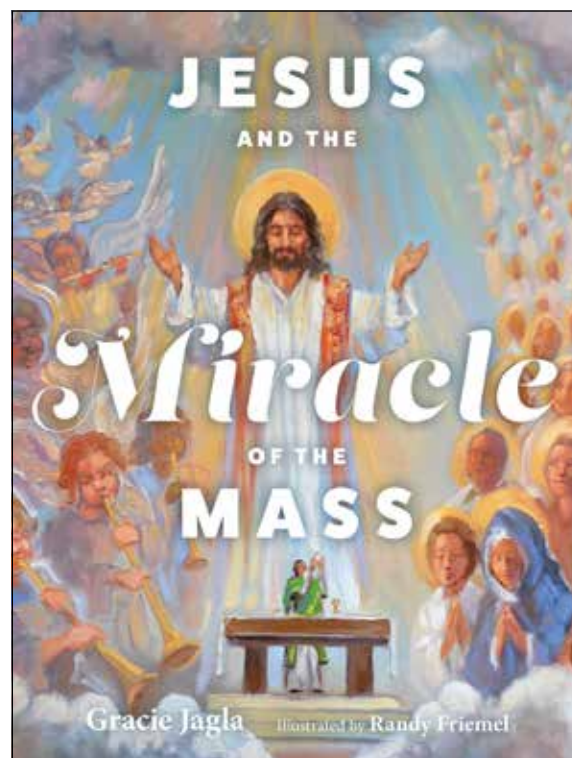
Chris Chan's "Ghosting My Friend" skillfully merges murder mystery and spy thriller elements while ensuring robust character development. Chan's prose evokes a vintage charm akin to 1930s mystery novels, captivating young adult readers who will eagerly turn the pages late into the night.

Third Place

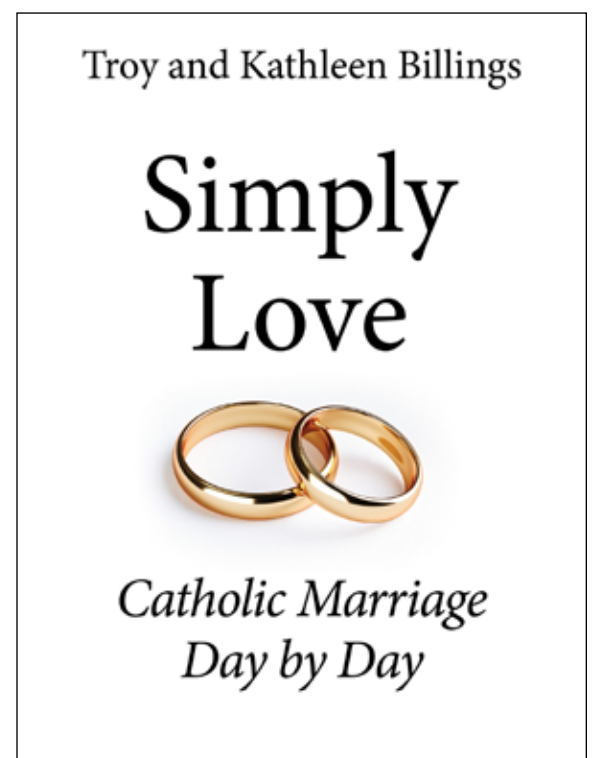
Murder at Penwood Manor

Antony Barone Kolenc, Loyola Press

"Murder at Penwood Manor" serves both as the fifth installment in the Harwood Mystery series and as a standalone novel. Antony Barone Kolenc skillfully depicts 12th-century England, addressing Crusade-related themes with skill. The characters' faith is seamlessly integrated into their lives, adding depth without feeling contrived.



B303: All Children's Books



B305: The Sacrament of Marriage

Honorable Mention

A Faith Such as Heaven Intended

Amanda Lauer, Full Quiver Publishing

B402: Coffee Table Art Book

First Place

Popcorn with the Pope: A Guide to the Vatican Film List

David Paul Baird, Andrew Petiprin, and Michael Ward, Word on Fire

Word on Fire has curated a stunning book featuring iconic stills from the 45 most religiously alert movies of all time, with three academics providing commentary on the theological themes in each film. Each chapter concludes with moral insights that readers can apply to their daily faith journey.

Second Place

The Catholic Cartoon Collection: No. 1

Joshua Masterson, Voyage Comics & Publishing

Joshua Masterson crafted an engaging comic book narrative depicting Catholic parish life, blending the artistic flair of *MAD* magazine's *Spy Vs. Spy* with the concise storytelling reminiscent of the newspaper comic, *Family Circus*.

Third Place

That They May All Be One

Sophia Martin, Eastern Christian Publications

Sophia Martin vividly recounts her 2023 pilgrimage to the Holy Land and the Hagia Sophia in Turkey, accompanied by hundreds of captivating color photographs, particularly highlighting the iconic Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Her universal and personal narrative style evokes memories of my own journey to Israel during Christmas 2007.

B452: Lifestyle Books

First Place

Awake with Christ: Living the Catholic Holy Hour in Your Home

Annabelle Moseley, En Route Books and Media

"*Awake with Christ*" emphasizes the importance of the Catholic Holy Hour, contextualizing it within Christ's time in the Garden of Gethsemane, and provides practical guidance, including journal prompts and prayer examples, to make this practice accessible. Tailored for Catholics, the book enriches prayer lives year-round, with Chapter Three offering a Holy Hour outline specifically designed for children.

Second Place

Living the Seasons

Erica Tighe Campbell, Ave Maria Press

"*Living the Seasons*" by Erica Tighe Campbell is a comprehensive guide to living liturgically in the Catholic home, spanning from Advent to the end of the Catholic calendar. It offers a variety of activities, crafts, prayers, and ideas suitable for families and individuals, enhancing spiritual life throughout the year.

Third Place

Theology of Style: Expressing the Unique and Unrepeatable You

Lillian Fallon, Ascension

Lillian Fallon gracefully tackles the complex topic of modesty, drawing inspiration from St. John Paul II and offering a modern perspective rooted in faith and dignity. She emphasizes the importance of style choices reflecting our identity as children of God, resonating with readers seeking guidance in navigating personal fashion with integrity.

Honorable Mention

Farming and Homesteading with the Saints

Andie Andrews Eisenberg, Loyola Press

B501: Inclusion in the Church

First Place

Racism and Structural Sin: Confronting Injustice with the Eyes of Faith

Conor M. Kelly, Liturgical Press

Conor Kelly addresses personal and structural racial issues within the Church and presents solutions rooted in Catholic teachings. He emphasizes the inherent dignity of every individual, highlighting our shared identity as images of God.

Second Place

Christ among the Classes: The Rich, the Poor, and the Mission of the Church

Al Tizon, Orbis Books

This book serves as a compelling call to advocate for the poor, challenging readers to reconsider societal structures of class in light of Christ's teachings. It prompts reflection and conviction, urging us to emulate Christ's example in our interactions with those in need.

Third Place

One Mother, One Family

Monica Shia Amparo, Eastern Christian Publications

The book beautifully illustrates the universal nature of the Church through diverse cultural representations of Mary, Jesus, and other figures, inviting readers to acknowledge God's presence in every corner of the world. With each page, it fosters a sense of unity, affirming that our God embraces every individual on the planet.

B502: Catholic Social Teaching

First Place

Church as Sanctuary: Reconstructing Refuge in an Age of Forced Displacement

Leo Guardado, Orbis Books

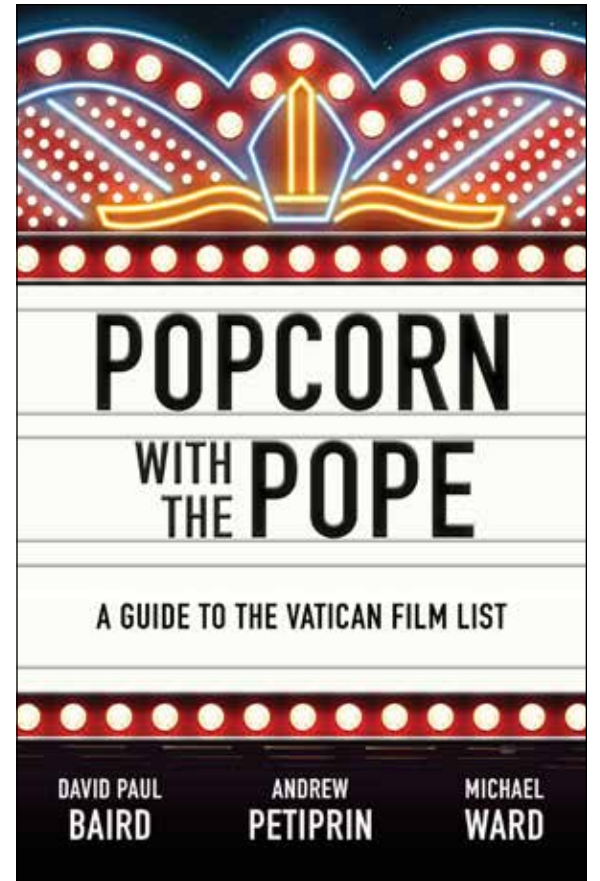
This urgent topic, emphasized by the Pope, is compellingly addressed by the author, who argues for the Church's adoption of "sanctuary" not only to aid migrants and refugees but also for the mutual salvation of the Church. The inclusion of historical context and the author's personal story in the introduction enhances accessibility for readers.

