

2013 Press Awards Winners

A01 **no comments**

BEST EXAMPLE OF EFFECTIVE ADVERTISING PROMOTION ORIGINATING WITH THE PUBLICATION

First Place

Faith Catholic -- Publishing, Lansing, MI, "Advertising specifications by publication" by Staff

Second Place

Boston Pilot, The, Braintree, MA, "Travel Guide 2012" by Stephanie M. Rodricks, Staff

A02a

BEST SINGLE AD ORIGINATING WITH THE PUBLICATION-Black and White

First Place

The Florida Catholic, Orlando, FL, "Congratulations Class of 2012" by Michael Jimenez

Good use of imagery and grayscale. Clean. Clear. Simple.

Second Place

Arlington Catholic Herald, Arlington, VA, "Hearts of Gold" by Victoria Motsay, Advertising Staff

Good position on the page. Use of white space makes this eye-catching.

Clear call to action.

Third Place

The Compass, Green Bay, WI, "The 'door of faith' is opened" by Katie Jagiello, Amy Kawula

Good use of B&W.

A02b

BEST SINGLE AD ORIGINATING WITH THE PUBLICATION-Color

First Place

The Colorado Catholic Herald, Colorado Springs, CO, "Year of Faith Pilgrimage to Italy" by Dave Kottler

Visually appealing. Good use of gradient tool in layout. Message clear and complete.

Second Place

The Dialog, Wilmington, DE, "Widows have to" by Virginia O'Shea

Imagery and message work together well. Startling headline paired with tasteful copy.

Third Place

East Texas Catholic, Beaumont, TX, "White Mass" by Juan Ceja

Simple. Clean. Concise. Audience and purpose are clear.

Honorable Mention

FaithLife, Erie, PA, "'Welcome, Bishop Persico" ad for Dahlkemper's Jewelry Connection" by Elizabeth

Butterfield, Rich Papalia

Good imagery. Simple message.

Catholic New York, New York, NY, “Reconciliation Monday” by Molly Gallegos
Imagery, size and copy work together well. Audience and purpose are clear.

A03 – Not enough entries to be judged

A04

BEST PRINT CIRCULATION PROMOTION CAMPAIGN

First Place

The Florida Catholic, Orlando, FL, “Circulation campaign” by Staff
Planned effort evident. Very well done.

Second Place

None Selected

A05

BEST MEDIA KIT CREATED IN 2012

First Place

The Catholic Review, Baltimore, MD, “Catholic Review Media” by April Hornbeck, Kristina Freeman
Excellent media kit. Printed piece is beautiful. Usage = clear.

Second Place

The Florida Catholic, Orlando, FL, “2012-2013 Media Kit” by Michael Jimenez, Jane Radetsky, Susan Chronowski, Missy Haggerty
Excellent media kit, but actual usage unclear - is this a PDF? folder presentation?

Third Place

Boston Pilot, The, Braintree, MA, “The Pilot Media Kit 2012” by Stephanie M. Rodricks, Staff

Honorable Mention

¡OYE!, Chicago, IL, ¡OYE! 2014 Media Kit: Listening to God's call / Escuchar la llamada de Dios” by John Rodríguez, Elisabeth Román, Carmen Aguinaco, Sandra Navarro, Lena McDonagh

A06 **no comments**

BEST LOCAL RETAIL CAMPAIGN ORIGINATING WITH THE PUBLICATION

First Place

Arlington Catholic Herald, Arlington, VA, “Irish Walk” by Victoria Motsay, David Garcia, Advertising Staff

Second Place

Arlington Catholic Herald, Arlington, VA, “Irish Collection” by David Garcia, Advertising Staff

A07

BEST PROMOTIONAL HOUSE AD

First Place

Catholic Herald, Diocese of Madison, Madison, WI, “Take steps to strengthen your faith” by Kat Wagner, Erik Peterson

Excellent imagery. Good use of size. Copy works. Clear call to action.

Second Place

The Catholic Voice, Omaha, NE, "Catholic Voice in the Classroom" by Shannon R.A. Tarvin, Deacon Randy Grosse

Well done. Good use of color and size.

Third Place

The Catholic Review, Baltimore, MD, "Change is Good" by April Hornbeck, Kristina Freeman

The simplicity of this ad really works. Clear information. Purpose clear.

Honorable Mention

Western New York Catholic, Buffalo, NY, "wnycatholic.org 'Like'" by Carolyn Luick

Excellent imagery. Minimal text, yet message still clear. Well done.

The Florida Catholic, Orlando, FL, "It goes where you go" by Michael Jimenez

Good use of color and size. Clean, clear message.

A08a

BEST ONLINE BLOG - Group or Association

First Place

USCCB, Washington, D.C., "USCCB Blog" by Mary Ann Walsh, Don Clemmer, Mar Munoz-Visoso, Norma Montenegro Flynn, Matt Palmer

Very well written and produced.

Second Place

Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province, Notre Dame, IN, "Holy Cross Vocations Blog" by Rev. James Gallagher, C.S.C., Director, Office of Vocations, Rev. Andrew Gawrych, C.S.C., Associate Director, Office of Vocations

Great cross section of interesting and informative articles.

Third Place

One Magazine, New York, NY, "ONE TO ONE" by Staff

Inclusive important reporting.

Honorable Mention

Christian Foundation for Children and Aging, Kansas City, KS, "Around the World With CFCA" by Shanxi Omoniyi, Veronica Batton

Excellent blend of reporting and storytelling, love the pictures.

A08b

BEST ONLINE BLOG - Publication

First Place

National Catholic Reporter, Kansas City, MO, "NCR Today" by Staff and Contributors

Wide variety of articles generate lively commentary. Helpful links encourage the reader to explore deeper into subjects of interest.

Second Place

America Magazine, New York, NY, "In All Things" by Maurice Timothy Reidy

Broad in scope. Excellent writing. Format easy to select articles of interest to the reader. Like direct links to other articles by same author.

Third Place

U.S. Catholic, Chicago, IL, “U.S. Catholic Blog” by U.S. Catholic Staff

Provides access to and insightful commentary on a variety of topics of interest to Catholics.
Promotes lively discussion. Somewhat slow loading.

Honorable Mention

The Catholic Sun, Phoenix, AZ, “Catholic Sun Blog” by Ambria Hammel, J.D. Long-Garcia

Enjoyed the mix of informative articles and local coverage.

A08c

BEST ONLINE BLOG - Individual

First Place

National Catholic Reporter, Kansas City, MO, “All Things Catholic” by John L. Allen Jr.

Careful consideration, goes deep raises level of conversation on topics of interest to Catholics and all thoughtful people.

Second Place

National Catholic Reporter, Kansas City, MO, “Grace on the Margins” by Jamie Manson

In-depth reporting on topics that deserve our attention.

Third Place

National Catholic Reporter, Kansas City, MO, “Distinctly Catholic” by Michael Sean Winters

Lively subjects and writing stimulates reader discussion.

Honorable Mention

Faith Magazine-Diocese of Erie, Erie, PA, “Youth Talk on the Vine” by Father Steve Schreiber

I applaud this thoughtful outreach to young people.

The Catholic Review, Baltimore, MD, “Open Window” by Rita Buettner

Enjoyable reading, uplifting and fun.

A09 no comments

BEST ONLINE CONTENT NOT PUBLISHED IN PRINT

First Place

North Texas Catholic, Fort Worth, TX, “'Ignite My Heart, I burn For You' DCYC's conference theme draws 1,400 youth”; “St. Mary of the Assumption's newly renovated windows offer more than beauty”; “Diocese holds second annual Emerging conference for young adults”; “Handmade with Prayer -- Pray” by Juan Guajardo, Jacqueline Burkepile, Juan Guajardo, Juan Guajardo, Joan Kurkowski-Gillen, Joan Kurkowski-Gillen

Second Place

The Catholic Review, Baltimore, MD, “Paralympian visits Our Lady of Perpetual Help” by Elizabeth Lowe, Tom McCarthy

Third Place

The Catholic Sun, Phoenix, AZ, “Drought and famine in West Africa” by J.D. Long-Garcia, Ambria Hammel

Honorable Mention

CUA Magazine, Washington, D.C., “Catholic University web articles” by Ellen Woods, Katie Lee, Lisa Carroll

Arlington Catholic Herald, Arlington, VA, “On the Road in Rome” by Ann M. Aughterton

A10 no comments

BEST FREESTANDING ONLINE/MULTI-MEDIA PRESENTATION OF PHOTO GALERY OR SLIDE SHOW

First Place

Catholic Courier, Rochester, NY, "Local Catholics reflect on the March For Life" by Mike Crupi

Second Place

The Catholic Review, Baltimore, MD, "Archbishop Lori among record Preakness crowd" by Tom McCarthy

Third Place

Catholic Courier, Rochester, NY, "Breakfast with Santa" by Mike Crupi

Honorable Mention

El Mensajero Catolico, Rochester, NY, "Police, kids dance the day away" by Tamara Tirado

Valley Catholic, The, San Juan, TX, "Three New Priests - Ordination Mass, May 2012" by Terry De Leon, Cesar Riojas, Brenda Nettles Riojas

A11 no comments

BEST FREESTANDING ONLINE/MULTI-MEDIA PRESENTATION OF VIDEO

First Place

Christian Foundation for Children and Aging, Kansas City, KS, "One Dream: The Story of Rey and Allison" by Michele Batliner, Judy-Anne Goldman, Greg Sheffer, Bryan Rich

Second Place

One Magazine, New York, NY, "CNEWA Annual Report 2011" by Staff

Third Place

The Catholic Spirit, St. Paul, MN, "VIDEO: Archdiocesan Youth Day 2012" by Dianne Towalski

Honorable Mention

Catholic News Service, Washington, D.C., "What's in a name?" by Chaz Muth

The Catholic Spirit, St. Paul, MN, "Catholic cowboy relies on his faith" by Dianne Towalski

A12

BEST ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

First Place

One Magazine, New York, NY, "Discover ONE Online" by Staff

Recognizable "brand" in layout and palette. Headlines and photos draw you in.

Second Place

U.S. Catholic, Chicago, IL, "U.S. Catholic e-bulletin" by U.S. Catholic Editors

Thought provoking content delivered in a well designed format. Clean use of type contrasts. Red, gray and black very sophisticated.

Third Place

Christian Foundation for Children and Aging, Kansas City, KS, "Faces of the Movement" by Veronica Batton, Shanxi Omoniyi

Very attractive layout: colorful, compact, easy to navigate.

Honorable Mention

CatholicPhilly.com, Philadelphia, PA, “CatholicPhilly.com Electronic Newsletter”

Lively content, clean presentation, calls you to click.

Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province, Notre Dame, IN, “Duc in Altum” by Rev. James Gallagher, C.S.C., Director, Office of Vocations, Rev. Andrew Gawrych, C.S.C., Associate Director, Office of Vocations

Clean template like layout, attractive palette.

A13

BEST GENERAL PUBLISHER WEB SITE

First Place

Montana Catholic, Helena, MT, “The Roman Catholic Diocese of Helena” by Brooke Tierney, Renee St. Martin Wizeman

A significant amount of meaningful content is well organized with quick access to additional information.

Second Place

VISION Catholic Religious Vocation Discernment Guide, Chicago, IL, “VISION Vocation Network” by Patrice J. Tuohy, Joel Schorn, ideaPort LLC, Anne Marie O'Kelley, Carol Schuck Scheiber, T & J Studios

This is a very deep site, a great deal of content displayed within a fairly organized structure. Good use of color in layout and photos.

Third Place

CatholicPhilly.com, Philadelphia, PA, “CatholicPhilly.com” by CatholicPhilly.com Staff

Fairly clean navigation.

A14 no comments

BEST ORIGINAL POETRY

First Place

Maryknoll, Maryknoll, NY, “The Option for the Poor” by Joseph R. Veneroso, M.M.

Second Place

Maryknoll, Maryknoll, NY, “Take my Hand and Let me Go” by Joseph R. Veneroso, M.M.

Third Place

Magnificat, Yonkers, NY, “The Killed Calf” by Rita A. Simmonds

Honorable Mention

Mission Magazine, New York, NY, “Hand in Hand” by Mary Regis McLoughlin

Faith Magazine-Diocese of Erie, Erie, PA, “Who will love these boys?” by John C., Kenja T.

A15 no comments

BEST REDESIGN

First Place

Northwest Indiana Catholic, Merrillville, IN, “Northwest Indiana Catholic” by Staff

Second Place

The Catholic Review, Baltimore, MD, “Best Redesign” by Staff

Third Place

Claretian Publications, Chicago, IL, "U.S. Catholic: June, August, September 2012" by Tina Herman, Tom Wright, U.S. Catholic Editors

Honorable Mention

CUA Magazine, Washington, D.C., "The Catholic University of America Magazine" by Donna Hobson, Ellen Woods, Victor Nakas

East Texas Catholic, Beaumont, TX, "East Texas Catholic" by Juan Ceja, Karen Gilman, Jeff Dixon, Sarah Dupre

A16

BEST WEB AND PRINT COMBINATION PACKAGE

First Place

Catholic News Herald, Charlotte, NC, "Ad Limina 2012" by SueAnn Howell, Kimberly Bender
Excellent coverage. Well integrated and interconnected.

Second Place

CUA Magazine, Washington, D.C., "Safe Haven" by Lisa Carroll, Donna Hobson, Ed Pfueller, Bart Pollock, Ellen woods

Addition of video is complementary, and informative to the print and digital magazine story. Lovely photography.

Third Place

One Magazine, New York, NY, "Profiles of the Eastern Churches: The Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople" by Michael J. L. La Civita, Erin Edwards

Impressive series uncovering diverse roles. Beautifully produced across media.

Honorable Mention

Catholic News Herald, Charlotte, NC, "Our new shepherds" by Catholic News Herald Staff
Well integrated imagery and message across platforms.

CARDINAL JOHN P. FOLEY AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN CATHOLIC JOURNALISM

A17a **no comments**

INDIVIDUAL EXCELLENCE - Writer

First Place

Tennessee Register, Nashville, TN, "Church struggled for civil rights; Haiti's history of oppression, foreign interference, leaves lasting mark; Church and faith anchor today's soldiers and their families; Farming by faith; Vote to close Smithsonian Craighead 'not end of journey'" by Theresa Laurence

Second Place

Catholic News Service, Washington, D.C., "Nancy Frazier O'Brien of Catholic News Service" by Nancy Frazier O'Brien

Third Place

Tennessee Register, Nashville, TN, "Bishops continue to fight for religious freedom; Nobel Prize shows stem cell research can be ethical, productive; Priests adapt to changes in church since Vatican II; Church answered WWII's call with the rest of U.S.; Little League World Series "cool" by Andy Telli

Honorable Mention

One Magazine, New York, NY, "Religious Minorities in the Middle East; Middle East Christians and the Arab Awakening; Keep Alive the Flame of Divine Love (Subsection: Why It Matters)" by Elias D. Mallon
USCCB, Washington, D.C., ""Catholics Care. Catholics Vote." series" by Don Clemmer

A17b

INDIVIDUAL EXCELLENCE - Editor

First Place

One Magazine, New York, NY, "Kerala's Spice Coast; The High Stakes of Leaving; Salvaging Dignity" by Christopher Boland

Textbook demonstration of great reporting, visual storytelling, design and copyediting.

Second Place

Clarion Herald, New Orleans, LA, "Forty-seven minutes and a life filled with meaning" by Peter Finney Jr
An inspiring story that the writer told masterfully!

Third Place

The Augustinian, Villanova, PA, "The Augustinian Magazine" by Teddie Gallagher
Beautiful work overall.

Honorable Mention **no comments**

The Catholic Sun, Phoenix, AZ, "Reporting for The Catholic Sun" by J.D. Long-Garcia
Magnificat, Yonkers, NY, "Individual Excellence - Fr. Peter John Cameron, O.P." by Father Peter John Cameron, O.P.

A17c

INDIVIDUAL EXCELLENCE - Photographer/Artist

First Place

Catholic Courier, Rochester, NY, "Tamara Tirado -- Individual Excellence samples" by Tamara Tirado
Impressive use of great photographs in a multimedia format -- from paper to web.

Second Place

Tennessee Register, Nashville, TN, "Next stop, Macy's; Pledge of Allegiance (Bishop urges rally participants to defend religious freedom; St. Mary's getting dressed in Sunday best; Lighting the candle; Dominican hugs (Nashville Dominicans respond to God's love with final profession of" by Rick Musacchio
Textbook demonstration of using high-quality photographs to accentuate text.

Third Place

One Magazine, New York, NY, "A Romanian Renaissance; The Colors of Easter; Kerala's Spice Coast; A Fruitful Trade" by Daria Erdosy
Beautiful and effective design!

Honorable Mention

Catholic Courier, Rochester, NY, "Mike Crupi -- Individual Excellence samples" by Mike Crupi
Breath-taking photographs!
East Texas Catholic, Beaumont, TX, "Juan Ceja" by Juan Ceja
Great service to your publication and to your readers.

A17d

INDIVIDUAL EXCELLENCE - Advertising/Business/Marketing Professional

First Place

Faith Magazine-Diocese of Erie, Erie, PA, "Brenda Williams" by Brenda Williams

Impressive entry, but even more impressive is the enterprising way in which Ms. Williams does her job. It's a great service to her publication, the publication's advertising clients, and the readers.

Second Place **no comments**

Catholic Herald, Diocese of Madison, Madison, WI, "Steve Hefty" by Steve Hefty

M01a

BEST COVER 4 Color - Large (over 6x9.5)

First Place

Columbia, New Haven, CT, "Apr-12" by Columbia Staff

A simple clean design that utilizes a powerful image to quickly convey the message. The subtle use of the cover blurb, the black background work to draw the reader in. An important topic presented in a compelling way.

Second Place

Legatus Magazine, Ave Maria, FL, "The Crisis of Fatherhood" by Patrick Novecosky, Shawna Kunz

The picture is what works here in combination with the cover blurb. The head pointing down draws the reader's eye to the blurb. The strong horizontal of the blurb repeats the arms crossing the child's legs. Sadness and despair cries out in the body language.

Third Place

U.S. Catholic, Chicago, IL, "September 2012 U.S. Catholic" by Tom Wright

A unique approach to a conventional cover image. The shadow images playing across the young man's face and in the background draw the reader in. The blurb is short and powerful, working to reinforce what is going in within the image.

M01b

BEST COVER 4 Color -Small (up to 6x9.5)

First Place

Maryknoll, Maryknoll, NY, "In Turkanaland" by Sean Sprague, Kimberly Garrett

A powerful image combined with a clean, simple design makes this cover a resounding success. Special note regarding the kerning on Turkanaland. A difficult task but well executed.

Second Place

Mission Magazine, New York, NY, "MISSION 'In You, Lord, I have found my peace...'" by Staff

The small boy, the winning smile, and the cover blurb combine to pull the reader into the story. The image tells us that there is much more to the story, and the blurb compels us to find out more. The boy's eyes pull the reader back up to the name place creating a strong visual line.

Third Place

Catholic Missions In Canada, Toronto, Ontario, ON, "Winter Road: A Christmas in the North" by Patria Rivera (Editor), Bishop Gary Gordon (Photographer), Kyle Schruder (Designer)

This symmetrical layout draws the reader into the landscape. We feel the chill of the "winter road" and want to know what the story is all about. A clean simple layout, completing image and a story that pull the reader into the magazine makes this a success.

M01c

BEST COVER - 1- 2 or 3 Color Any Size

First Place

Faith Magazine-Diocese of Saginaw, Saginaw, MI, "Like A Butterfly" by Sarah Moore Kuschell, Abby Feldpausch

Group shots for covers are always difficult but this one works. There is movement, joy and the reader's eye is encouraged to go from face to face to face. The design is clean, avoids overcrowding with blurbs that can distract the reader from the image.

Second Place

None Selected

M02

BEST SHORT STORY

First Place

St. Anthony Messenger Magazine, Cincinnati, OH, "Alondra's Bouquet" by Mary Kay Lane

Well-composed. good, clean, simple description and detail. active pacing. realistic characters. well-blended backstory and moral. the total package.

Second Place

Liguorian Magazine, Ligouri, MO, "Trees Must Bend" by Catherine Waller

Interesting flashback to a lynchpin moment in south american history. Told from a unique angle.

Third Place

Liguorian Magazine, Ligouri, MO, "A New Mourning" by Karen Bruckbauer

Reflections and ruminations on tragedy. multiple perspectives, shuffled succinctly, and wrapped in dialogue.

M03a

BEST ESSAY - National general interest magazines

First Place

America Magazine, New York, NY, "Help Their Unbelief" by Matt Emerson

Well-written, well-crafted, and well-argued persuasive reflection on an important topics.

Second Place

America Magazine, New York, NY, "Waiting for Gabriel" by Timothy P. O'Malley

Heartfelt and tender, and an unflinchingly personal reflection.

Third Place

Liguorian Magazine, Ligouri, MO, "What Words Can't Convey" by Johan van Parys, PhD

Well-researched, scholarly, accessible guidance to the wisdom of things without words.

Honorable Mention

U.S. Catholic, Chicago, IL, "A Mass" by Brian Doyle

Humane and human storytelling; well-observed with a keen eye for telling detail.
U.S. Catholic, Chicago, IL, "Sorrowful Mysteries" by Michele Weldon
Smooth and smart writing, but even better - insightful and inspirational thinking.

M03b

BEST ESSAY - Diocesan magazines

First Place

Faith Magazine-Diocese of Erie, Erie, PA, "Deacon Glenn gets a second chance" by Deacon Glenn Kuzma, Anne-Marie Welsh

A morality tale in the best tradition of the form: told in an engaging, lively voice; a likable narrator; a compelling and recognizable human dilemma, and vivid examples. Well done.

Second Place

Faith Magazine-Diocese of Erie, Erie, PA, "It was an extremely big deal" by Anne-Marie Welsh, Stephen Tobolowsky

A deeply reflexive and personal account that leads the reader on a journey to an inspiring conclusion.

Third Place

Faith Catholic -- Publishing, Lansing, MI, "You have six months to live" by Jason Negri

A persuasive wrestling with an emotional and nuanced issue.

Honorable Mention

Faith Catholic -- Publishing, Lansing, MI, "If you could give only one more homily, what would you say to God's people?" by Douglas Culp, Robert Schramm

The sweet and (literally) heartfelt theme of this essay is deceptively simple; this is a well-written and thoroughly polished essay.

Faith Catholic -- Publishing, Lansing, MI, "Walking and talking our Catholic faith" by Krysten Perkins

Everyday examples illuminate this commonsense piece of persuasion.

M03c

BEST ESSAY - Mission magazines - overseas and home

First Place

Maryknoll, Maryknoll, NY, "Taking Care of God's creation" by Lawrence Radice, M.M.

Excellent lead, clearly argued, deeply felt, and told with a personal passion.

Second Place

One Magazine, New York, NY, "Middle East Christians and the Arab Awakening" by Elias Mallon

A compelling rendition of a complex situation that offers insight and relevant examples.

Third Place

One Magazine, New York, NY, "Jewish and Non-Jewish Identities in Israel" by Ron Kronish

Rich with details and observations that can only come from personal experience and deep commitment.

Honorable Mention

Catholic Missions In Canada, Toronto, Ontario, ON, "A mission statement for a Mission Church" by Father Michael Stogre, S.J.

An informed and caring account.

M03d

BEST ESSAY - Religious order magazines

First Place

VISION Catholic Religious Vocation Discernment Guide, Chicago, IL, "Called, and called again" by Sister Sister Camille D'Arienzo, R.S.M.

A reflexive and thoughtful retelling of a series of life choices, and a persuasive account of the values realized from a lifetime of faith.

Second Place

Plentiful Redemption, Annapolis, MD, "Habits of the heart" by Rev. Richard Bennett, C.Ss.R., Redemptorist Office for Mission Advancement

Anchored with a charming anecdote, this essay persuasively argues for a life honoring commitments of faith.

Third Place

VISION Catholic Religious Vocation Discernment Guide, Chicago, IL, "Living the vows" by Sister Renée Daigle, M.S.C.

Vow by vow, this essay offers very human and revealing considerations of living a life of faith, and the rewards that follow.

Honorable Mention

Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province, Notre Dame, IN, "The Blessings of Celibacy" by Rev. Thomas Looney, C.S.C., Rev. James Gallagher, C.S.C.; Director, Office of Vocations, Rev. Andrew Gawrych, C.S.C.; Associate Director, Office of Vocations, Lucha Ramey

This essay connects with the reader and reveals the humanity and sacrifice (without becoming self-pitying) behind a lifetime of religious service.

M03e

BEST ESSAY - Professional & special-interest magazines - including clergy & religious

First Place

Catholic Health World, St. Louis, MO, "Health Progress "For-profit and Catholic: How Would the Ministry Fare?" by Sr. Doris Gottemoeller, RSM, PhD, Pamela Schaeffer, Lilah Lohr

Competently written, persuasively and clearly argued, and well laid-out logic. What an essay should be: an exercise in thinking through an issue with thoughtful reflection.

Second Place

Horizon, Journal of the National Religious Vocation Conference, Chicago, IL, "Confessions of a seminarian's mother" by Lisa Anderson

An unusual perspective on the issue of a calling to the priesthood, warmly recorded and intelligently argued.

Third Place

At Home with Our Faith, Chicago, IL, "Wanted: A New Sacrament" by Annemarie Scobey

A sacrament for adoption! What a compelling idea! Apart from this intriguing suggestion, this essay is personal, smart, and well-crafted, delivering clear examples of caring parenting in action.

Honorable Mention

National Catholic Bioethics Center, Philadelphia, PA, “Developing a Policy on Fetal Remains” by GERALYN ABBOTT

The essayist takes the reader on a journey of pragmatic problem-solving of an emotional issue. The writing is warm while also being clear and logical, and is emotionally compelling without becoming maudlin.