Second Place

Ecomartyrdom in the Americas: Living and Dying for Our Common Home

Elizabeth O'Donnell Gandolfo, Orbis Books

The book delves into the stories of six eco-martyrs, shedding light on broader ecojustice issues and the Church's theological perspectives on martyrdom. While I would have liked more exploration on the



B402: Coffee Table Art Book

necessity of accepting one's fate for martyrdom, the overall argument is compelling and accessible.

Third Place

Counting the Cost: Financial Decision-Making, Discipleship, and Christian Living

Clemens Sedmak and Kelli Reagan Hickey, Liturgical Press

This book provides both theoretical frameworks and practical insights into financial decision-making as a moral process, supported by concrete examples from survey respondents. It creatively applies Catholic Social Teaching and would make a fitting gift for incoming CEOs of church organizations or bishops.

Honorable Mention

Enacting Integral Human Development

Clemens Sedmak, Orbis Books

Amid widespread discussion of Integral Human Development in the Church, this thorough examination of the concept and its potential application in development contexts offers valuable insights.

B503: Religion in the Public Square

First Place

The Church's Mission in a Polarized World

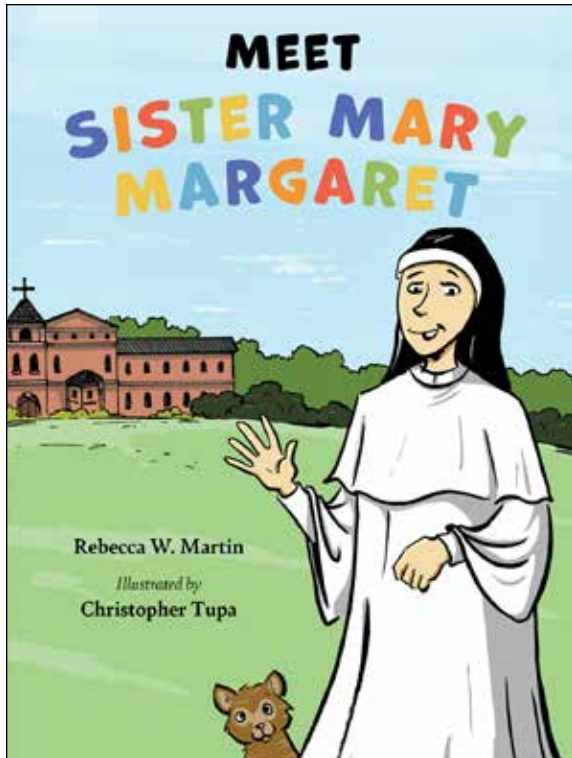
Aaron Wessman, New City Press

Father Robert Wessman's timely book, "*The Church's Mission In A Polarized Society*," addresses the disproportionate vitriol seen in today's political climate, advocating for dialogue and unity in the face of polarization. As part of the *Magenta* series, the book offers solutions to diffuse polarization, urging readers to embrace charity and consider whether political affiliations overshadow their commitment to Jesus Christ and the Church.

Second Place

Evangelization and Ideology: How to Understand and Respond to the Political Culture

Matthew Petrussek, Word on Fire



B601: First Time Author: Children's Book

Matthew Petrussek offers a method for engaging in political and social debates using Catholic social thought as a foundation to present an alternative to secular ideologies, viewing societal hyper-politicization as an opportunity for evangelization. By emphasizing the importance of constructive argumentation over mere disagreement, he provides insightful directives to navigate and diffuse contemporary politicization, urging readers to understand opposing positions deeply while grounding their own arguments in the rich social teachings of the Catholic Church.

Third Place

At the Foot of the Cross: Lessons from Ukraine An Interview with Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk

John Burger, OSV

In this compelling interview, author John Burger discusses with Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk, head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, shedding light on the Church's plight amid the ongoing war in Ukraine. Archbishop Shevchuk's journey from the underground Church under Russian repression to his current leadership role, alongside insights into the Ukrainian Catholic Church's dynamics and synodal structure, offers readers a timely and insightful glimpse into the Church's inner workings.

Honorable Mention

Engaging Thomas Merton: Spirituality, Justice, and Racism

Daniel P. Horan, OFM, Orbis Books

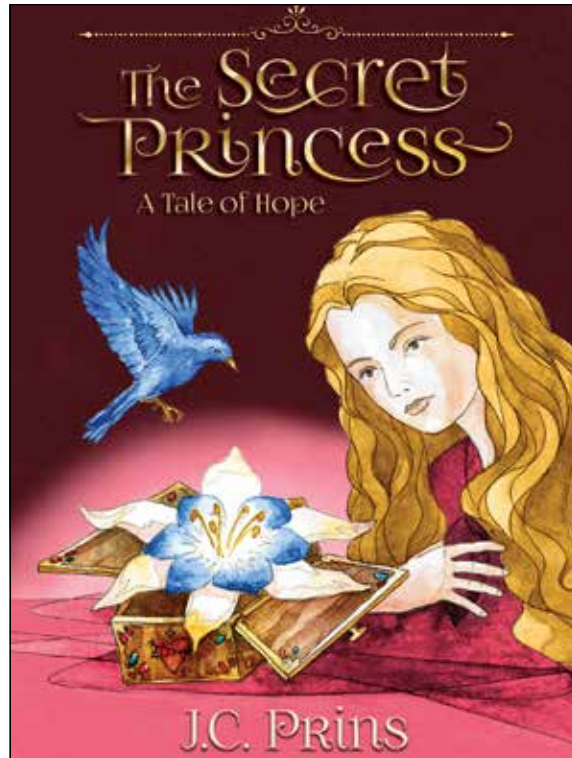
Father Daniel Horgan convincingly portrays Thomas Merton as a timeless figure, emphasizing Merton's prophetic voice on social justice, racism, and the universal call to holiness within the Church. Drawing from Merton's diverse writings, Horgan offers insights into various topics, including marriage, technology, peacemaking, and poverty abolition, providing readers with a comprehensive overview of Merton's enduring relevance.

Honorable Mention

Healthcare Funding and Christian Ethics

Stephen Duckett, Cambridge University Press

In this book, Stephen Duckett outlines a Christian approach to healthcare rooted in Jesus' healing



B602: First Time Author: Novel

ministry, emphasizing the ethical principles of compassion, social justice, and wise stewardship of resources. Through exploration of Jesus' healing stories, Duckett reinforces these principles in a well-organized manner, leaving readers with a clear understanding of their importance in informing healthcare debates.

B505: Ecumenism or Interfaith Relations

First Place

With the Best of Intentions: Interreligious Missteps and Mistakes

Lucinda Mosher, Elinor J. Pierce, and Or N. Rose, Orbis Books

Second Place

That They May All Be One

Sophia Martin, Eastern Christian Publications

Second Place

Global Initiatives of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew: Peace, Reconciliation, and Care for Creation

John Chryssavgis, University of Notre Dame Press

Third Place

Our Ecumenical Friend

Jack Figel, Eastern Christian Publications

B506: The Future of the Church

First Place

Reforming the Church: Global Perspectives

Edited by Declan Marmion and Salvador Ryan, Liturgical Press

"Reforming the Church" offers a comprehensive exploration of Pope Francis's call for synodality and its significance in guiding the Church's reform efforts. Through insightful essays, the book delves into the historical context of synodality, emphasizes its role in fostering a participatory Church, and addresses global perspectives on the challenges and opportunities of the synodal process.

Second Place

Catholics and Contempt: How Catholic Media Fuel Today's Fights and What to Do About It

John Allen, Jr., Word on Fire

"Catholics & Contempt" sheds light on the damaging effects of inflammatory journalism, revealing its role in fostering animosity between opposing groups. Through case studies, the book illustrates how media perpetuates a culture of contempt, urging reform in journalistic practices and equipping readers to be discerning consumers of all media.

B507: Life and Dignity of the Human Person

First Place

The Gospel of Peace: A Commentary on Matthew, Mark, and Luke from the Perspective of Nonviolence

John Dear, Orbis Books

Fr. John Dear's "The Gospel of Peace" provides a profound exploration of the Synoptic Gospels through the lens of non-violence, emphasizing Jesus as the ultimate source of peace and influencing figures like Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. He skillfully elucidates the teachings of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, making them accessible and relevant to readers' lives.

Second Place

Theology in a Post-Traumatic Church

John N. Sheveland, Orbis Books

"Theology in a Post-Traumatic Church" adopts a victim-centric approach, offering hope and healing for both victims and the Church community. By amplifying the voices of victims, it advocates for rebuilding trust and fostering a more synodal approach to address crises like clericalism within the Church.

Third Place

Precarious A Survivor of Clerical Abuse Remembers

Patrick C. Goujon; Foreword by Gerard McGlone; Translated by Joseph Munitiz, Georgetown University Press

"Precarious" offers a unique perspective from Fr. Patrick Goujon, a Catholic priest who bravely shares his journey of healing from childhood sexual abuse by a fellow priest. His testimony provides hope and healing for those grappling with similar trauma, offering a message of liberation and resilience.

Honorable Mention

Above All, Love: Discerning Ways to Defend Life with Charity and Justice

Elizabeth Gillette, OSV

"Above All, Love," written from the viewpoint of a post-abortive mother turned pro-life advocate, compellingly challenges readers to reassess their views on abortion. Through heart-wrenching narratives, insightful reflections on pro-life divisions, and scriptural references, this book is essential reading for anyone engaged in pro-life advocacy.

Honorable Mention

The Miracle of Hospitality

Luigi Giussani, Slant Books

"The Miracle of Hospitality" stands out within its genre for its simplicity and practical wisdom. Fr. Luigi Giussani provides a blueprint for practicing hospitality in our daily lives, offering valuable insights in a concise and accessible manner.