Catholic Health World, St. Louis, MO, “Health Progress "Strategies in Education: Breaking Down Silos, Building Up Teams"” by Kathleen A. Kalb, PhD, RN, Susan O'Connor-Von, PhD, RN, Pamela Schaeffer, Lilah Lohr

Direct, clear writing; well-argued points; logical thinking.

M03g

BEST ESSAY - Prayer & spirituality magazines

First Place

Spiritual Life, Washington, DC, ““The Hound of Heaven" for Today” by Robert Waldron

Insightful writing, knowledgeable scholarship, illuminating examples, and thorough familiarity with the subject.

Second Place

Magnificat, Yonkers, NY, “Who Is the Seeker?” by Anthony Esolen

Compellingly argued in a lovely, fluid writing style. Takes up an intriguing question and wrestles with it engagingly.

Third Place

Spiritual Life, Washington, DC, “Can Even the Love of God Come to an End?” by Bruno Moriconi

Beautifully written, clear thinking, well-crafted, and smartly chosen examples.

Honorable Mention

Magnificat, Yonkers, NY, “All Saints” by Heather King

Fascinating examples and well-written arguments.

Magnificat, Yonkers, NY, “The Preference Test” by Father Richard Veras

An intriguing “test” and argument with lively examples.

M04

BEST EDITORIAL

First Place

Magnificat, Yonkers, NY, “Editorial” by Father Peter John Cameron, O.P.

On what it means to be a priest in a broken world. Thoughtful, educated, beautiful, simple & eloquent. Maybe the best writer in the competition. Everyone should read this piece.

Second Place

U.S. Catholic, Chicago, IL, “My Friend the Abuser” by Bryan Cones

A bold, brave new angle on THE issue of our day. A messy and complicated - but fresh and personal vantage.

Third Place

Catholic Health World, St. Louis, MO, "Health Progress "Your Conscience and Your Vote"" by Sr. Patricia Talone, Pamela Schaeffer, Lilah Lohr

A thorough and well-conceived reflection on Conscience and Prudence; long forgotten virtues, again alive - and never more essential.

Honorable Mention

Linacre Quarterly, Bala Cynwyd, PA, "The Vocation of a Doctor" by Donald Landry, M.D., Ph.D.

Smoothly woven string of eloquent narratives; reflections on a life's work in service.

Liguorian Magazine, Ligouri, MO, "Modeling Mary: Our Pilgrimage of Faith" by Thomas A. Thompson, SM

Beautiful retelling and re-imagining of Mary's life as pilgrimage. Well-researched. Great quotes, scripture, history and sources. Elegant and simple.

M05a

BEST REGULAR COLUMN - Spiritual life

First Place

Liguorian Magazine, Ligouri, MO, "Just Live It" by Kate Basi

Clear, concise, a fun read that hits the target. What more do we need?

Second Place

U.S. Catholic, Chicago, IL, "Testaments: Bless us, O Lord; Medicine man; A joy to be around" by Alice Camille

The author brags us with images of blessing roller skates and people who have no right to be happy. It is a trip through religious exploration well worth taking.

Third Place

Parable Magazine, Manchester, NH, "Profile in Holiness" by Cynthia Nicolosi, Ph.D.

Quality profiles of the saintly life.

Honorable Mention

Columbia, New Haven, CT, "Learning the Faith, Living the Faith" by William Lori

Good commentaries and instruction on faith today.

M05b

BEST REGULAR COLUMN - General commentary

First Place

Lay Witness, Steubenville, OH, "A New Evangelization" by Emily Stimpson

The topics, ideas and opinions of Emily Stimpson are first-rate reading. Bringing sex week, contraception and the changing life at Kartause Maria Thron are inviting and well presented.

Second Place

U.S. Catholic, Chicago, IL, "Margin Notes: Smoke and mirrors; Under the influence; Out of the ashes" by Kevin Clarke

Margin Notes brings faith and life into plain view and leads us on a journey of discovery through its columns. Great variety of topics and expression.

Third Place

America Magazine, New York, NY, "Best Regular Column" by John F. Kavanaugh

Whether it is the "hooking up" culture, bringing folks back to Church or political ideology, there well-written and well-grounded thoughts of the author are a pleasure to share.

Honorable Mention

U.S. Catholic, Chicago, IL, "The Examined Life: My friend the abuser; Guilt by disassociation; The devil in the details" by Bryan Cones

Columbia, New Haven, CT, "Building a Better World" by Carl Anderson

M05c

BEST REGULAR COLUMN - Family life

First Place

Columbia, New Haven, CT, "Fathers for Good" by Brandon Vogt, Greg Willits, Thomas Vander Woude

Second Place

Faith Catholic -- Publishing, Lansing, MI, "He says: I want my wife to come to Mass with me. She says: I am not Catholic" by JoAnne Fogle, Tom Fogle

Third Place

Catholic Connection, Shreveport, LA, "Domestic Church" by Katie Sciba

Honorable Mention

North Texas Catholic, Fort Worth, TX, ""Sometimes when seeking assurance God gives it to us simply"; "The greatest gift - hope; May our kids and grandkids receive it"; "Preserving our kids' innocence; It won't last forever, but it's worthy of our protection"" by Kathy Cribari Hamer

Faith Catholic -- Publishing, Lansing, MI, "My mother is interfering with my baby-sitting rules" by Cathleen McGreal

M06a

BEST SINGLE PHOTO - Best single photo - black & white

First Place

Maryknoll, Maryknoll, NY, "Misión en Acción" by Francisco Suárez, Valentín Concha-Núñez

Wonderful expressive portrait. Well photographed, excellent composition, lighting and use of depth. Well done

Second Place

None Selected

M06b

BEST SINGLE PHOTO - Color

First Place

Columbia, New Haven, CT, ""Alexander House"" by Rich Green

Not only is a wonderful moment but there are so many layers of information in the photograph.

The story is all there.

Second Place

Parable Magazine, Manchester, NH, "Parish Profile" by Matthew Lomanno

Clearly the most story telling photograph in the article. The picture shows you exactly the point of the story. Also the photographer found a different point of view to make this photograph that much more interesting.

Third Place

One Magazine, New York, NY, "A Bridge to Modern Life (Nun and Bedouin Child)" by Tanya Habjouqa
The connection between the child and the nun really jumped out at me in this photograph. It had that feel of a special bond between the two.

Honorable Mention

Maryknoll, Maryknoll, NY, "Guided by a Saint in Kenya" by Sean Sprague, Kimberly Garrett
Just a nice candid moment. This elevated this picture above several similar pictures that were obviously posed.

Faith Catholic -- Publishing, Lansing, MI, "New outlook, new life Bob Villa lets go and lets God" by Tom Gennara

This image made me want to know more about the subject. It drew me into the story. Although maybe "just" a portrait it was really compelling. The background served as a good scene setter to the story.

M07

BEST PHOTO STORY ORIGINATING WITH A MAGAZINE OR NEWSLETTER

First Place

North Texas Catholic, Fort Worth, TX, ""40 Days for Life Fort Worth"" by Juan Guajardo, Jeff Hensley
All the elements of a good story are there from scene setter, to detail to emotion. Story suffers a little in quality of the image but still the winner.

Second Place

Franciscan Media, Cincinnati, OH, "Christmas at the Monastery" by Jeanne Kortekamp, James Behrens, OCSO
Could very easily been just a bunch of photographs but was put together in a story telling manner. As with the first place all the elements of a good story were included and it was well edited.

Third Place

One Magazine, New York, NY, "The Colors of Easter" by Marvin Anderson
Perfect simple story on how these eggs were done with stunning photographs and use of color. Well organized, well photographed and easy to follow.

Honorable Mention

VISION Catholic Religious Vocation Discernment Guide, Chicago, IL, "Taking on new habits" by Chris Bronson
I hope the photographer follows these men as they make their journey. Nice story on their beginning and a good glimpse in to the life they are exploring.

M08a

BEST MULTIPLE PICTURE PACKAGE – News

First Place

North Texas Catholic, Fort Worth, TX, ""Bishop Vann Installed"" by Joan Kurkowski-Gillen, Donna Ryckaert, Kathy Cribari Hamer, Joan Kurkowski-Gillen
Nice selection of photos. Don't be afraid to be more selective so that some photos could be even larger.

Second Place

None Selected

M08b

BEST MULTIPLE PICTURE PACKAGE - Feature

First Place

U.S. Catholic, Chicago, IL, "Though the mountains may fall" by Paul Corbit Brown
Very appealing package. Introductory photo is awesome.

Second Place

One Magazine, New York, NY, "A Romanian Renaissance" by Andreea Câmpeanu
Interesting package. Nice photos and use.

Third Place

One Magazine, New York, NY, "Salvaging Dignity" by Sarah Topol, Dana Smillie
Great intro photo and use of other photos inside.

Honorable Mention

CUA Magazine, Washington, D.C., "Safe Haven" by Ed Pfueller, Donna Hobson, Lisa Carroll
Good photos. Nice layout.

M09

BEST ILLUSTRATION- EITHER WITH ART WORK OR PHOTOGRAPHY

First Place

The Couple to Couple League, Cincinnati, OH, "Are we done? Discerning family size" by Scott Bruno, Steve Paszt

The simplicity yet complexity of the illustration well-represents the story theme, and the color tones provide a nice warmth.

Second Place

Franciscan Media, Cincinnati, OH, "St. Clare" by Shelly Hehenberger

This colorful, pretty illustration is inviting, comforting and almost meditative in feel.

Third Place

Parable Magazine, Manchester, NH, "Witness to History" by Cameron Bennett

The visual layers/depth of the illustration creates a timeline/passage of time effect and the depth draws the viewer into the illustration.

M10

BEST SPECIAL ISSUE- SECTION- OR SUPPLEMENT

First Place

U.S. Catholic, Chicago, IL, "Are we there yet? The sex abuse crisis at 10" by Bob Smietana, Scott Alessi, Nicholas Cafardi, U.S. Catholic Editors

An impressive package that tackled this difficult and important topic head on. Survey data, review board explainer and a thoughtful essay were well presented.

Second Place

St. Anthony Messenger Magazine, Cincinnati, OH, "Poverty in the United States" by St. Anthony Messenger

I thought this package addressed the many issues and causes of poverty in a constructive and easy to understand presentation.

Third Place

Catholic Health World, St. Louis, MO, "Health Progress November-December 2012 "Medicaid: The Way Forward"" by Pamela Schaeffer, Lilah Lohr, Les Stock, Donna Troy

Interesting combination of stories on the important challenges facing Medicaid. Not too wonky, but intelligently written and edited.

Honorable Mention

Bayou Catholic, Schriever, LA, "Bayou Outdoor Guide Fall 2012" by Lawrence Chatagnier

I thought this was a well presented, well written package. Good outdoors writing and story telling.

M11

BEST INTERVIEW

First Place

U.S. Catholic, Chicago, IL, "Save the Date" by Kerry Cronin, U.S. Catholic Editors

Just a spectacular piece. Totally undercover and timely issue; presented with a fresh angle. An insightful eloquent subject - rich with expertise, understanding, vision, foresight and even answers. Well-seasoned with faith. A series of thoughtful questions fleshes everything out. Well edited, to boot.

Second Place

The Couple to Couple League, Cincinnati, OH, "Committed to the Game Plan" by Ann Gundlach, Christina Ries

Marvelous. Two eloquent subjects; joy-filled lives, illuminated perfectly and clearly. Most impressively done without sinking to saccharine or settling into feel-good fluff and hero worship. A national figure and recognizable celebrity - beautifully presented as a simple human. Fresh legs for an age-old issue, enough questions to flesh the story out fully yet, no overlap, dangling ends or unnecessary distractions. Thoughtful and informative. Well sorted and edited.

Third Place

U.S. Catholic, Chicago, IL, "A Jewish take on Jesus" by Amy-Jill Levine, U.S. Catholic Editors

Fascinating subject. Incredible interviewee; knowledgeable, thoughtful, eloquent - on top of the past and far far ahead of her time. Best researched questions in the competition. Great vantage point, fresh issues and sound composition.

Honorable Mention

Dimensions, Hempstead, NY, "Dimensions Interview: Testing and Segmentation: Are They For Everyone?" by Laura Durlington

A very forward thinking interviewee, sharing abundant expertise. Clearly organized and edited.
Good questions; great subject.

VISION Catholic Religious Vocation Discernment Guide, Chicago, IL, "Accept the gift of forgiveness" by
Father Britto M. Berchmans, Caroline Hopkinson

Timeless sacrament, born fresh thru a good interview. Nice blend of scripture and history - with
practical modern daily application.

M12

BEST PERSONALITY PROFILE

First Place

One Magazine, New York, NY, "Salvaging Dignity" by Sarah Topol, Dana Smillie

Captures so well the plight of a group of people through the life of one family striving to be a family
in an environment that treats them as garbage.

Second Place

Faith Catholic -- Publishing, Lansing, MI, "Until they go home to be with God' Sister Mary and the
Servants of Gpd's Love make life special for older adults" by Nancy Shertzling

Author expertly and carefully blends the cared with the care givers in a natural setting that makes
us want to listen in.

Third Place

Faith Magazine-Diocese of Saginaw, Saginaw, MI, "A Love for Life" by Erin Carlson

A look at the joy of life through birth and opposition to abortion through the lives of a couple.
Excellent beginning that forces reader to read on.

Honorable Mention

Columbia, New Haven, CT, ""The World is Not Our Home"" by Erika Ahern

The author reminds us that today's couples face ageless problems as seen through the life of one
dedicated family.

Faith Catholic -- Publishing, Lansing, MI, "Dr. Dan Heffernan brings medical care to those who cannot
afford it" by Nancy Schertzling

Such an excellent look at the relationship among a doctor, those he serves and God, all working
together to improve life.

M13

BEST COVERAGE OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ISSUES

First Place

America Magazine, New York, NY, "Religious Liberty" by Blase Cupich, Mary Ann Glendon, David
Hollenbach, Thomas A. Shannon

A wide-reaching, but thorough reflection on religious liberty today. Timely and informed, with
pressing issues at the forefront. Staggering in its breadth and grasp.

Second Place

Columbia, New Haven, CT, "Religious Liberty April 2012" by Mary Deturris Poust, Michael Moreland,
Greg Burke

Thorough, in-depth reporting. prominent figures, core and periphery issues. Cleanly assembled and well-written.

Third Place

The Couple to Couple League, Cincinnati, OH, "Fighting the HHS Mandate" by Mike Manhart, Ph.D., Bob Laird, Gerri Laird

Broad issues made clear and even personal, thru well-informed insight. A half-step too loquacious and a hair too litigious. Nonetheless, well-thought out and thorough. Calls to action are a great touch.

Honorable Mention

Legatus Magazine, Ave Maria, FL, "Freedom Fighter, What Matters Most, Defending Liberty" by Patrick Novecosky, Judy Roberts, Sabrina Arena Ferrisi

Perhaps the perfect voice to discuss religious liberty today. Clear writing simplifies and elucidates, simultaneously.

M14

BEST COVERAGE OF THE YEAR OF FAITH

First Place

Columbia, New Haven, CT, "Year of Faith Coverage" by Peter Vaghi, Geno Sylva, William Lori

Well presented, put the Year of Faith in appropriate historical perspective, with with clear writing and editing.

Second Place

Faith Magazine-Diocese of Erie, Erie, PA, "Where will you find God in this Year of Faith?" by Anne-Marie Welsh, The Most Rev. Lawrence Persico, Jay Dardes, Art Becker, Lynne Hsu

I thought this was a handsome package with numerous elements and effective photography. Well presented.

Third Place

Franciscan Media, Cincinnati, OH, "I Believe" by I Believe

This felt like an ambitious, well prepared package of articles and essays.

Honorable Mention

Magnificat, Yonkers, NY, "Editorial" by Father Peter John Cameron, O.P.

I really enjoyed these thoughtful, well written essays.

M15

BEST COVERAGE OF THE ELECTION AND FORMING CONSCIENCE

First Place

America Magazine, New York, NY, "Coverage of Election" by The Editors , Richard E. Pates

Poses insightful questions that illuminates the vice presidents' Catholic faith.

Second Place

Parable Magazine, Manchester, NH, "Catholic Social Teaching" by Bishop Peter A. Libasci, Caroline Blonski, Gary Bouchard, Kevin Donovan, Dana Laviano, James Lockwood

An extremely comprehensive guide to the issues relevant to Catholic voters.

Third Place

Faith Catholic -- Publishing, Lansing, MI, "A guide to faithful citizenship your vote matters" by Michigan Catholic Conference
Covers a wide variety of issues important to Catholic voters.

M16

BEST COVERAGE OF THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF VATICAN II'S OPENING

First Place

America Magazine, New York, NY, "Anniversary of Vatican II" by Ladislav Orsy, Martin Marty, Dolores R. Leckey, Gerald O'Collins, Catherine E. Clifford, Greg Kandra

A deep dive into the impact of Vatican II from a variety of important perspectives. The viewpoint of the Protestant historian was an especially interesting way to approach the topic.

Second Place

Liguorian Magazine, Liguori, MO, "Liguorian October 2012 Vatican II at 50" by Massimo Faggioli, Terry McCloskey, CSsR, Matthew Allman, CSsR

A memorable history of the Vatican told in stories, photos and a timeline. Well done.

Third Place

U.S. Catholic, Chicago, IL, "Vatican 2.0: A look to the next 50 years; Good council; Vatican 2.0 (second of three-part series)" by U.S. Catholic Staff

A comprehensive view that not only looks back at Vatican II, but also looks to the future.

M17

BEST COVERAGE OF VOCATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD- RELIGIOUS LIFE OR DIACONATE

First Place

The Augustinian, Villanova, PA, "Augustinian Vocations: Answering the "Call" in the 21st Century; Conversations: Vocation Stories" by Teddie Gallagher, Kitty Sheridan, Bryan Smith, Kevin Salemme, Emily Morgan, Jenna Navitsky, 20nine

An attractive layout that is colorful and well-designed, plus info graphics, help advance the story. These compelling personal accounts, buttressed by cogent interviews with key sources, bring the profiled subjects alive.

Second Place

The Couple to Couple League, Cincinnati, OH, "Religious Vocations: How the NFP lifestyle opens the door" by Kathleen M. Basi

Artful design complements the narrative and pulls the reader through the story. The use of snapshots can kill a story, but here, they are employed in ways that enhance the narrative as tales of family life. The story is well written and compellingly told, with meaningful use of quotes.

Third Place

America Magazine, New York, NY, "The Long Black Line" by Patrick Gilger

Marvelously written, engaging story telling. A moving account of personal inspiration that is made universal by smart writing. The image of the ordination mass contributes to the story's theme.

Honorable Mention

Living City Magazine, Hyde Park, NY, "Man of the cloth... and tap shoes" by Sarah Mundell

Great imagery and a fascinating and unusual story carry the narrative here.

Faith Catholic -- Publishing, Lansing, MI, "Ordination 2012 Father James Victor Mangan" by Tom Gennara, Patrick Dally

Well-used quotes, competent writing, and a design that truly helps tell these stories, bringing readers through the narrative and amplifying the voices.

M18

BEST REVIEW

First Place

Horizon, Journal of the National Religious Vocation Conference, Chicago, IL, "Good news for the church: most priests are happy" by Jim Kent

Interesting topic. Nice summation. Driven by a well-flavored personal slant. Tucked into a well-painted big picture for society, the church and world. Good news, to boot.

Second Place

Vermont Catholic, South Burlington, VT, "Book Review" by Kay Winchester

Good selection. Clean, clear writing. Efficient summations. Good quotes. Poignancy and an eye on the big picture. High-quality work.

Third Place

America Magazine, New York, NY, "Abe, Honestly" by John Anderson

Very well written. Very well informed. Very well researched. Very thoughtful. Very polished.

Honorable Mention

American Catholic Studies, Villanova, PA, "Review of Avery Cardinal Dulles, SJ: A Model Theologian, 1918-2008 by Patrick W. Carey" by Stephen M. Fields, S.J.

High-gloss, intricate, intellectual wordsmithing. Interesting subject; clean clear summation.

American Catholic Studies, Villanova, PA, "Perspectives on Religious Life Today(Apostolic Religious Life in America Today: A Response to the Crisis by Richard Gribble, CSC/Prophets in Their Own Country: Women Religious Bearing Witness to the Gospel in a Troubled Church by Sandra M. Schneiders, IHM" by Karen Kennelly, C.S.J., Robert C. Berger, F.S.C., Dolores Liptak, R.S.M., Robert E. Carbonneau, C.P.

Interesting concept; lining up four reviewers for two subjects. Profound personal perspectives provide balance & depth.

M19

BEST REVIEW SECTION

First Place

America Magazine, New York, NY, "Fall Books" by Peter Steinfels, Thomas P. Rausch, Dennis M. Leder, Joseph J. Feeney, Charles R. Morris

Thoughtful, intelligent, well edited and a nice combination of reviews.

Second Place

Claretian Publications, Chicago, IL, "How terribly strange to be 70; August 2012 reviews" by Patrick McCormick, Danny Duncan-Collum, Nicholas Cafardi

Nice package. I enjoyed the recommendations of similar works.

Third Place

American Catholic Studies, Villanova, PA, "Book Reviews Vol. 123, No. 1 (Spring 2012)" by Multiple Reviewers

Honorable Mention

Franciscan Media, Cincinnati, OH, "Book Corner" by Carol Ann Morrow, Rachel Zawila

M20a

BEST IN-DEPTH WRITING

First Place

America Magazine, New York, NY, "Why Not Women?" by Emil Wcela

Author does an excellent job both rhetorically such as with the title, but also in building her story with historical facts and perspectives.

Second Place

America Magazine, New York, NY, "In Harm's Way" by Mary Meehan

The juxtaposition in the opening sentences sets the tone for a solid piece. The tone is appropriate and the overall message is nicely pulled and centered visually showing the article's main message.

Third Place

One Magazine, New York, NY, "Salvaging Dignity" by Sarah Topol, Dana Smillie

Overall, an incredibly interesting piece. The story drives itself but the author's style emphasizes this compelling story.

Honorable Mention

One Magazine, New York, NY, "India's Christian Untouchables" by Peter Lemieux

The author does an excellent job describing contemporary India while also informing the reader of the rich historical context.

North Texas Catholic, Fort Worth, TX, "'Keeping the DREAM alive'" by Juan Guajardo, Tony Gutierrez

Author weaves personal accounts of affected persons with the facts and details of the larger political context in a seamless fashion that gives the topic meaning.

M20b

BEST ANALYSIS WRITING

First Place

Franciscan Media, Cincinnati, OH, "Poverty in the United States" by St. Anthony Messenger

This piece was insightful and well written with a unique perspective. Author was able to weave back and forth between the abstract topic and the concrete reality of poverty.

Second Place

Soul - World Apostolate of Fatima, Washington, NJ, "Sacred Art Recapturing a Treasure" by Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D., Vincent Covello, Megan Pritchard

Author was able to detail a complex and long history without making the piece dry and dull. Very detailed information sewed together in a way that opens readers to new perspective on Catholic churches.

Third Place

Legatus Magazine, Ave Maria, FL, "Death in Massachusetts" by Sabrina Arena Ferrisi

Nice use of a personal story to hook readers while following it up with clear, detailed prose that lays out the political scene in a no nonsense way.

M21a

BEST FEATURE ARTICLE - General interest magazines

First Place

U.S. Catholic, Chicago, IL, "Pride and Prejudice" by Kristen Hannum

This article is well-researched, including sources representing a variety of viewpoints on the topic, perhaps even viewpoints of which some readers might not have been aware. This is well-written, quality journalism.

Second Place

U.S. Catholic, Chicago, IL, "Take it to the board" by Bob Smietana

Very good coverage of a topic long in the media using a wide array of sources. The article helps the reader see what is being done to keep children safe and what can be done better.

Third Place

Columbia, New Haven, CT, "'Treating Disorders, Transforming Lives'" by Jeannette Cooperman

The visual details provided in the article text help the reader see the old space and envision the new facility that will serve autistic children and their families. Well-organized and good use of different sources.

M21b

BEST FEATURE ARTICLE - Diocesan magazines

First Place

Faith Magazine-Diocese of Erie, Erie, PA, "The wonder of this place" by Anne-Marie Welsh

This descriptive visual and spiritual tour of St. Peter's Basilica truly shows the connection between art and faith and the powerful impact art can have. Beautifully written.

Second Place

North Texas Catholic, Fort Worth, TX, "'A Special Mass for Special Families'" by John Henry, Michael McGee, Tony Gutierrez

This is a wonderful story of one church community's response to the special needs of its membership. The details convey the passion of the church leadership, volunteers and participating families to reach its special young population.

Third Place

North Texas Catholic, Fort Worth, TX, "'New Media and the New Evangelization" / "Spreading the Gospel to all corners of the worldwide web'" by Juan Guajardo, Jacqueline Burkepille, Tony Gutierrez

The different bloggers featured shows the variety of viewpoints and reasons for utilizing new media. Great use of quotes.

M21c

BEST FEATURE ARTICLE - Mission magazines - overseas and home

First Place

One Magazine, New York, NY, "Praying Behind Barbed Wire" by Joost van Egmond

Engaging from the moment you read the title. Excellent background information coupled with personal narratives made this piece stand out.

Second Place

Maryknoll, Maryknoll, NY, "Expanding the Maasai Horizon" by Sean Sprague

Excellent voice throughout piece. Author is able to stir pity in the reader while remaining somewhat objective in the story telling.

Third Place

One Magazine, New York, NY, "Making the Grade" by Peter Lemieux

Author skillfully highlights the immense obstacles these children go through while still fighting for their own education. Solid use of individual stories to build a collective.

Honorable Mention

Columban Mission, St. Columbans, NE, "Street Children Locked Up" by Fr. John Keenan

This piece exposed some very troubling social issues and had decent success portraying those realities to its readers. It stood out in this regard.