B601: First Time Author: Children's Book

First Place

Meet Sister Mary Margaret

Rebecca W. Martin; Illustrated by Christopher Tupa, OSV

"Meet Sister Mary Margaret" is a delightful introduction to the life of religious sisters, captivating young readers with charming illustrations and engaging text. It serves as an excellent resource for families, inviting children to explore the unique ways women can serve God within the Church.

Second Place

The Secret Princess: A Tale of Hope

J.C. Prins

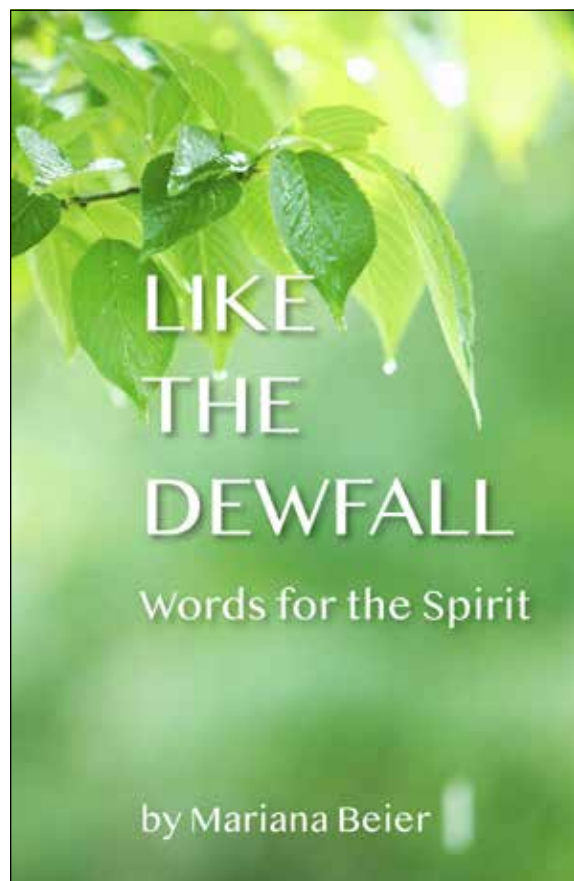
"The Secret Princess: A Tale of Hope" is a captivating Catholic fantasy novel that emphasizes enduring values in times of trial, accompanied by beautiful illustrations that enchant young readers and spark their imaginations. Through its narrative of hope, faith, forgiveness, goodness, truth, and love, the book offers valuable lessons for readers of all ages.

Third Place

My Name is Philomena: A Saint's Story

Fr. Peregrine Fletcher, O. Praem., TAN Books

"My Name Is Philomena" recounts the extraordinary journey of Greek princess Philomena in a poetic first-person narrative, offering valuable lessons in courage and faith for readers of all ages. The captivating illustrations enhance the beauty of the story with their vivid colors and intricate details.



B604: First Time Author: Poetry, Essays, or Short Stories

B602: First Time Author: Novel

First Place

The Secret Princess: A Tale of Hope

J.C. Prins

"Miss Prins's debut book offers young readers a compelling narrative infused with virtues of kindness, hope, and devotion to the Eucharist and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Through engaging fantasy elements and vibrant illustrations, she skillfully explores themes of faith and perseverance, presenting characters and challenges that resonate authentically with her audience."

Second Place

Firetender

Erin Lewis, Full Quiver Publishing

"Firetender" shows promise as a debut novel, but its pacing and character development could be improved to maintain reader engagement. While the portrayal of Channing and Dallas's friendship is genuine, the narrative lacks depth and surprises, with potential for enhancement in future installments of the Chalice Series.

B603: First Time Author: Biography

First Place

A Grand Slam for God: A Journey from College Baseball Star to Catholic Priest

Fr. Burke Masters, Word on Fire

"This memoir takes readers on an emotional journey from laughter to tears, culminating in a message of hope, skillfully integrating reflections on the gift of celibacy without sounding preachy. Former seminarians will find themselves reflected in the story, making it a resonant and well-crafted read."

Second Place

Ed Marciniak's City and Church

Charles Shanabruch, ACTA Publications

"This comprehensive introduction to the life of a notable social justice crusader in Chicago adeptly traces Marciniak's inspiration and the concrete actions he took. Well-researched and organized, it serves as an inspiring read for those interested in pursuing social justice in their communities."

Third Place

Remembering the Forgotten Merton

William J Meegan, Wipf and Stock

"This book skillfully reconstructs the often overlooked life of Thomas Merton's brother, weaving a narrative of grace and redemption. Through meticulous research and illustrative tables, the author sheds light on a significant figure, offering readers a complementary perspective on the Merton family and a message of hope."

B604: First Time Author: Poetry, Essays, or Short Stories

First Place

Like the Dewfall

Mariana Beier, Self-Published

This collection of poems was captivating. Beier skillfully draws the reader into her personal experiences with a concise yet powerful use of

words. "Woman Thoughts" especially resonated with me as a male judge, offering a vivid insight into menopausal hot flashes and concluding with a profound reflection on God's gift of fertility. A true triumph!

Second Place

Cicada Rex: Poems

Spencer K. M. Brown, Ghost City Press

An exceptional collection of poignant poems delving into themes of love, family, prayer, depression, and alcoholism – essentially, the essence of everyday life. Highly recommended.

Third Place

Father, A Collection of Poems

Abhilash Fraizer, Resource Publications an Imprint of Wipf and Stock Publishers, Eugene, Oregon

"The poems in this volume exhibit a profound engagement with scripture and pious tradition, offering readers fresh perspectives on Biblical and saintly narratives. Many of the poems are ideal companions for Lenten reflection."

B605: First Time Author of Theological Subject Matters

First Place

The Via Dolorosa: A Pilgrim's Guide to the Stations of the Cross

Howard M Berlin, The Numismatourist Press (Self Published)

This meticulously researched text vividly brings the Stations of the Cross to life, skillfully presenting their background while strategically challenging readers to appreciate their enduring legacy.

Second Place

Theology of Style: Expressing the Unique and Unrepeatable You

Lillian Fallon, Ascension

Thoroughly enjoyed this text. The author adeptly addresses a less explored aspect of style, effectively linking it to theology and the Church.

Third Place

Josef Pieper on the Spiritual Life: Creation, Contemplation, and Human Flourishing

Nathaniel A. Warne, University of Notre Dame Press

Honorable Mention

Hans Urs von Balthasar's Theology of Representation: God, Drama, and Salvation

Jacob Lett, University of Notre Dame Press

Honorable Mention

Mary, Teach Me to Be Your Daughter: Finding Yourself in the Blessed Mother

Megan Madden, Ascension

B606: Author of the Year

First Place

This is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival

Bishop Robert Barron, Word on Fire

In this year of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, Bishop Robert Barron is chosen as the author of

the year for his work, *"This is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival"* widely distributed in parishes throughout the United States to reach as many as 2 million readers. Leading up to the Jubilee year 2025, the Church in the United States has been examining the Eucharist, acknowledging the need for greater understanding among Catholics and emphasizing its true presence and significance.

Second Place

Tolkien's Faith: A Spiritual Biography

Holly Ordway, Word on Fire

Holly Ordway's biography of JRR Tolkien delves into his spiritual journey, revealing the depth of his Oratorian-inspired Catholic faith and its influence on his renowned works, such as *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy. This meticulously researched yet accessible book serves as both a valuable teaching tool on Catholicism and a new perspective for Tolkien enthusiasts, offering insight into the author's belief in his faith as the ultimate source of his creativity.

B701: Diocesan Directory

First Place

Diocese of Rockford 2023-2024 Official Directory

Office of Communications Staff

While I typically favor spiral binding for directories, the Rockford directory impresses with its organized contents, clear descriptions of sections, and quality printing and photography. It uses red highlights for phone numbers and titles and colored border blocks for section divisions.

Second Place

Archdiocese of New Orleans Catholic Directory 2023-24

Jonelle Foltz, Cheryl Dejoie-Methe, MJ Cahill, Clarion Herald Publishing Company

The New Orleans directory features a well-organized table of contents and useful tabs, though laminating them would prevent wear. The master index tab at the end makes references easy to locate.

Third Place

2023 Catholic Directory

Christopher Gunty, Cathedral Foundation Press

For the Baltimore directory, the spiral binding, laminated cover, and tabs are production highlights. The work is done very well but would benefit from a more logical organization, such as listing archdiocesan leadership and history in the table of contents instead of jumping from a quick phone directory to departments.

Honorable Mention

LA Catholic Directory

Gian Gigante, Ruby Ancheta, Pablo Kay, Sr. AnnCarla Costello, SND, Archdiocese of Los Angeles

The Los Angeles directory is spiral-bound for ease of use, but its tabs, though printed with large type, are easily bent and torn. The alphabetical telephone index blends individuals and organizations, making it less user-friendly.

B801: Catholic Novel

First Place

A Noble Cunning: The Countess and the Tower

Patricia Bernstein, History Through Fiction

Second Place

Self Portrait

Jim Sano, Full Quiver Publishing

Third Place

Firetender

Erin Lewis, Full Quiver Publishing

This story offers an excellent portrayal of male teen friendship, absent/abusive parents, loss of childhood, hasty life decisions, and Catholic religious conversion. It's a touching, real, and raw read that maintains a Godly, clean standard while setting a high bar for YA intrigue.