M21d

BEST FEATURE ARTICLE - Religious order magazines

First Place

Plentiful Redemption, Annapolis, MD, "To let them know they're not forgotten" by Stephanie K. Tracy, Redemptorist Office for Mission Advancement

This author made excellent use of multiple narrative structures to tell the church's story. The use of sensory details helps bring the world to life for the reader while also incorporating facts and details.

Second Place

The Augustinian, Villanova, PA, "Models For Justice And Peace" by Teddie Gallagher, Kitty Sheridan, Jenna Navitsky, 20nine

Author was able to use the interview format without falling into repetitious diction. Piece used space and layout well to help guide the reader through some detailed content with well written and clear prose.

Third Place

Heart to Heart, Latrobe, PA, "Heart to Heart. Monks in the Military" by Elizabeth Cousins

Author does an excellent job at bringing to light a topic that deserves more attention while also listing a history of this particular type of ministry.

M21e

BEST FEATURE ARTICLE - Professional & Special-interest - including clergy & religious

First Place

CUA Magazine, Washington, D.C., "Walking with Nathaniel" by Ellen Woods, Donna Hobson, Ed Pfueller

Excellent piece all around. Well written, the language is clear and poetic. The motif of the journey throughout made this piece stand out.

Second Place

The Couple to Couple League, Cincinnati, OH, "Survival mode: Coping with life-threatening illness" by Maria Wiering

From the opening pull quote, author engages the reader, getting their attention and maintaining it. Well written and informative.

Third Place

CUA Magazine, Washington, D.C., "Sacred Space" by Patricia Coll Freeman, Lara Fredrickson, Ed Pfueller

Unique content first makes this piece stand out, but the author does an excellent job bringing details to life.

Honorable Mention

Today's Catholic Teacher, Dayton, OH, "G.R.E.E.N. Your Classroom the Catholic Way" by Jill Buck

The author's tone and style in this green piece made it seem more accessible to a larger audience. Well written and engaging.

M21f

BEST FEATURE ARTICLE - Scholarly magazines

First Place

American Catholic Studies, Villanova, PA, "Counting Catholics in the United States" by J. Patrick Hornbeck, II

This article is a courageous attempt to address the numbers about church member loss without trying to fit them into a given interpretative agenda.

Second Place

Horizons, Villanova, PA, "Interpersonal and Social Reconciliation: Finding Congruence in African Theological Anthropology" by Horizons, Anna Floerke Scheid

This article explores an interesting dichotomy in Western church culture by juxtaposing it with its absence in more communitarian cultures.

Third Place

American Catholic Studies, Villanova, PA, "'An Honest Response to Serious Losses': Recent Initiatives in American Catholic Education" by Timothy Walch

This article poses crucial and critical questions about one of the church's biggest challenges in the 21st century.

M21g

BEST FEATURE ARTICLE - Prayer & spirituality magazines

First Place

Spiritual Life, Washington, DC, "Spiritual Life and the Catholic College Student" by Francis Hannafey

This is a thoughtful article that respectfully and emphatically wrestles with students' experiences of faith, while seeking tangible answers to how religious educators can better serve students on college campuses.

Second Place

Soul - World Apostolate of Fatima, Washington, NJ, "How we snatched the saint from the Communists" by Msgr. Roman Nuwer, Vincent Covello, Megan Pritchard

This article uses effective storytelling techniques like direct quotes and metaphors to relay a powerful and intriguing point of view.

M21h

BEST FEATURE ARTICLE - General interest newsletters

First Place

Catholic Update, Cincinnati, OH, "Catholic Update: The Universal Call to Holiness" by Kathy Coffey

This article has great relevance to all people today because it explores how we can move closer towards God without expecting ourselves to be perfect. The author makes empowering points with eloquence and conviction.

Second Place

Catholic Update, Cincinnati, OH, "Catholic Update: Two New American Saints" by Carol Ann Morrow

This article offers a thorough look at two saints who can continue to serve as role models today. The writing is clear, concise, and easy to follow.

M21i

BEST FEATURE ARTICLE - Special interest newsletters

First Place

Dimensions, Hempstead, NY, "The Rise of the Female Philanthropist" by Susan Raymond

This article begins with a strong claim and carries a clear, well-supported argument throughout the text. The initial graph is helpful in communicating the implications of rising female wealth. The topic in itself is relevant and current.

Second Place

Dimensions, Hempstead, NY, "The Great Thinkers' Guide to Donor Relationships" by Willis Turner

This author creatively engages readers at the beginning by drawing a satirical connection between courting a girlfriend and courting a donor. The voice is engaging and the argument is clear.

Third Place

Dimensions, Hempstead, NY, "Engaged Volunteer Leaders Will Bring Home Fundraising Gold" by Leslie Biggins Mollsen

This article employs a personal anecdote early on and proceeds to make compelling and well-supported points.

M22

BEST ONLINE/MULTI-MEDIA PRESENTATION OF VISUALS

First Place

America Magazine, New York, NY, "Voices of San Quentin" by Kerry Weber

This multimedia package provides an important and honest voice from prison ministry.

Second Place

One Magazine, New York, NY, "Interview with Journalist Joost van Egmond" by Erin Edwards

Provides an exclusive look at the lives of Catholic nuns in Kosovo, which most people don't get to experience. A unique look at Catholicism in the world.

Third Place

One Magazine, New York, NY, "Images from Slovakia" by Erin Edwards

The combination of music and moving images makes the viewer feel transported to Slovakia.

M23

BEST MAGAZINE OR NEWSLETTER WEB SITE

First Place

America Magazine, New York, NY, "Magazine Web Site" by Tim Reidy

The America Magazine is a thought leader in Catholic dialogue, with a rich mixture of voices, timely and topical articles and personal reflections.

Second Place

U.S. Catholic, Chicago, IL, "U.S. Catholic Website" by Meghan Murphy-Gill, U.S. Catholic Editors

Captivating visual display on the homepage leads to a variety of compelling content, from in-depth features to blogs.

Third Place

One Magazine, New York, NY, "One Magazine" by Staff

A good mixture of feature stories and multimedia links on the homepage.

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M24a

GENERAL EXCELLENCE - National general interest magazines

First Place

St. Anthony Messenger, Cincinnati, OH, by St. Anthony Messenger Staff

Strong special focus issues, Thoughtful and pertinent editorials, wide array of interesting sections including stimulating fiction and news briefs. Interesting item on the three most read articles from the previous issue. Very strong writing.

Second Place

Columbia Magazine, New Haven, CT, by Columbia Staff

Classic layout with a modern feel. KofC news, information secondary in location to carefully written and edited features stories with strong illustrations. Very thoughtful essays by the Supreme Knight.

Third Place

U.S. Catholic, Chicago, IL, by U.S. Catholic Staff

Continues the tradition of powerful cover art, fascinating insights into Catholic life through surveys, provocative articles, e.g., social justice, married clergy converts from Episcopal church, and the invisible character of war in Mideast.

Honorable Mention

Liguorian Magazine, Ligouri, MO, by Staff

First person style creates a feeling of intimacy with authors. Dramatic full-page graphics mixed with creative layouts.

M24b

GENERAL EXCELLENCE - Diocesan magazines

First Place

Bayou Catholic, Schriever, LA, "Ad limina Bishop Jacobs visits the Holy Father, Vatican and Rome" by Louis Aguirre

High quality photographs on almost every page document local life across the diocese and the bishop's ad limina visit with the Benedict XVI as complements to stories. From issue to issue Bayou Catholic presents an image of a lively, distinctive Catholic culture which includes the annual blessing of the fleet, and recipes. It also offers thoughtful articles on priesthood, historic parishes, and pioneering leaders.

Second Place

Vermont Catholic, South Burlington, VT, "Covers of entry issues" by Pat Gore, Cori Urban, Ann Cutter-Specht, Susan Rivers, Ralph Culver

A well designed gem, Vermont Catholic features interesting articles about the Church, including a pastor who walks Main Street and lingers over coffee in a local care to invite people to invite people to come to church and a feature on a "mother of the year," along with news and book review. Open, inviting layouts with very high quality images provide both visual and verbal portraits of Catholic life. The full image covers set the tone for the dominant theme of the issue.

Third Place

North Texas Catholic, Fort Worth, TX, "'Bishop Ordains six for Ordinariate"; "Bishop Vann leaves solid accomplishments as he prepares to head Diocese of Orange"; "Bishop Vann installed as fourth bishop of the Diocese of Orange"' by Jeff Hensley, Tony Gutierrez, Judy Rousseau

Converted from a newspaper, North Texas Catholic retains the news approach and layout style as a complement to the website. A summary of significant news precedes a rich diet of significant stories and in-depth articles on events and issues in the diocese. A layout in the news magazine tradition includes good photographs. An insert, "Good News in the Catholic Schools provides articles in both Spanish and English.

M24c

GENERAL EXCELLENCE - Mission magazines (overseas and home)

First Place

One Magazine, New York, NY, by Staff

The design, photography, and writing place One among the very best of this year's Catholic magazines regardless of category. The design of each spread contributes to the meaning conveyed in graceful writing and powerful images. Various graphic devices unify the spreads from color text blocks through screened background photos to special fonts. Above all, perhaps, One provides a global view of the human family with an emphasis on the Near East.

Second Place

Maryknoll, Maryknoll, NY, by Maryknoll Magazine Staff

The Catholic magazine that demonstrated the power of photographs and concise text to bring the reality of foreign missions home to Americans, Maryknoll continues that tradition with interesting photos and well crafted, gem-like stories of Maryknollers working to improve the life and lot of people in the developing world. Stewardship of creation and Maryknoll life in domestic parishes provide a broader perspective on the panorama of Maryknoll's missions.

Third Place

Glenmary Challenge, Cincinnati, OH, by Jean Bach, Tricia Sarvak, Dale Hanson

The challenge for Glenmary is to bring to life the vitality of home missions to Catholics more accustomed to the exotic foreign missions. Glenmary Challenge is a well designed large format magazine that brings to life its work in states like Kansas, South Carolina, Mississippi, and other states where Catholics are a tiny minority. A particularly insightful article traces the history of Glenmary Research center and its creation of U.S. maps showing denominational demographic concentration. Readable, thoughtful, and well conceived.

Honorable Mention

Catholic Missions In Canada, Toronto, Ontario, ON, by Patria Rivera (Editor), Kyle Schruder (Designer), Johanna Ritgen (Designer)

Good page display, captivating heads, and interesting articles that confront the problem of making domestic mission work interesting.

M24d

GENERAL EXCELLENCE - Religious order magazines

First Place

The Augustinian, Villanova, PA, by Teddie Gallagher, Kitty Sheridan

Creative design on each spread organizes high quality photographs, some played over a double spread, well edited blocks of text with balanced white space, skilled use of color graphic devices. Strong cover art ranges from photographs (of coach and team) to the mosaic of the dove of peace. News of the religious community includes a creative graphic on the steps from discernment to ordination.

Second Place

Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province, Notre Dame, IN, by Lucha Ramey, James Kramer, Stephanie Gattman

Well edited in depth articles provide insight into the dynamics of the Holy Cross province of the United States. From first person reflections on being a priest to lengthy reflections on culture and poverty through the history of Ave Maria Press to a history of the Holy Cross brothers, the magazine paints a broad picture of the order.

Third Place

Marian Helper, Stockbridge, MA, by Staff

Unique in physical format, Marian Helper presents first person accounts, news stories about conferences, and inspirational articles in a well designed publication.

Honorable Mention

Plentiful Redemption, Annapolis, MD, "Plentiful Redemption" by Redemptorist Office for Mission Advancement

Well designed with strong photographs from various locations of Redemptorist work in the U.S. and around the world, Plentiful Redemption limits its focus to news, vocations, some aspect of the order's history, and a single dominant theme .

M24e

GENERAL EXCELLENCE - Professional & special-interest magazines including clergy & religious

First Place

Catholic Health World, St. Louis, MO, "Health Progress" by Pamela Schaeffer, Lilah Lohr, Les Stock, Donna Troy

Clear, direct writing in serious analysis of current health care situation and its future, assessment of care, MEDICAID, missionary medical care, and the challenge of PACE and POLST in the context of Catholic teaching. Good art, creative use of pull quotes.

Second Place

Ecumenical Trends - Graymoor, Garrison, NY, by Paul A. Crow, Jr., Michael Kinnamon, Jared Wicks, SJ

Clean, professional appearance for a serious and thoughtful publication for intellectual reflection on the dimensions of Ecumenical movements and issues related to interreligious dialogue. Writing level appropriate to specialists in the area, but accessible to an informed layperson or observer.

Third Place

Catholic Library World, Chicago, IL, by Sigrid Kelsey, Mary Kay Wolf

Replete with well written reviews of hundreds of books per issue, this magazine offers professional librarians news briefs from the Catholic librarians association, a set of clearly written articles of great relevance, including an interesting article about a newly appointed religion librarian.

Honorable Mention

Today's Catholic Teacher, Dayton, OH, "Today's Catholic Teacher" by Staff

More than helpful tips and hints, Today's Catholic Teacher provides strong articles in a variety of areas familiar to an elementary or high school teacher: dealing with parents, creative activities, prayer services and reflections on Sunday readings.