Honorable Mention

Indian Emily

Jennifer Rengaw

Honorable Mention

Masters of Interior Space: a novel about the spiritual life

Fr. Lawrence Edward Tucker, SOLT, Enroute Books and Media

Honorable Mention

The Secret Princess: A Tale of Hope

J.C. Prins

B802: Faith-Based Novel

First Place

Dusk Shall Weep

Kelsey Gietl, Purple Mask Publishing

The author crafted a relatable crisis-of-faith journey in this historical fiction novel, weaving together romantic, action, and supernatural elements into an enjoyable read. Although I wasn't initially aware of the series,

the book stands well on its own, offering a powerful and relatable faith journey that could serve as an evangelization tool for readers of any background.

Second Place

Out of Ireland

Marian O'Shea Wernicke, She Writes Press

The author vividly depicted poor rural life in Ireland during the time period, making it easy to connect with the main characters and their struggles, hopes, and interactions with faith and God. The story successfully evoked emotions ranging from the tragedy of forced marriage and the agony of a tragic death to the romantic wonder and thrill of the main characters finding true love.

Honorable Mention

Ashes

Anthony Mancini, Tolmitch Press

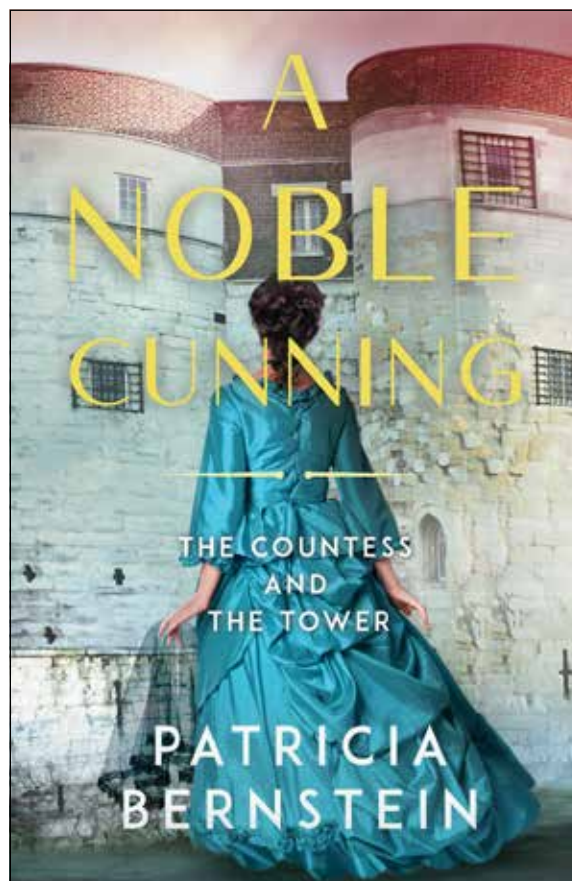
The book's happy resolution to the main character's struggle against desires of the flesh left me on an uplifted note. However, the content, especially regarding a celibate priest's struggles with sexual desires, might be challenging for some faithful Catholics.

Third Place

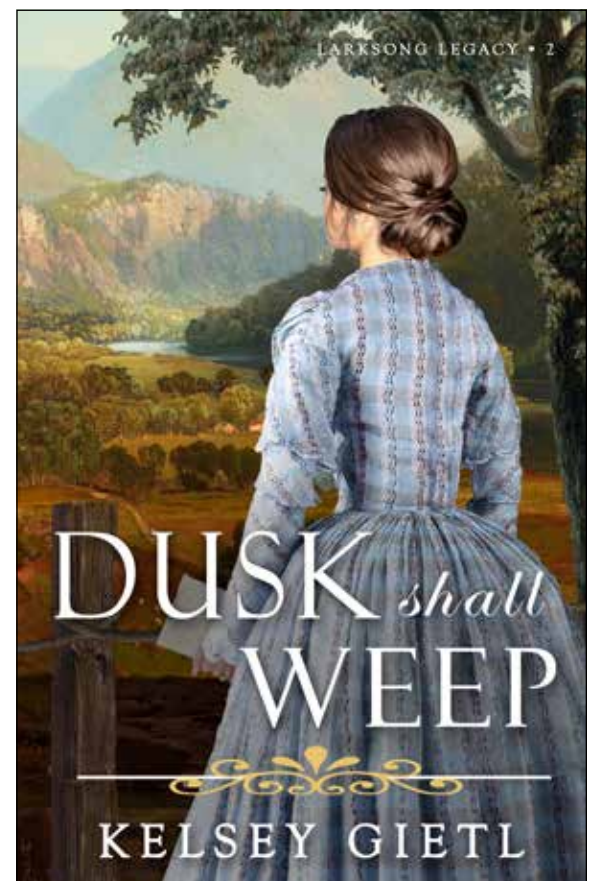
Glorifying Christ: The Life of Cardinal Francis E. George, O.M.I.

Michael R. Heinlein, OSV

If there were a third finalist for author of the year, this book would be it. Michael Heinlein portrays Cardinal Francis George as a truly humane and prophetic man, highlighting his role as a bridge builder who served the Church faithfully. Despite suffering from polio since 8th grade, Cardinal George believed and lived by the principle that "Christianity without the cross is a false religion." Heinlein portrays his intelligence, competitiveness, empathy, humor, and musicality, making him a common-sense pastoral model for bishops.



B801: Catholic Novel



B802: Faith-Based Novel

Gabriel Awards

Film

G105: Feature Film

First Place

Faith of Our Fathers

EWTN

Campbell Miller, Director; Doug Keck and Aidan Gallagher, Executive Producers; John Elson, Producer

This film compellingly portrays a modern teenager's journey from taking his faith for granted to discovering his Irish Catholic heritage's profound struggles during the 18th century. As the story unfolds through the teen's reading of an old diary, we too are reminded not to take our faith lightly. While the modern-day storyline could use more context, the film's overall inspiration and educational value are undeniable. It's a tribute to the enduring spirit of the Irish faithful, whose sacrifices continue to inspire today. The film, with its solid acting and confident directing, serves as a potent reminder of the worthiness of faith, often taken for granted but proven to be worth dying for.

Runner Up

Mother Teresa & Me

TriCoast Worldwide

Kamal Musale, Thierry Cagianut, Jacqueline Fritschi-Cornaz and Banita Sandhu

G106: Short Film

First Place

The Armando Flores Story

Hidalgo Films

Daniel Hidalgo, Rob Kaczmark, Armando Flores, Didacus Cortes F.I., Producers

LIFESTYLE, The Armando Flores Story is an impressive 16-minute testament to deep faith and resilience, captivatingly told through Armando's personal narration, dramatized reenactments, and a rich tapestry of interviews and visuals. It's a moving narrative of overcoming life's trials, from the death of a son to a spouse's cancer fight, all enhanced by his love for low-rider culture. This documentary stands out for its exceptional cinematic quality and the powerful way it turns challenge into hope—a poignant, well-crafted tribute to the human spirit.

G107: Documentary Feature Film

First Place

Free: Duc In Altum

Bosco Films

Santos Blanco, Director; Lucía González-Barandiarán, Producer; Javier Lorenzo, Writer; Oscar M. Leanizbarrutia, Music Composer; Bosco Films, Distribution

LIBRES (FREE) is a documentary masterpiece, blending stunning cinematography and soul-stirring music with deeply moving spiritual testimonies. It offers an introspective retreat, exploring monastic life's quiet altruism through poignant stories and exceptional filmmaking. This film is an inspirational escape from our fast-paced world, inviting reflection and gratitude.

Runner Up

Lourdes

Bosco Films

Thierry Demaizière and Alban Teurlai, Directors; Alban Teurlai, Editing; Pierre Aviat, Music; Bosco Films, Distribution

This film captivates us from the start, weaving a journey of faith, hope, and challenges through the eyes of its characters—pilgrims seeking miracles or solace at Lourdes, and the selfless volunteers who support them. It's a masterful blend of emotional and spiritual storytelling that inspires and engages, culminating in a profound experience of love and compassion. A moving testament to the transformative power of Lourdes.

Runner Up

Sabbath

Journey Films

Martin Doblmeier, Director; Mark Comberiate, Director of Photography/Editor; Carrie Snyder, Producer

SABBATH resonates in our divided times by exploring the universal need for rest, providing a detailed look at its significance across religions and history. It stands out as a tool for fostering interfaith understanding and unity, inviting reflection on embracing the Sabbath's peace in our relentless world. A refreshing and thought-provoking film that champions contentment in faith.

Runner Up

No Longer Out of Reach – A Documentary About The Catholic University of America's Partnership Program

The Catholic University of America

Dan Drummond, Mariana Barillas, Karna Lozoya, Anna Capizzi, and Darker Than Blue Productions.

The documentary is a remarkable achievement, presenting crucial narratives set against systemic racism with emotional and intellectual resonance. It earns high praise for its candidness, narrative craft, skillful editing, and comprehensive coverage of a pivotal era in Catholic higher education. Truly excellent work.

G108: Documentary Short

First Place

Alive in Christ - The Eucharistic Martyrs

EWTN (Global Catholic Network)

Doug Keck, John Elson, and David Sipoš, Executive Producers; David Sipoš, Director

This docudrama provides a compelling blend of narrative and scholarly insight, giving voice to figures like Ignatius of Antioch and Justin Martyr, enriching viewers' understanding of the Eucharist with excellent production and intriguing historical context.

Runner Up

Native Ball: Legacy of a Trailblazer

Family Theater Productions

David L. Guffey, Executive Producer; Megan Harrington, Producer, Writer, Director; Jon Cipiti, Writer, Director, Editor; Barbara Malia Kipp, Cultural Consulting Producer

An inspiring and superbly crafted film that immerses viewers in the Native American experience, instilling hope and urging recognition of human dignity within the context of life, faith, and family.