M24f

GENERAL EXCELLENCE - Scholarly magazines

First Place

American Catholic Studies, Villanova, PA, by Multiple Contributors

As a scholarly journal, American Catholic Studies brings a fresh approach in design and visuals that breaks the stereotype of small type fonts and cramped pages. Type font, size and leading contribute to readability and a clean, inviting look.

Second Place

Horizons, Villanova, PA, by Elena Procaro-Foley, Anthony J. Godzieba, Horizons

A journal for scholars of theology and religious studies, Horizons features well written and pointed book reviews as well as both an editorial essay and a review essay. Official information from the College Theology Society, its publisher, is also included.

Third Place

Catholic Southwest: Journal, Baton Rouge, LA, by Richard Fossey

Interesting in content and choice of art, Catholic Southwest is a competently crafted journal with a very professional feel.

M24g

GENERAL EXCELLENCE - Prayer & spirituality magazines

First Place

Spiritual Life, Washington, DC, "Spiritual Life -- Fall 2012" by Edward O'Donnell

Simple layout and creative writing make this a compelling and challenging publication for those seeking to deepen their spiritual life in the tradition of Thomas Merton, Teresa of Avila, and the mystics. But the style is popular: how to resist reading an article that begins: "Bring in the clowns?" Well placed, pull quotes break up blocks of text as do other text graphics.

Second Place

Magnificat, Yonkers, NY, "Magnificat" by Father Peter John Cameron, O.P.

Combining the readings for daily Mass with readings for morning and evening prayer, lives of the saints of the day and daily meditations, *Magnificat* is in a category of its own as an excellent companion for daily spiritual life. Very well edited and packaged in small magazine format which makes it truly pocket sized, the magazine has the quality look and feel of the daily missals of the pre-Vatican II church.

Third Place

Soul - World Apostolate of Fatima, Washington, NJ, "Soul Magazine 2012" by Vincent Covello, Megan Pritchard, Corinne Dier

The official publication of the World Apostolate of Fatima, *Soul* combines articles of contemporary Marian devotion with reflections and accounts of the history of the apparitions at Fatima.

M24h

GENERAL EXCELLENCE - General interest newsletters

First Place

Catholic Update, Cincinnati, OH, by Catholic Update Staff

Beautifully laid out with a striking front page image, *Catholic Update* provides substantial food for thought in a creative layout of a major story, questions to help one plumb deeper into personal spirituality.

Second Place

I Believe, Cincinnati, OH, by I Believe Staff

A bright and lovely layout presents articles for reflection linked to the Catholic Catechism. Three or four articles per issue lead to questions for reflection.

M24i

GENERAL EXCELLENCE - Special interest newsletters

First Place

At Home with Our Faith, Chicago, IL, by Annemarie Scobey, Catherine O'Connell-Cahill, Tina Herman

Intended for contemporary parents whose time is limited, *At Home With Our Faith* provides well written articles in a design that declares itself child and parent friendly. Articles range from advice on parenting faith to suggestions for involving children in Mass. Most striking, however, is the regular material on sustaining a faith life within marriage. Good images, colorful boxes for sidebars, and a generally happy and homey feeling make this an outstanding quick read for busy parents.

Second Place

Nuestra Parroquia, Chicago, IL, by Carmen Aguinaco, Elisabeth Román, Sandra Navarro, John Rodríguez

Published in both Spanish and English specifically for Hispanic ministers in parishes (and institutional settings), Nuestra Parroquia offers reflections on the month's liturgies, excerpts from Church documents, class lesson plans, and other resources in a clean and well thought out design.

Third Place

Dimensions, Hempstead, NY, "Dimensions" by Staff

Fund raising professionals are the target audience of *Dimensions*, a well written and professional looking publication. Content includes analysis of various aspects of raising funds in the Catholic community, including the rise of female philanthropy and the role of women in the field. A creative standing section on tips to use and habits to lose offers thoughtful implementation plans.

N01a

BEST FRONT PAGE - Broadsheet

First Place

Pittsburgh Catholic, Pittsburgh, PA, by William Cone

Newsy looking front page. Pleasant design, just a little too jammed though.

Second Place

FaithLife, Erie, PA, "FaithLife" by Jason Koshinskie, Rich Papalia

Nice page but would even be better without the tint boxes.

Third Place

Catholic Messenger, Davenport, IA, "An Ambassador for Christ" by Anne Marie Amacher, Barb Arland-Fye, Celine Klosterman

Good, but could improve with larger headlines and more space between elements.

N01b

BEST FRONT PAGE - Tabloid

First Place

The Dialog, Wilmington, DE, "Catholic schools: Where students are faithfilled and standardized test scores are above average" by Staff

Nice appealing design. Good use of photography, typography and promo boxes.

Second Place

Catholic Standard, Washington, D.C., "Gifts to Share; Golden Apples for the Teachers; Defending religious freedom" by Javier Diaz, Rafael Crisostomo

Creative, appealing pages.

Third Place

Catholic Exponent, Youngstown, OH, "SON'S ILLNESS TESTS FAMILY'S FAITH, METTLE" by Christyne Yonata

Very nice use of the photo. Drew me into the page right away.

Honorable Mention

The Catholic Register, Toronto, ON, "The Catholic Register" by Lucy Barco

Nice concept. Would be better if the guy in the promo didn't have his back cut off.

N02a

BEST NEWS WRITING ORIGINATING WITH THE PAPER ON A LOCAL OR REGIONAL EVENT- 1-17-000

Diocesan paper

First Place

The Messenger, Belleville, IL, "Drought: Taking its toll on farmers, ranchers, consumers" by Liz Quirin, Mark Pattison

Detailed, interesting reporting put in context. Important topic explained as well as any place.

Second Place

The Catholic Northwest Progress, Seattle, WA, "Struggling school to start bilingual Academy" by Kevin Birnbaum

Interesting, timely topic well explained. Nice work.

Third Place

The Florida Catholic, Orlando, FL, "Miami bids farewell" by Ana Rodriguez-Soto

This could have been a routine obituary. This is why some major metros have their best writers doing such stories.

Honorable Mention

West Texas Angelus, San Angelo, TX, "Sudden jump in teen suicides jolts Midland" by Jimmy Patterson, Bishop Michael Pfeifer, Baron Batch

Nice work on a difficult topic.

West Texas Angelus, San Angelo, TX, "Storm damages Ballinger church, bells" by Jimmy Patterson

Loved the work and attention to detail from this writer.

N02b

BEST NEWS WRITING ORIGINATING WITH THE PAPER ON A LOCAL OR REGIONAL - 17-001-40-000

Diocesan paper

First Place

The Evangelist, Albany, NY, "Rerouted, polluted: Schoharie County needs clean water" by Angela Cave

This is a crisis every bit as severe as a drought or another natural disaster, and the challenges and church community efforts to respond were clearly laid out, and well reported.

Second Place

The Evangelist, Albany, NY, "St. Kateri Tekakwitha canonization" by staff

Thorough coverage of this important event for this region. Every angle seemed to be addressed and reported.

Third Place

Rhode Island Catholic, Providence, RI, "Atheist group calls for removal of war memorial, firefighter's prayer" by Rick Snizek, Brian Lowney

Good thorough coverage of effort to remove a long-standing community monument.

Honorable Mention

The Compass, Green Bay, WI, "Manitowoc father of four deported" by Steve Wideman

Difficult issue, lots of good details about the efforts and challenges facing the family and community.

Catholic Herald, Milwaukee, WI, "Community leans on faith" by Karen Mahoney

I've seen many stories about churches and communities struggling with such a loss, and this one was full of detail, life and emotion. Nicely done.

N02c

BEST NEWS WRITING ORIGINATING WITH THE PAPER ON A LOCAL OR REGIONAL EVENT - 40-001+

Diocesan paper

First Place

The Leaven, Kansas City, KS, "Faith flows where water doesn't" by Jessica Langdon, Doug Hesse

I enjoyed this well reported and photographed package. It was clear eyed and really put a human face on the challenges the ag community faces.

Second Place

The Tablet, Brooklyn, NY, "Diocesan Recovery Begins with Hope" by Ed Wilkinson, Marie Elena Giossi, Antonina Zielinska, Jim Mancari

Lots of work went into this effort, and it shows. Great detail. These reporters clearly worked hard, under difficult conditions and it was a worthy effort.

Third Place

Denver Catholic Register, Denver, CO, "Archbishop to faithful: evil will not have the last word" by Nissa LaPoint

This could have been a routine followup report but it wasn't. Well reported without getting too graphic, and placing the challenges and the terror and opportunities for the faith community before the reader.

Honorable Mention

Catholic Sentinel, Portland, OR, "Shooting emphasizes vulnerability, unity of Portland's homeless" by Clarice Keating

A good read on the community's response to deaths of some of those most vulnerable.

Catholic Courier, Rochester, NY, "Stand on abuse strengthens" by Mike Latona

This was a good report on a difficult topic.

N03a

BEST NEWS WRITING ORIGINATING WITH THE PAPER - National Event

First Place

Catholic News Service, Washington, D.C., "Human trafficking series" by Dennis Sadowski

Telling us there is a problem is good reporting. Sharing the people and circumstances behind the problem is even better. Making us care about the problem and the people is excellent reporting. Well done in all areas.

Second Place

The Valley Catholic, San Juan, TX, "Studying in the Shadows" by Rose Ybarra

Casting light into dark areas and sharing the simple, but dangerous lives of undocumented workers is accomplished with fine writing and reporting.

Third Place

Catholic Anchor, Anchorage, AK, "African American Catholics at home in universal church" by Patricia Coll Freeman

A quality examination of a too little seen life.

Honorable Mention

Catholic Sentinel, Portland, OR, "A Catholic 'extended family' for refugees" by Ed Langlois

N03b

BEST NEWS WRITING ORIGINATING WITH THE PAPER - International Event

First Place

Clarion Herald, New Orleans, LA, "A song for Haiti, from the heart" by Peter Finney Jr

Peter Finney knows how to bring the world to our doorstep. In a time when it is too easy to forget about the long-struggling Haiti, he presents us with the vision of Casandra and the dedication of Deacon Moynihan to revive us and get us moving again.

Second Place

Catholic News Service, Washington, D.C., "Pope Benedict XVI's trip to Mexico, Cuba" by David Agren, Wallace J. de la Vega, Francis X. Rocca, Cindy Wooden, Patricia Zapor

Great mix and execution of stories on the Pope's visit to Mexico from the plane to the pulpit.

Third Place

The Catholic Sun, Phoenix, AZ, "Drought and famine in West Africa" by J.D. Long-Garcia

This reporting on West Africa awakens the readers and brings a vivid picture and tells us we need to care even more.

Honorable Mention

Tennessee Register, Nashville, TN, "Haiti's history of oppression, foreign interference, leaves lasting mark" by Theresa Laurence

N04a

BEST INVESTIGATIVE NEWS WRITING

First Place

National Catholic Reporter, Kansas City, MO, "'Group takes on watchdog role for Catholic identity,' "Society takes part of 'faithful families'" by Dan Morris-Young

Very thorough examination of an important topic. Placed issue in context via use of specific examples and records. Well done.

Second Place

Catholic Anchor, Anchorage, AK, "Religious liberty in the balance" by Joel Davidson

Good digging for new details. Very solid reporting.

Third Place

National Catholic Reporter, Kansas City, MO, "'Gay ministry group refuses to sign oath'" by Brian Roewe

Another solid job. Nice work.

N04b

BEST ANALYSIS/BACKGROUND/ROUND-UP NEWS WRITING: The Gerard E. Sherry Award

First Place

The Catholic Review, Baltimore, MD, "Election Series" by Maria Wiering

Thoughtful and thorough treatment. A well conceived and well structured project.

Second Place

The Leaven, Kansas City, KS, "The scandal and shame" by Joe Bollig

A deep look at an uncovered topic, using clear examples. Shows crisp and clear writing.

Third Place

The Catholic Sun, Phoenix, AZ, "Arizona executions" by J.D. Long-Garcia, Gina Keating

Great writing. Scene-setting efforts pull readers into an important topic.

Honorable Mention

Catholic News Service, Washington, D.C., "Father Maciel's legacy --- good and bad -- lives on in Mexico"

by David Agren

Great depth in a limited amount of words. Well-balanced story. Nice work.

N05

BEST IN-DEPTH NEWS/SPECIAL REPORTING

First Place

National Catholic Reporter, Kansas City, MO, ""Sexual assault on campus: Lizzy's ordeal," "A look at an intractable problem"" by Melinda Henneberger

Hands-down winner. Deeply reported, thoughtfully written piece about a sensitive topic and a powerful institution. Took on a tough task and was more than up to it.

Second Place

Catholic News Herald, Charlotte, NC, "Vote for Marriage" by Catholic News Herald Staff

Well organized and presented, through personal stories and clear, compelling writing.

Third Place

The Catholic Sun, Phoenix, AZ, "Scars remain: Mother rebuilds life after domestic violence" by J.D. Long-Garcia

Very strong writing on a fresh topic. Powerful writing, starting with the lead.