Runner Up

Confronting Suicide in the Cowboy State -

Destigmatizing Seeking Help

Voice of America

Sharon Sumolang, Producer; Laurentius Wahyudi, Camera/Video Editor; Ade Astuti Kidwell and Dian Widyastuti, Executive Producers

The presentation delivers a profound emotional impact, with heartfelt firsthand accounts of depression and suicidal ideation. It portrays the communal effort in addressing these critical issues with a compassionate lens. The film is not only well-crafted but also brings to light a typically hidden struggle, executing this with dignity and empathy. It's a compelling film that rightly deserves greater visibility and acclaim for its sensitive and insightful exploration of mental health challenges.

Radio – English Language

G201: Single News Story

First Place

It Takes Two

CBC Radio

Sara Tate, Senior Producer; Ify Chiwetelu and Trevor Dineen, Hosts; Bridget Forbes and Andrew Friesen, Producers

The program excelled in storytelling, offering an intimate view into the lives it portrayed, thus fostering empathy and respect for each individual's journey. It brings a message of hope in the battle against addiction, highlighting the transformative friendship between Josephine and Fedja, a recovering addict and her counselor. A fantastic depiction of recovery and the power of human connection.

Runner Up

The House: The End of the Road

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

Craig Desson, Reporter; Jennifer Chevalier and Julia Pagel, Producers; Cassandra Yanez-Leyton, Translator

The migrant's voices and personal stories draw you in, revealing their hardships and uncertainties, leaving you pondering their fate at journey's end.

G202: Hosted Profile or Interview

First Place

Tapestry: The Interplanetary Hospital Chaplain

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

Mary Hynes, McKenna Hadley-Burke, and Rosie Fernandez

The segment highlights Joon Park's 'therapist' role in hospitals, showing care tailored to each patient's needs without always invoking God's name. His genuine compassion powerfully embodies the 'apostolate of presence'. An excellent interview that truly encapsulates the essence of spiritual care.

Runner Up

Drippy with Jesus

Catholic Media Productions/Nashville Catholic Radio

Leelah Halsell-Duncan and Annabella Montini, Hosts and Producers; James Crowe, Editor

Drippy with Jesus captivates with its authentic teen perspective, asserting, "We are the church now." The hosts integrate faith into all aspects of life, including prayer and friendship, effectively evangelizing youth. With the inspiring closing

message, “You are beloved,” the show radiates hope. Exceptional in its approach, it engages its teen audience with authenticity, high production quality, and a winning formula.

G203: Best Use of Sound Design

First Place

Unspooling Cleveland’s Industrial Film and Musical History

Ideastream Public Media
Kabir Bhatia

This piece stands out for its engaging writing and dynamic sound design, seamlessly blending historic audio with modern commentary. It shines a light on an obscure yet fascinating subject, delivering the story with clarity, balanced audio levels, and well-paced emotional highs and lows. Despite being the sole entry in its category, it’s a clear standout for its vivid storytelling and polished production.

Television/Streaming – English Language

G401: Single News Story

First Place

The Life of Sister Wilhelmina Lancaster

EWTN News
Catherine Hadro, Reporter; Craig Campbell, Videographer; Andrew Spangenberg, Editor
Catherine Hadro’s reporting on the incorrupt remains of Sr. Wilhelmina was exemplary, offering a detailed, behind-the-scenes look that surpassed standard coverage. She interviewed key figures, included personal photos, and captured poignant footage, including the nuns’ singing that echoed their chart-topping Gregorian chant album. The comprehensive storytelling, combined with rapid pacing and insightful interviews, provided a complete picture of the nun’s enduring legacy. A deserving winner for its depth and engagement.

Runner Up

CBS Sunday Morning: A Day at Dog Mountain

CBS News
Martha Teichner, Correspondent; Dustin Stephens, Producer; Emanuele Secci, Editor; Rand Morrison, Executive Producer

This video’s storytelling and subject matter are profoundly engaging, evoking tears and smiles, leaving a lasting impression. It’s especially touching for pet owners and stands out for its excellent writing, videography, editing, and the reporter’s personal connection to the story. Truly top-notch.

G402: Special Event Coverage

First Place

World Youth Day 2023

EWTN
Peter Gagnon, Executive Producer; Fr. Mark Mary Cristina, M.F.V.A.; Colm Flynn, and Eleonora Vescovini, Hosts

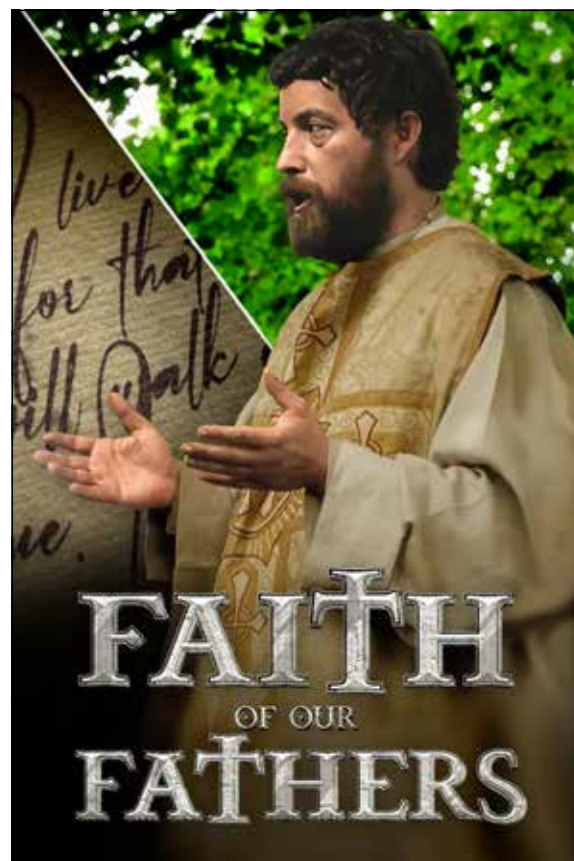
EWTN’s coverage of World Youth Day in Lisbon showcased their remarkable expertise and smooth execution. The broadcast was peppered with exceptional graphic elements, a captivating introductory highlight reel, and an innovative

World Youth Day ribbon that guided the viewer’s experience. The engaging drone shots and on-the-ground footage kept viewers connected to the energy of the event, while the inclusion of Portugal’s scenic towns and churches enriched the sense of place. EWTN’s skilled team delivered a visually stunning and thoroughly engaging portrayal of the final mass and the surrounding festivities, reaffirming their reputation for excellent coverage of global papal events.

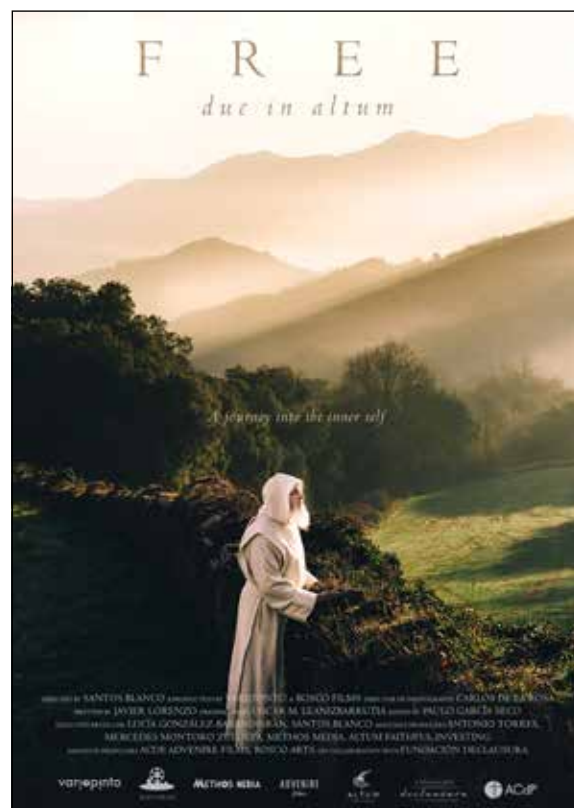
Runner Up

World Youth Day 2023

Shalom Media USA Inc.
Mesmin Santhosh, Producer; Karthika B Kurup, Creative Producer; Jackson George, DOP
Shalom Media’s coverage of World Youth Day is laudable for its expansive scope and dynamic execution. They injected youthful vibrancy into their professional broadcast, making the Lisbon event feel all-encompassing. It’s a definitive win



G105: Feature Film



G107: Documentary Feature Film

with comprehensive coverage, diverse hosts, and meticulous attention to detail, from rock concerts to Mass. This ambitious endeavor raises the standard for future events, with its intimate storytelling and exceptional on-camera presence. The team’s dedication is evident, making their coverage a standout success.

G403: Streaming Scripted Series

First Place

Uplifted: What Makes You Happy?

Openlight Media
Sr. John Dominic Rasmussen, O.P., Casey O’Leary, Tony, Garret Fox, Joe Pelletier, Ben Bratton, and Lee Klein

This program stands out as a harmonious blend of truth and creativity, using visual artistry to make the Catholic faith clear amidst the noise of social media. Despite a modest budget and relying on green screen technology, it excels in presenting Catholic teachings in an engaging, understandable way. The series, characterized by its energetic hosts and concise format, captivates attention and facilitates learning. With quality graphics, music, and production, it breaks down complex tenets of the faith into accessible insights, offering viewers a chance to deepen their understanding in a calm and approachable setting.

Runner Up

Unscripted

Shalom Media USA Inc.
Robin Varghese, Producer; Jeffson Fernandez, Creative Producer; Saju Varghese, DOP; Alvin Thomas, Editing

The program “Unscripted” humorously receives the “Best Scripted” award, reflecting the high level of planning and execution behind its genuine and engaging presentation. This series provides an unprecedented, authentic look at the priesthood, filled with charisma, humor, and a profound love for their vocation. It goes beyond stereotypes, presenting priesthood in a way that is relatable and compelling, potentially influencing young men’s discernment journeys. The series offers a unique window into the daily lives and inner joy of priests, proving to be insightful, entertaining, and enlightening. It answers the age-old question of what priests do beyond the altar, thanks to the engaging content delivered by Fr. David.

G404: Documentary Series

First Place

Formed: Notre Dame Seminary & The Path to Priesthood

WLAE-TV
Ron Yager and Jim Dotson, Executive Producers; Jan Gross, Writer/Producer; Ted Ochoa, Associate Producer/Editor

The documentary on Notre Dame Seminary is a testament to the producers’ dedication, inviting viewers to appreciate the institution as they do. It ambitiously juggles multiple themes, and the production quality is high. It offers an enriching look into the seminary’s role in the church and its historical significance, with Raymond Arroyo’s narration enhancing the retrospective’s appeal. It stands out as a solid documentary that insightfully chronicles an influential Catholic and American landmark.

Runner Up

Sabbath

Journey Films

Martin Doblmeier, Director; Mark Comberiate, Director of Photography/Editor; Carrie Snyder, Producer

This program captures the essence of the Gabriel Awards, examining the widely overlooked but crucial practice of observing the Sabbath across different faiths. It's an exemplary lesson in ecumenism, reaching out to diverse groups and weaving their insights into a narrative that emphasizes the importance and relevance of the Sabbath today. The filmmakers' skill in fostering such unity and dialogue is commendable, placing them alongside the likes of Martin Doblmeier in the realm of impactful, long-form storytelling. A refreshing and profound take on the need for rest and spiritual contentment in today's relentless world.

Television/Streaming – Spanish Language

G501: Single News Story

First Place

Artista Roberto Gutiérrez rinde tributo a los trabajadores latinos en EEUU

Voice of America

Reporter, Producer, Videographer and Editor; Veronica Villafaña

*This documentary skillfully combines art and testimony to illuminate the Latino workforce's role in America and the poignant challenges at the border. Its originality shines through in the artist's sensitive approach and the clear, impactful sound bites. The presentation is effective, with good visual quality and straightforward language. The material, minimally touched by post-production, poignantly underscores values of dignity and solidarity. The coverage surrounding *The End of Title 42* presents compelling human stories of aspiration and resilience.*

G502: Special Event Coverage

First Place

The End of Title 42

Voice of America

Celia Mendoza, Jorge Agobian, César Contreras, Víctor Hugo Castillo and Salomé Ramírez, Reporters

The coverage of "The End of Title 42" powerfully conveys human resilience and aspirations for a better life. The documentary deftly presents the poignant reality at the border with dignity, using affecting testimonials to highlight solidarity. With minimal reliance on post-production techniques, it delivers a raw and moving portrayal, demonstrating excellent craftsmanship.

G503: Streaming Scripted Series

First Place

Llamado Divino

Telemundo Arizona

Patricio Gutierrez

The three-part series excellently captures the essence and diversity of Arizona's religious leaders, delving into their unique and inspiring callings. It highlights the shared mission across different Christian traditions to serve and assist others, presented through compelling narratives and top-



G503: Streaming Scripted Series

notch storytelling. This approach underscores the importance of featuring such stories in commercial media. Congratulations on a job well done!

G504: Documentary Series

First Place

Nicaragua: Relatos en el Destierro

Voice of America

Carolina Valladares, Reporter; Nelson Vignolles, Producer, Videographer and Editor

Max's narrative offers a poignant look at the lives of individuals forced to seek refuge in the U.S., highlighting his journey and the key role of solidarity. The series is highly engaging, featuring thorough research, strong storytelling, and compelling visuals. The heartfelt interviews and the series' relevance provide a powerful, emotive experience.



G501: Single News Story

Digital Media

G601: Best Podcast - Single Episode

First Place

Purposeful Lab Podcast: Is Extraterrestrial Life Compatible With Christianity?

Magis Center

Catherine Hadro, Co-Host/Producer; Dr. Daniel Kuebler, Co-Host; Joseph Miller, Producer; Jordan Allott, Media Director

This podcast deftly explores UFOs and their implications for faith, blending scientific insight with theological perspective. Initially skeptical, the program impressively evolves into a profound contemplation of humanity, intelligence, and salvation. It stands as an exceptional dialogue on profound questions about our existence and our relationship with the divine. While the content is engaging, enhancing the visual elements could further elevate the audience's experience. Overall, a thoughtfully produced and valuable contribution to the conversation on faith and the unknown.

Runner Up

The Saints: Saint George - The Dragon (Episode 3)

The Merry Beggars

Peter Atkinson, Executive Producer; James Barrows, Writer; Demetrios Troy, Director; Kevin Conroy, Sound Engineer

The audio drama of St. George is an exemplary use of the auditory form, thoughtfully edited to captivate its young audience. Despite facing a tough comparison within a diverse field and lacking a specialized category, the series stands out for its immersive storytelling and quality voice acting. While not the most outstanding in an exceptional year for the category, it still marks a solid and commendable effort. Very well done indeed.

G602a: Best Podcast Series

First Place

The Saints: Elizabeth Ann Seton

The Merry Beggars

Peter Atkinson, Executive Producer; Kiley Hatch, Writer; Demetrios Troy, Director; Kevin Conroy, Sound Design

The audio presentation of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's life story is a skillfully crafted work that

artfully reaches listeners across all ages. With its exceptional production quality, from writing to performance to editing, the podcast is a standout, offering deep insights into an inspiring figure. This series exemplifies how compelling storytelling can captivate a broad audience. Excellent production indeed! Well done, and bravo!

Runner Up

Doctor

Doctor, Doctor, Inc.
Thomas McGovern, MD; Christopher Stroud, MD; Andrew Mullally, MD; and Andrea Serrani
The podcast offers a balanced and enlightening discussion on embryo adoption, featuring charitable and clear communication from the hosts, doctors who may well save lives and souls. It presents an insightful view of both sides of the debate, captivating the listener with its depth. Fascinating indeed!

Runner Up

Poco a Poco

Spirit Juice Studios
Rob Kaczmark, Executive Producer; Seneca Lester, Executive Producer; Branden J. Stanley, Executive Producer; Matthew Borrás, Producer; Edgar Patino, Editor; Nicholas Sun, Editor; Father Mark-Mary Ames, Host
The program's relaxed, personal approach to discussing Jesus' teachings is both refreshing and effective. With exceptional content and high production quality, it excels at making the message accessible and engaging. A commendable accomplishment.

G602b: Best Podcast Series

First Place

La Sociedad Fantástica de Niños Curiosos

Juan Diego Network
José Manuel De Urquidi, Executive Producer; Bernardo De Urquidi, Director and Scriptwriter; Gerardo Carrillo, Editor and Sound Design
This children's podcast captivates with its inclusivity and the endearing exploration of love's different facets. It boasts excellent content, production, and talented young voice actors, making it a standout, creative, and innovative offering. The program's strength lies in its ability to simplify complex emotions for its young audience. The podcast excels in its field.

Runner Up

Secretos del Tepeyac: La verdad de Juan Diego y la Virgen de Guadalupe

Juan Diego Network
José Manuel De Urquidi, Executive Producer; Msgr Eduardo Chávez, Director; Fr. Pablo Arce Gargoyo, Co-Director; Manuel Kasten, Scriptwriter; Gerardo Carrillo, Editor and Sound Design; Angie Romo, Narrator; Juan Diego Network, Production; Instituto Superior de Estudios Guadalupanos, Research
This podcast excellently dispels doubts about Saint Juan Diego and the Virgin of Guadalupe through immersive storytelling and rigorous spiritual and intellectual discussion. Msgr. Chavez's knowledge is outstanding, and the production's musicalization enhances the narrative. A commendably engaging and informative listen with just the right length. A very well-crafted piece indeed.

G603: Best Podcast

First Place

The Saints: Adventures in Faith and Courage

The Merry Beggars
Peter Atkinson, Executive Producer; Kevin Collins and Peter Atkinson, Directors; Joseph Marsh, Producer; Judy Zocchi, Lead Writer; Kevin Conroy, Sound Design
The Merry Beggars' The Saints Series delights and educates listeners of all ages with masterful production and voice acting that vividly brings the saints' stories to life. The program excels in intertwining historical narrative with engaging storytelling, offering insight into the pivotal moments of the saints' journeys to sainthood. It's a testament to the creative team's ability to craft content that is both captivating and educational. Well done indeed, bravo!

Runner Up

The Based Catholic

Jessica Kramer
Jessica Kramer
This podcast, with its authentic and varied discussions, offers listeners a fresh and contemplative look at Catholicism, particularly in the realms of marriage and relationships. Its innovative approach provides valuable insights, contributing a unique voice to the Catholic blogosphere. Well-executed and thought-provoking. Well done indeed.