Honorable Mention

National Catholic Reporter, Kansas City, MO, ""The 'irresistible attractions' of drones," "Drones have decades-long history"" by Tom Roberts

Strong and clear writing on an important topic.

N06a

BEST EDITORIAL - 1-17-000 Diocesan paper

First Place

Idaho Catholic Register, Boise, ID, "Golden opportunity slipping through their fingers" by Richard Kulleck, Ann Bixby, Loretta Gossi

Hi-quality political reporting; aptly approaches both the bigger paradigm & the local front.

Insightful & thorough. Paints a clear picture, thru good facts & clean structure. Addresses both day-to-day implications & moral philosophy. The total package.

Second Place

Catholic Anchor, Anchorage, AK, "God's faithfulness amid scandal" by Joel Davidson

A cleanly-written, knowledgeable, well-researched history lesson. Thoughtful, gracefully-structured; perspective for today ... & a great many tomorrows.

Third Place

Catholic Anchor, Anchorage, AK, "Love or clashing cymbals?" by Joel Davidson

A larger global & national issue; played out on the homefront. A careful & thoughtful reflection, laced with good quotes & right focus.

Honorable Mention

The Messenger, Belleville, IL, "The Value and Dignity of Women of Any Age" by Liz Quirin Quirin

Catholic Post, The, Peoria, IL, "Bishop Jenky's boldest claims going unreported" by Thomas Dermody

Outstanding introduction. One for the ages.

N06b

BEST EDITORIAL - 17-001-40-000 Diocesan paper

First Place

Catholic Herald, Diocese of Madison, Madison, WI, "Moving on from here" by Mary Uhler

Local face, on a larger national issue. Nice summation; thoughtful, hopeful reflection. Good quotes & structure. Clean clear writing, brings it all together.

Second Place

Catholic Standard, Washington, D.C., "Keep the DREAM alive, vote for question 4" by Mark Zimmermann

Global issue on our shores, told thru local faces & stories. A very Catholic response, elucidated eloquently, with a clear call to action.

Third Place

Catholic Herald, Diocese of Madison, Madison, WI, "Our nation needs healing" by Mary Uhler

A clear, simple, thoughtful, beautiful reflection.

Honorable Mention

Tennessee Register, Nashville, TN, "Vanderbilt Catholic takes honest course in rejecting school mandate" by Andy Telli

Local affairs reporting, aptly used to paint a larger picture. Strongly worded & concretely built.

N06c

BEST EDITORIAL - 40-001+ Diocesan papers

First Place

The Tablet, Brooklyn, NY, "Patience and Hope" by Unsigned Editorial

Light in the darkness. A rock in mighty storms. Timeless story; local flavor. Great quotes. Drenched in a rainstorm of hope.

Second Place

The Catholic Sun, Phoenix, AZ, "Opposed to the death penalty" by Rob DeFrancesco

Interrelated contemporary events woven into a telling portrait. Keeps a clear eye trained on eternal truth & our obligations therein. Punchy, but eloquent writing.

Third Place

The Catholic Spirit, St. Paul, MN, "Setting the record straight on adoption, single-parent children" by Joe Towalski

Traditional morals frame an approach to contemporary issues laden with surface-lurking dangers. A clear succinct vantage.

Honorable Mention

The Catholic Spirit, St. Paul, MN, "Time to fold on gambling option for new Vikings stadium" by Joe Towalski

A straight flush of correlated issues; played off social structure, mores & obligations. Asks relevant questions, maintains divine focus.

Catholic New York, New York, NY, "Put 'Choose Life' Plates on Road" by Staff

Interesting local issue, broached on a larger scale. Good reporting. Clear, concise, thoughtful writing.

N07a

BEST EDITORIAL - NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL - 1-17-000 Diocesan paper

First Place

The Monitor, Trenton, NJ, "Remembering Rwanda" by Rayanne Bennett

Great storytelling. A history too-little heard & too-quickly forgotten; brought to the forefront with good reporting. Graceful - 'Candle Light in the Darkness' style.

Second Place

The Southern Cross, Savannah, GA, "Good fences make good neighbors" by Fr. Douglas K. Clark

Nice history lesson; refreshed, revitalized, & made relevant. Careful, precise, eloquent wording comprises a knowledgeable, elegant reflection on our place in the broader picture.

Third Place

The Southern Cross, Savannah, GA, "Cultural history provides valuable perspective" by Fr. Douglas K. Clark

Elegant reflection on the intersection of history & scripture - and how it applies to us today.

Honorable Mention

Catholic Anchor, Anchorage, AK, "Twisted logic of abortion" by Joel Davidson

Current events reporting, interspersed with apt historical anecdotes.

The Messenger, Belleville, IL, "Powerful People Must Remain Humble" by Liz Quirin

N07b

BEST EDITORIAL - NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL - 17-001-40-000 Diocesan paper

First Place

Catholic Standard, Washington, D.C., "Who determines what is 'hate speech?'" by Mark Zimmermann

Apt summation of recent events in the public square. A thoughtful reflection on larger issues & consequence. well-researched, with strong writing throughout.

Second Place

Tennessee Register, Nashville, TN, "Nobel Prize shows stem cell research can be ethical, productive" by Andy Telli

Nice current event reporting, deftly tied to reflections on the bigger, broader whole. Clear, elegant, strong writing.

Third Place

The Compass, Green Bay, WI, "Elections and the Catholic Church" by Patricia Kasten

Sprints miles in just a few paragraphs. That amazing summation further carves out space for history, too. Thoughtful, even-handed message; skillful writing.

Honorable Mention

Catholic Exponent, Youngstown, OH, "Nellie Gray: A true prophetic voice in the wilderness" by Lou Jacquet

Nice catch on a landmark story, which (conveniently) slipped thru the mainstream.

Catholic Exponent, Youngstown, OH, "Latest act of random violence raises questions anew" by Lou Jacquet

Analytical overview & clear summation. Nice phraseology. Touches the whole, from multiple angles.

N07c

BEST EDITORIAL - NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL - 40-001+ Diocesan papers

First Place

The Visitor, St. Cloud, MN, "One year later, the new Roman Missal has me thinking" by Bob Zyskowski

The theme could not be more familiar...& yet, also fresher & newer. A very personal, well-thought out historical, life-long reflection. Language - which well-balances the simple & familiar, with educated nuance - separates it from the pack.

Second Place

The A.D. Times, Allentown, PA, "Where there's smoke ..." by Father Bernard Ezaki

Deft & pertinent citations. Scripture with the right hand. Scientific, sociological studies with the left. Noteworthy, catchy points from both. A timely issue, tied into a larger, broader picture. All within a few columns breadth. Nicely done.

Third Place

The Catholic Spirit, St. Paul, MN, "After Newtown: Moving from darkness into the light" by Joe Towalski

Passionate, emotional response to a timely issue; crucial moment in history. Clear calls to action. Good theological vantage.

Honorable Mention

The Catholic Sun, Phoenix, AZ, "State and Church" by Rob DeFrancesco

A news-heavy reflection. Clear & concise, with excellent sources & quotes.

Catholic New York, New York, NY, "Mother Dolores Still Shines" by Staff

N07d

BEST EDITORIAL - NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL - National newspaper

First Place

National Catholic Reporter, Kansas City, MO, "Evangelization requires bishops' self-examination" by NCR editors

A well-organized stack of clear pertinent points; relevant to all, indicting to none. Timely & important. A forward-thinking vantage; well-conceived, concise & eloquent. Smooth writing pushed it over the top.

Second Place

National Catholic Reporter, Kansas City, MO, "Vigilance on sex abuse must continue" by NCR editors

Great sources & statistics. Strong narrative thread. A beautiful summation of decades of happenings; painted from a single, clear vantage.

Third Place

National Catholic Reporter, Kansas City, MO, "NCR endorses call for a new sexual ethic" by NCR editors
New angles on age-old issues. Good sources. Careful, thoughtful development & precise, clean, clear writing.

Honorable Mention

Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington, IN, "Why we are suing the government" by staff
Strong writing, with purpose.

The Catholic Register, Toronto, ON, "Founded on freedom" by Jim O'Leary

N08

BEST EDITORIAL PAGE OR EDITORIAL SECTION

First Place

National Catholic Reporter, Kansas City, MO, "Opinion & Arts section" by Staff and Contributors
Clean layout. Great art. Slick topography. Careful 'Less is more' color. Best use of open space & 'breathing room' in the competition. Even the ads look good.

Second Place

The Tablet, Brooklyn, NY, "Editorial Pages" by Ed Wilkinson, Editorial Staff
Great precise aesthetic balance. Perfectly utilized typography. Endless subtle detail & great care of craft. The more i look at it, the more i like it.

Third Place

The Catholic Review, Baltimore, MD, "Your Faith" by Editorial
Against odds, the split-page layout just works here. Well-played mug shots & heads. Good art. Nice mix of opinion, Q&A, history & briefs.

Honorable Mention

The Visitor, St. Cloud, MN, "Opinion" by Staff
The story here is the incredible balance in piece selection. It's all here: international politics to personal development; contemporary culture to the historic church; county fairs & roadtrips to virtues & sacraments.

Catholic News Herald, Charlotte, NC, "ViewPoints" by Ryan Murray, Deacon James H. Toner, Rico Desilva, Batrice Adcock, Poor Clares
Cool layout. Textbook column use. Mug shots & good headlines make it that much more accessible. Nice content balance, too: literary, local, political & divine.

N09a

BEST FEATURE WRITING - 1-17-000 Diocesan paper

First Place

The Messenger, Belleville, IL, "Latina Struggles with Reality as She Lives the Dream" by Liz Quirin
The author's style made this piece stand out. Maintaining a relative calm, objective style why chronicling the dangerous journey helped point out the larger issues at hand.

Second Place

Hawaii Catholic Herald, Honolulu, HI, “A beloved church in the middle of nowhere” by Darlene Dela Cruz
The use of narrative brings the issue at hand to life through descriptive diction and focusing on the community's actions and reactions.

Third Place

Catholic Anchor, Anchorage, AK, “Seeking Muslim brothers” by Joel Davidson

The organization of this piece from pull quotes to headers help create a flow which engaged the reader.

Honorable Mention

Catholic Herald, Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI, “Few short words make the difference” by Maryangela Román

Excellent opening transitioned into a well written and engaging story.

N09b

BEST FEATURE WRITING - 17-001-40-000 Diocesan paper

First Place

The Catholic Miscellany, Charleston, SC, “Noshing with the pope” by Amy Wise Taylor

Author's gradual approach to exposing all the details of this story help build on the magnitude of the story for the people involved. From title to closing, this article was solid, well written and engaging.

Second Place

New Earth, Fargo, ND, “Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha's canonization: 'We've been praying for this for a long time'” by Roxane Salonen

Creative angle on the canonization story: framing the story from one parish's devotion made the issue real and concrete. Excellent prose and organization.

Third Place

Orange County Catholic, Orange, CA, “Ministry and the Law” by Elisabeth Deffner

Author allowed the already interesting stories of chaplains to shine through by the use of clear prose. Excellent style and very engaging content.

Honorable Mention

Tennessee Register, Nashville, TN, “Church struggled for civil rights” by Theresa Laurence

A balanced perspective of the church on the church's own history. Author is objective and truthful while tactful. Great read!

The Boston Pilot, Braintree, MA, “Hyde Park pastor proclaimed chief for work in Nigeria” by Christopher S. Pineo

The choice of quotes is what made this piece stand out. Author was able to make Father Nolan come alive as well as his ministry.

N09c

BEST FEATURE WRITING - 40-001+ Diocesan papers

First Place

The Catholic Spirit, St. Paul, MN, “The Sober Truth” by Dave Hrbacek

Draws readers immediately into the story and then keeps us there through a combination of good writing and an emphasis of the role of faith. A compelling read from start to finish.

Second Place

The Catholic Review, Baltimore, MD, "St. Ursula Couple Chose Life" by Maria Wiering

A powerful beginning and a wonderful story of faith written with compassion and an understanding of how to tell a story about loss and recovery.

Third Place

The Catholic Spirit, St. Paul, MN, "Person of mercy" by Dave Hrbacek

The agony of bad decisions and the struggle to overcome this agony are artfully woven together to complete a marvelous story marvelously written.

Honorable Mention

The Catholic Spirit, St. Paul, MN, "Coming to America: Immigrants give back to communities they now call home" by Julie Carroll

Wonderful detail presented in such a compelling story that keeps readers to the end.

The Criterion, Indianapolis, IN, "Priests who use humor in homilies say lessons in faith must be at heart of their message" by John Shaughnessy

Effective approach that uses the priest's humor to amuse readers while making the larger point sought by the priest.

N09d

BEST FEATURE WRITING - National newspaper

First Place

Catholic News Service, Washington, D.C., "In Lima's poor neighborhoods, life revolves around water" by Barbara J. Fraser

Wonderful detail about a not so wonderful place. Story nicely ties together the plight of people with some unusual approaches to make life easier

Second Place

Catholic News Service, Washington, D.C., "Havana parish evangelizes with meals, hair salon and laundry service" by Patricia Zapor

The need for care and the organization needed to assist those being cared for is presented so well that the story serves as an inspiration and as a how-to-do manual. Enough detail to serve as a model for others.