G604: Best Video

First Place

James the Less: Season 1

EWTN
Stephen Beaumont, Greg Hendrick and Michael

Masny

This video offers a resonant 'resurrection' story, engaging and inspiring viewers of all ages and backgrounds with its creativity and universal appeal. Set in Birmingham, AL, with a well-acted ensemble and authentic settings, it builds towards the main character's potential embrace of faith. The effective music and sound scoring heighten its charm, leaving us eager for future episodes.

Runner Up

Father James Coyle: Martyr of Duty

Knights of Columbus and Castletown Media
Tim Moriarty, Stefan Slovak, David Naglieri, and Monica Slovak
Father James Coyle: Martyr of Duty is a compelling narrative essential for Catholics, particularly in the South, shedding light on a priest's courageous stand against injustice amid the Ku Klux Klan's intimidation. The producers' dedication to capturing on-camera interviews adds depth to this potent story of conviction and sacrifice.

Runner Up

Special Abilities: Living Fully with Down Syndrome

Family Theater Productions
David L. Guffey, Executive Producer; Series Creator, Producer, Writer, Director, and Editor Jay Cooney; Susana Dueñas, Associate Producer; Don Burt, Post Production Supervisor
The video brilliantly conveys the intrinsic value in our differences, challenging the notion of disability and celebrating the unique worth and preciousness of every person. It embodies pure joy, simplicity, and innocence—core values that enrich daily Christian living.

Runner Up

The Story for All Seasons: A Missionary Journey to London

Spirit Juice Studios
Rob Kaczmark, Executive Producer; Seneca Lester, Executive Producer; Branden J. Stanley, Director; Marissa Van Kley, Producer; Cody Hilliard, Director of Photography; Elrodson Quiroz, Editor; Father Steve Grunow, Executive Producer; Danielle Conklin, Producer; Bishop Robert Barron, Executive Producer/Host
The Story for All Seasons: A Missionary Journey to London is a masterclass in travelogue filmmaking, showcasing key locations from St. Thomas More's life with expertise and reverence. The commendable videography, script, and editing work together to create a compelling narrative, enriched by Bishop Barron's engaging presentation and Spirit Juice Studios' excellent craftsmanship in this well-orchestrated short film.

G605: Best Multi Cast

First Place

The Toll of Long-term Opioid Abuse

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
Yvette Brend, Andrew Lee, Dillon Hodgin, and Ben Nelms
This entry masterfully addresses the opioid crisis, creating empathy for sufferers and urging compassion for those struggling with addiction. It's a well-crafted cautionary narrative on the lasting damages of drug abuse, with excellent storytelling that demystifies treatment for addiction, making it accessible to all. The use of video, graphics, and supplementary information exemplifies the power of multimedia in storytelling.



G605: Best Multi Cast

Collegiate Awards

AM401: Best Single Photo

First Place

The Big Picture: Salve Regina

CatholicU
Patrick Ryan

A captivating image that beckons the viewer to linger for a moment. The composition is excellent, boasting stunning colors. Personally, I would have preferred a frame where the artist is slightly turned to the right, revealing a profile and possibly an outstretched arm.

AM406: Best Story and Photo Package – By Two or More Individuals

First Place

Embracing Generations

CatholicU
Cecilia Engbert

A visually striking profile piece featuring carefully curated photography that vividly illustrates the narrative. The initial image is exceptional, effectively establishing the atmosphere. Enhancing the entry could involve incorporating a more diverse array of photographs on the second page, instead of opting for similar ones.

AM601: Best Alumni Magazine

First Place

Portraits Magazine

Kate Grip Denon

The text and photos highlighting the study abroad program were excellent. Similarly, the global seminars program text and photos were good. The milestone articles truly brought those individuals to life. I thoroughly enjoyed the “Future Anselmians” tribute. Additionally, “A Gift for Teaching” was particularly moving.

Second Place

CatholicU Magazine

CatholicU
Daniel F. Drummond, Matthew Palmer, Anna Capizzi, Mariana Barillas, Marlee Berlan, Cecilia Engbert, Jamila Johnson, Steven Kline, Anne Klockenkemper, and Maisy Sullivan

S101: Best Video Presentation of Faith on Campus

First Place

The Universal Apostolic Preferences

Kara Lynch

This comprehensive examination of the universal apostolic preferences of the Society of Jesus, namely, guiding individuals to God through spiritual exercises and discernment, accompanying the impoverished, empowering youth to foster hope for the future, and caring for the Earth, is outstanding. The video effectively presents each topic, highlighting key phrases on the screen for emphasis and providing thorough printed



AM401: Best Single Photo

references. However, there were instances where the narrator did not maintain direct eye contact with the camera, which felt somewhat awkward.

S122: Best Collegiate Radio Show

Third Place

The Marian Direct—Episode 4—Gaza, Hamas, and American Political Divide

The Siren
Miguel Spalding-Price and Sean Efron

S131: Best Podcast/Radio Segment

Second Place

Game Day Grace

NeuPress
Alex Castells

S201: Best Article about Faith on Campus

First Place

WRGC Drops “L” From Official Name

The Quadrangle Newspaper
Angelina Persaud, and Grace Cardinal
This exemplifies authentic and accurate reporting at its finest, from the compelling lead to the exemplary sources and the diverse range of voices included. It’s a stellar demonstration of excellence in journalism. Kudos on a job well done!

Second Place

CMSA’s Off-Campus Trips Make a Return After Being Suspended During COVID

The Quadrangle Newspaper
Jill Tuthill

Third Place

Christian fellowship is at the heart of Trinity’s Bible study group

Trinity Times
Kayla Higgs, Jasmine Marshall, and Johnkear Watts

Honorable Mention

Jesuits reflect on parish consolidations

The Maroon
Ava Acharya

Honorable Mention

Loyola pastor advocates for students’ mental health

The Maroon
Pharrell Every

S202: Best Article on Social Justice

First Place

The Evolution of Women’s Sports at Barry: Equal Pay, Trans Athletes & Beyond

The Barry Buccaneer
Mariajose Fernandez and Isabel Pulgarin
This well-crafted story, while engaging, could benefit from a shorter lead. Its timely and somewhat bold topic is balanced with narrative, quotes, and figures, with hints of a broader exploration into the acceptance of transgender individuals in the college and beyond.

Second Place

Trinity nursing program bridges the gap for immigrant students

Trinity Times
Lindsay Washington

Third Place

Conviction is Only the First Barrier – The Unfortunate Truths of Life After Prison

14 East
Noel Bentley

S203: Best Creative Writing

First Place

Censer in the Street

In Corde
Madeline Davis
“Censer in the Street” is beautifully written. As a former altar server, I can confirm that this piece

adeptly captures the thoughts experienced during the trance-like moments of procession. The flow of the text vividly paints the scene and succinctly portrays the competing cast of characters. It's a highly engaging piece by a mature writer.

S204: Best Investigative Reporting

First Place

Alumni Speak Up in Support of MC Faculty Rights After Dozens Face Elimination

The Quadrangle Newspaper
Jocelyn Visnov

This well-paced and researched piece offers an excellent discussion about the school's plan to save money by reducing faculty while continuing to pay millions to former executives implicated in creating the budget woes. Efforts to obtain comments from responsible officials were noted, alongside their lack of response.

Second Place

Behind the Curtains: Theatre production sparks outrage and community disapproval

The Maroon
Kloe Witt

Third Place

The Long Shadow of White Supremacy at DePaul

14 East
Cam Rodriguez

S205: Best Feature Story

First Place

Tengo Puerto Rico en Mi Corazón' – DePaul Commemorates 55 Years of the Young Lords

14 East
Annabelle Rivera

Right from the start, the writer draws the emotional appeal of the reader into the story. It is compelling, thoughtful, and well-researched. The author provides a balance of history with the relevance of the subject today. It is well organized and the writing is solid. Well done!

Second Place

Leslie Watanabe: a life awakened by dance – 'It's the only thing that made me feel alive'

The Beacon
Julianna Pedone

Third Place

From Exile to Educator: Loyola professor fosters social justice

The Maroon
Sophia Maxim

Honorable Mention

Behind-the-scenes with Bombino: "The Sultan of Shred"

The Maroon
Patrick Hamilton

S206: Best News Reporting

First Place

Migrants Waiting for a Plan from the City of Chicago

14 East

Delaunay Krauter, Matthew Warakowski, Sam Freeman, and Santiago Davila

This well-informed, timely, and in-depth article keeps the reader informed, intrigued, and interested from the strong lead to the final word. With evident thought and thorough research, along with relevant sources and strong verbiage, it stands as a shining example of exemplary journalism.

Second Place

Campus locks down for false shooter alert

Trinity Times
Miriam Barcenas

Third Place

Women Tennis Wins No. 1 Doubles in Crossroads League Against Huntington

The Phoenix
Abby Titara

Honorable Mention

Student Health Center to start billing students' insurance

The Beacon
Julianna Pedone

Honorable Mention

From the Huddle to the End Zone: Marian Knights' Thrilling Victory

The Phoenix
Macey Kenna

S207: Best Coverage of Culture or Diversity

First Place

LGBTQIA-identified students say official group at Trinity could be affirming

Trinity Times
Waleed Waite

This impressive piece delves into an interesting and relevant topic, offering excellent background information and extending beyond campus policies to discuss practices of other institutions. While defining LGBTQIA early on was wise, minor typos, like "an" instead of "and" and "evidence" instead of "evidenced," could be corrected to enhance its quality further.

Second Place

Loyola's only Black English professor says his dismissal feels targeted

The Maroon
Macie Batson

Third Place

Chicago's Catrachos: How Honduran Immigrants Built and Maintained Their Presence in the City

14 East
Emily Diaz

Honorable Mention

Guam to Portland: UP's first male dancer is making waves

The Beacon
Noah Carandanis

S208: Environmental Journalism Award

First Place

Microplastics can have dangerous impact on water and humans

Trinity Times
Yesica Tumax

This is a carefully crafted and easily digestible piece discussing the impact of microplastics on the environment and its inhabitants. It highlights the presence of microplastics within our bodies, consumed through food and drink, and challenges assumptions about the purity of bottled water.

Second Place

A Deep Dive into Chicago's Climate Inequality
14 East
Gia Clarke

Third Place

Glass Half Full: Local recycling restores coastal erosion

The Maroon
Eloise Pickering

Honorable Mention

Knight Trashers Bringing Sustainability and Food Loss Awareness to The Marian Community

The Phoenix
Elizabeth Schmidt

S209: Student Press Freedom Award

First Place

Support comes in from across the country for Maroon reporter

The Maroon
Macie Batson

This series delves into an incident at Loyola New Orleans involving a student journalist and the university's response. Through thorough reporting, it explores the original assignment, the journalist's process, administrative reactions, and resulting impacts, providing a clear and fair portrayal of each party's policies. The reporting, marked by its power, factual accuracy, and clarity, contributes to a resolution that should benefit all involved.

S210: Social Justice Reporting

First Place

Non-Binary Bathrooms at Barry

The Barry Buccaneer
Alyssa Diaz

This article provides a comprehensive examination of a controversial issue: a university converting some bathrooms into non-binary facilities. It is well-researched and tightly written.

Second Place

America's Most Segregated City: How Covenants and Other Policies Made Modern Chicago

14 East
Lauren Sheperd

Third Place

Is Secularism Hurting People's Right to Peacefully Practice Religion?

Fordham Political Review
Claire Krieger

Honorable Mention

Ignacio Volunteers turn mission into action

The Maroon
Ava Acharya

S211: Best Use of Data in Journalism**First Place****New Ward, New Money**

14 East
Richie Requena

What a fantastic presentation! The story is engagingly told through skillfully executed illustrations that vividly present the underlying data. In this instance, the adage "a picture is worth a thousand words" rings true. Congratulations on a job well done!

Honorable Mention**The Blue Bird's New Feathers**

The Barry Buccaneer
Victoria Rivera, Alejandro Ortega Palacios

S212: Investigative Series Award**First Place****Food Service Issues at Neumann University**

NeuPress
Tracy Nguyen, Megan Foody, Chris Kramer, and Kadiyah Malik

Neumann University student journalists delved into the influence of the Food Service on student life, shedding light on the often overlooked and invisible staff. Their reporting humanized the workers by sharing their names and stories, illustrating the vital connection between student experiences and the livelihoods of these employees, ultimately contributing to a more effective educational institution.

S213: In-Depth Profile Feature**First Place****Mira la Raza: Celebrating Latinx Athletes During Hispanic Heritage Month**

The Beacon
Julianna Pedone

This is a rich and fascinating read, skillfully blending information about the subjects' soccer engagement, personal backgrounds, and ethnic heritage, emphasizing the importance of contextual storytelling. The portrayal of the final subject, linking his experience as a charro to his goalkeeper skills, stands out as particularly well-done, with smooth transitions and seamless weaving of backstory. Great job!

Second Place**The men behind the mailroom**

The Griffin Newspaper
Ava C. Green

Third Place**Melissa Paone: Finding Purpose by Keeping the Faith**

NeuPress
Erin Donovan

Honorable Mention**Leslie Watanabe: a life awakened by dance – 'It's the only thing that made me feel alive'**

The Beacon
Julianna Pedone



S403: Best Single Photo

S301: Best Front Page**First Place****Can ChatGPT Save your College Career?**

The Barry Buccaneer
Andrea Zambrano

With the chosen color scheme, and the robotic arm with a pointing finger draws attention to the main article, adding an element of artificial intelligence. Though the secondary article's title isn't directly linked to the cover theme, its presentation doesn't detract from the overall cohesion. Great work!

Second Place**Emotional Support Bunnies at Barry**

The Barry Buccaneer
Andrea Zambrano

Third Place**The Phoenix Fall2022/Spring 2023**

The Phoenix
Julia Akre

S302: Best Use of Graphics with an Article**First Place****Need a Mental Health Day Off?**

The Barry Buccaneer
Andrea Zambrano

Well-incorporated graphics enhance the reader experience, with a great use of color and attractive typography.

S303: Excellence in Layout and Design**First Place****Pelican's Plume**

Pelican's Plume Student Journal
Delaney Rayner

"The Pelican's Plume" boasts a visually appealing layout, with colors chosen to complement each submission, enhancing the reading experience without causing distraction. The interview and essays

are thoughtfully laid out to highlight key elements and facilitate easy reading. Excellent work!

Second Place**The Phoenix Fall2022/Spring 2023**

The Phoenix
Julia Akre

Third Place**Long Distance Relationships: How to Make them Work**

The Barry Buccaneer
Andrea Zambrano and Alejandro Ortega Palacios

S304: Best Multimedia Package**First Place****Trinity newsroom enters its second year with growing digital presence**

Trinity Times
Nina Payne, Corey Best and Janet Platt
The website, article, and video effectively presented content factually and engagingly, offering multiple perspectives. The variety of clips was captured and integrated seamlessly, enhancing engagement. The article's layout was well-executed, with no distracting elements on the page. Excellent work!

Second Place**The Universal Apostolic Preferences**

Kara Lynch

S402: Best Use of Multimedia for Storytelling**First Place****The Universal Apostolic Preferences**

Kara Lynch
The page design is clean and information is presented clearly, with high-quality and easily accessible elements. However, the central text appears dense; adding more accompanying imagery could enhance engagement.

S403: Best Single Photo

First Place

Dwelling

Pelican's Plume Student Journal
Evan Mock

A beautifully composed image, with effective movement and excellent colors and exposure.

S501: Excellence in Visual Storytelling

First Place

Spring Hill Now Newscast 11-16-23

Spring Hill Now
SHC Student Media

This report gives a wide interpretation and was well organized. Well done!

Second Place

The Universal Apostolic Preferences

Kara Lynch

Third Place

Donovan OMalley

Spring Hill Now
Fae Fox

Honorable Mention

Richards Center Opening

SHC Student Media
Fae Fox

Honorable Mention

Spring Hill Now newscast 11-9-23

SHC Student Media

S502: Excellence in Editorial Writing

First Place

STAFF OPINION: Wear death as a garment

The Beacon
Noah Carandanis

This powerful and eloquently written essay delves into understanding death and appreciating life, especially during the first experience of losing a loved one. Insightful, impactful, and informative, this editorial offers cherished reading as it addresses a universal experience that will inevitably touch us all, providing comfort through revisits.

Second Place

Future-Proofing Education: The AI Dilemma in College Classrooms

The Phoenix
Macey Kenna

S504: Digital Innovation Award

First Place

The Universal Apostolic Preferences

Kara Lynch

This in-depth piece effectively conveys a clear message through relevant resources and a well-defined mission. The producers' thorough understanding, research, and presentation in various formats ensure an engaging and visually appealing experience, making it a deserving first-place winner.

Second Place

Exploring Solidarity and Kinship, An Immersion Experience

Lauryn McAllister

S505: Sports Journalism Award

First Place

Mira la Raza: Celebrating Latinx Athletes During Hispanic Heritage Month

The Beacon
Julianna Pedone

This article is both well-informed and timely, effectively capturing the essence of the subject matter while maintaining a strong structural framework. Overall, it is a relevant, informative, and entertaining piece, showcasing the writer's skill in engaging readers from start to finish.

Honorable Mention

NeuPress Sports

NeuPress
Danica Pedone

S550: Journalist of the Year

First Place

Mya Falgout

SHC Student Media

Myra Falgut's well-crafted videos cover a range of topics, from a racial slur on a campus building to a student's car break-in and the growing popularity of pickleball. They provide comprehensive coverage, addressing administration and student perspectives, historical context, current aspects, and future goals.

Second Place

Noah Carandanis

The Beacon

Guam to Portland: UP's first male dancer is making waves

Third Place

Fae Fox

SHC Student Media

Honorable Mention

Julia Akre

The Phoenix

Alternative Break, Alternative Possibilities – Marian Knights Explore Local and Legislative Change to Promote Dignity of Individual



S601: Best Publication

First Place

14 East Staff

DePaul University's 14 East Magazine stands out for its excellence. With excellent graphics and a clean page design, it offers a highly readable publication. The meticulous research and thoughtful selection of topics are evident throughout the writing, even when addressing sensitive topics like the history of racism. Consistently one of the best, this magazine maintains its high standard issue after issue.

Second Place

The Flyer

Editor-in-Chief, Julia Lesnicki and Managing Editor, Grace Sueflohn

S602: Best New Student Publication

First Place

The Canticle

Nykaria Mitchell, Marcella Maughan, Gavin Fuhs, Jailah Johnson, Anthony Lonetti, Sean Mack, Andrew Marshall, James McDonald, Patrick Rudy, Giovanna Scuderi, Teresa Davidson, Keyshla Valentin Caban, Aaliyah Sabre, Allison Wills, Noelle Chubbick, Andre Burt

The Canticle, as a new student literary digital magazine, deserves commendation for the abundance of contributions and the exceptional quality of its content. Furthermore, the presentation of the publication is highly appealing, setting a high standard for future issues right from the outset.

Second Place

The Muse

Elizabeth Thompson, Michael Berger, Vilnis Chakars, Owen Lawton, and Mac Ferone



S550: Journalist of the Year