Third Place

National Catholic Reporter, Kansas City, MO, "'New priest discord floods island parish'" by Brian Roewe

An unflinching and well documented look at discord from all sides. Author gives everyone a chance to speak out in a readable and edgy way. Once all sides have spoken, readers can decide for themselves. That's the mark of a well rounded story.

Honorable Mention

National Catholic Reporter, Kansas City, MO, "'Deported wife's absence shadowed ordination'" by Eloisa Perez-Lozano

The immigration issue through one family reminds readers of the human side of what at times can be an inhumane debate. Family plight is nicely documented.

Catholic Health World, St. Louis, MO, "Mercy treats young sexual assault victims tenderly" by Diane Toroian Keaggy, Judith VandeWater

The needs of this special population are carefully spelled out as are the means and motivation behind dealing with those needs.

N10a

BEST PERSONALITY PROFILE -1-17-000 Diocesan paper

First Place

The Florida Catholic, Orlando, FL, "A birds-eye view of death row" by Jean Gonzalez

Wonderful feature on a person at the center of the hotly debated topic of the death penalty. Good choice of quotes and use of details and language to present a very personal view of life on death row.

Second Place

Catholic Anchor, Anchorage, AK, "Rescuer keeps faith while seeking the lost" by Patricia Coll Freeman

Great personality profile. The article is nicely organized and gives the reader a great well-rounded view of Bragiel.

Third Place

Montana Catholic, Helena, MT, "Sister serves as EMT, works with felons" by Susan Gallagher, Eric Connolly

The historical details of Sayatovic's journey to where she is now really show her life's purpose. The writer has succeeded in creating a beautiful personality profile detailing Sayatovic's impact on the community and programs in which she is involved.

N10b

BEST PERSONALITY PROFILE - 17-001-40-000 Diocesan paper

First Place

The Catholic Moment, Lafayette, IN, "Well-loved priest's ministry to veterans spans nearly 40 years" by Kevin Cullen

Quotes from Father Grace reveal his character and commitment to service. The details of his daily tasks are often succinct but are exactly what is required and the article flows very nicely as a whole.

Second Place

Catholic Anchor, Anchorage, AK, "Artistic conversion" by Joel Davidson

Details of Santo's worldly interactions and work juxtapose nicely with the similarities shown in his religious art and historical sacred art. Nicely organized and good choice of quotes to reveal Santo's vision for his art.

Third Place

Rhode Island Catholic, Providence, RI, "Bishop Gelineau to celebrate 40 years in the episcopacy" by Rick Snizek

The inclusion of small details of Bishop Gelineau's interactions with people, combined with environmental details and the use of quotations provides a quality personality profile.

N10c

BEST PERSONALITY PROFILE - 40-001+ Diocesan papers

First Place

Texas Catholic, Dallas, TX, "Michael's Life: A gift to all who knew him" by Cathy Harasta

This article is a sensible story about the importance of epilepsy awareness tied to the personal story of one of its victims. The voice is empathetic, the pacing clever, and the use of citations well-placed.

Second Place

The Leaven, Kansas City, KS, "The real deal" by Sheila Myers, Elaina Cochran

This article about a woman that changes children's experience of faith is more than just a standard personality profile - early on, it establishes curiosity about who this woman is and how she does what she does.

Third Place

The Catholic Voice, Omaha, NE, "Serving the church, praying for all" by Joe Ruff

This article is able to tell the story of a disabled man without patronizing him and his faith. It portrays him about a human being that has much to offer and gives a lot.

N10d

BEST PERSONALITY PROFILE - National newspaper

First Place

Catholic Health World, St. Louis, MO, "Nurse teaches peers to practice empathy with personal boundaries" by Diane Toroian Keaggy, Judith VandeWater

This article raises important questions about the mental health of nurses and creates a compelling profile of a person trying to teach people the skill of detached empathy.

Second Place

National Catholic Reporter, Kansas City, MO, ""Gay senator remains rooted in faith"" by Julie Gunter

This article manages to report on a difficult negotiation between a gay man's identity and his desire to belong to the church in a non-judgmental way.

Third Place

National Catholic Reporter, Kansas City, MO, ""A life of jumping in with both feet"" by Alice Popovici

This article showcases how a courageous woman's question about who she is led to a life of joy and fulfillment.

N11a

BEST REGULAR COLUMN - Culture- the arts and leisure

First Place

National Catholic Reporter, Kansas City, MO, ""Bows, arrows and a sword: Girls rock this year on film,"

"Cinema's independent summer road trip," "The media's part in a culture of guns"" by Rose Pacatte
Nice mix of columns and commentary. The guns column made some very thoughtful and probably unpopular points in an effective way.

Second Place

Catholic News Service, Washington, D.C., "TV Eye: Perspectives on the media" by Mark Pattison

Interesting mix of topics of broad interest. He does a nice job of focusing on issues that are overlooked by general reporting/coverage.

Third Place

Georgia Bulletin, Smyrna, GA, “‘The Exorcist’: Setting The Record Straight; Carroll's 'American Requiem' A Profound Memorial; Vince Lombardi: Sport And Art, Sport And Faith” by David. A. King
Interesting mix of columns, and some unconventional positions taken.

Honorable Mention

The Colorado Catholic Herald, Colorado Springs, CO, “Greenspeak - Shut Up and Putt; Game for Life; Cleared for Final Approach” by John Krause
Really enjoyed these columns. Good advice for us duffers to consider both on the links and in our lives.

N11b

BEST REGULAR COLUMN - Spiritual Life

First Place

Catholic News Service, Washington, D.C., “Our Global Family” by Carolyn Woo
Appreciated the global insights and perspectives of this collection of topics. Writer delved into her experiences while not making it too journal-like.

Second Place

The Boston Pilot, Braintree, MA, “Best Regular Column Spiritual Life: Dale O'Leary” by Staff
Challenging, well written if wonky columns with sharp points of view. I thought they were well written and presented.

Third Place

The Catholic Spirit, Metuchen, NJ, “Guest Commentary Column by Javier Bustamante” by Javier Bustamante
Youth columns are difficult, and these have clear focus and don't try to do everything in each column. Steady, balanced approach.

Honorable Mention

The Evangelist, Albany, NY, “Seminarian's diary (Fears and faith/Final stretch/Role-changing)” by Scott VanDerveer, Daniel Quinn
Good insights into the work that goes into and the challenges facing seminarians.

N11c

BEST REGULAR COLUMN - Scripture

First Place

The Monitor, Trenton, NJ, “Things My Father Taught Me” by Mary Morrell
Good, compelling writing. Variety of topics. Writes with compassion and clarity.

Second Place

The Florida Catholic, Orlando, FL, “Sunday Word” by Father Ben Berinti
I liked the assortment of topics, and his genial style of writing.

Third Place

The Evangelist, Albany, NY, "Good News for Kids (Indoor voice/Projects get frustrating/Not black and white)" by Kate Blain

Tightly written, easy to digest items for young people. Clever idea and execution.

N11d

BEST REGULAR COLUMN - General Commentary

First Place

The Catholic Register, Toronto, ON, "Cornucopia" by Michael Coren

Balanced, succinct, clean, measured writing. Broad vantages, great depth.

Second Place

Hawaii Catholic Herald, Honolulu, HI, "View from the Pew" by Mary Adamski

A tradition old as the Church itself (on the place of bones & relics) here - with new life & legs (so to speak).... A thoughtful reflection on history and legacy and their place in our world today.

Third Place

Catholic News Service, Washington, D.C., "Looking Around" by Father William J. Byron

Simple themes smoothly broached: forgiveness, magnanimity, wealth. Clean, clear writing. Great quotes.

Honorable Mention

The Catholic Voice, Omaha, NE, "Taking a stand message proves to be timeless; Different stories share message on faith and life; The sun came up, and Jesus Christ is still our Lord" by Deacon Randy A. Grosse

Good themes, great writing, thoughtful presentation. A lot good going on here.

National Catholic Reporter, Kansas City, MO, ""Advanced ways to cheat are still plain old wrong,"

"Former death row inmate seeks justice and an apology," "Post-election, we are still divided, in need of healing"" by Heidi Schlumpf

Death row piece is the very essence of good story telling. High-quality in-depth reporting. Very detailed & nuanced writing.

N11e

BEST REGULAR COLUMN - Family Life

First Place

Catholic News Service, Washington, D.C., "For the Journey" by Effie Caldarola

The perfect snapshot. Simple, clear, profound & beautiful.

Second Place

The Catholic Moment, Lafayette, IN, "Molly Beck columns - Catholic Mom" by Molly Beck

On camping and family and God and the Great Outdoors. Not necessarily in that order. Good humor is a fine and rare thing.

Third Place

Capecchi, Christina, Inver Grove Heights, MN, "Twenty Something" by Christina Capecchi

Touching, personal story. Good writing. Nice anecdotes. A simple, clean and clear beautiful moment.

Honorable Mention

Tennessee Register, Nashville, TN, "Our virtue enriches the marital relationship; Tradition of faith gives balance to marriage; Christ is there to help your marriage just as he was at Cana" by John Bosio

Deft blending of the personal and analytical.

National Catholic Reporter, Kansas City, MO, ""At last, she is ready to go," "Around the deathbed and the birth bed," "The too-much-information age"" by Melissa Musick Nussbaum

Beautiful reflection on mothers and passing.

N12a

BEST REPORTING ON SPECIAL AGE GROUP - On children

First Place

Catholic Standard, Washington, D.C., "Junior Saints" by Richard Szczepanowski, Mark Zimmermann, Javier Diaz, Patricia Castrillo, Maureen Boyle, Gloria Marconi

"Junior Saints" sets the gold standard in communicating about and with children. It is lively and fun for parents and kids alike. The explanation of water, both in and out of the Bible, Olympion Katie Ledecy and our first Native American saint are brilliant.

Second Place

The Florida Catholic, Orlando, FL, "Kids Page" by Jean Gonzalez, Michael Jimenez

Faith can be interesting and fun as displayed in "Kids Page." The lives of the saints are inviting. The Stations of the Cross are explained well and the ways to celebrate being thankful are rich.

Third Place

Arlington Catholic Herald, Arlington, VA, "Duca is spiritual Iron Man" by Gretchen R. Crowe

A wonderful portrait of a "young" man of faith.

Honorable Mention

Catholic Sentinel, Portland, OR, "Country Catholic school in Roy endures" by Ed Langlois

The life of a school and its importance to all it touches is a great story.

The Catholic Miscellany, Charleston, SC, "Easing first day of school woes" by Christina Knauss

Great advice for parents and students alike.

N12b

BEST REPORTING ON SPECIAL AGE GROUP - On teenagers

First Place

The Catholic Register, Toronto, ON, "Speaking Out" by Bronwyn Lawrie

A fine combination of guidance through opinion and news. Bronwyn Lawrie's commentaries along with news and stories such as "Be Still and Know God," supply youth articles and insights to get them reading.

Second Place

The Catholic Spirit, St. Paul, MN, "Archdiocesan Youth Day aims to fire up faith of young Catholics" by Staff

The Catholic Spirit put its time and efforts into communication with youth. From meeting the graduates to the Youth Day coverage of "Jesus, the archbishop and 1,700 teens on a island, there is consistently good content and coverage.

Third Place

The Leaven, Kansas City, KS, “Boys serve in life and death” by Jessica Langdon

An inspiring story of young men moving into new life by serving those that have passed. A vivid picture and example of faith.

Honorable Mention

Idaho Catholic Register, Boise, ID, “Veteran, nun create ICYC moment” by Ann Bixby, Loretta Gossi

A compelling selection of stories from the Idaho Catholic Youth Convention.

Catholic Sentinel, Portland, OR, “Portland nonprofit helps prom dress dreams come true” by Clarice Keating

A great story of putting faith into action. Especially on a topic that is very important to young women, their prom.

N12c

BEST REPORTING ON SPECIAL AGE GROUP - On young adults

First Place

The Catholic Voice Newspaper, Oakland, CA, “Andrew Moore led a life dedicated to life” by Michele Jurich

Touching story of how the nation's youth can make such a difference in even a short lifetime. Wonderful choice of quotes and nice language use.

Second Place

North Texas Catholic, Fort Worth, TX, ““Proud to Serve God and Country”” by Jerry Circelli, Tony Gutierrez

The story subject's faith journey is nicely woven throughout the article. Good story of how young adults are leading faithful lives and serving the community and country.

Third Place

Hawaii Catholic Herald, Honolulu, HI, “Mana'olana” by staff

Great reading for young adults. Variety of coverage/topics and profiles included provides interest. The lighthearted feel is nice as well.

N12d

BEST REPORTING ON SPECIAL AGE GROUP - On senior citizens

First Place

The Catholic Review, Baltimore, MD, “Living Longer, Growing Stronger” by Staff

Great variety of coverage from profiles to information coverage of topics important to seniors. Well-written throughout.

Second Place

The Evangelist, Albany, NY, “Senior Lifestyles (special section)” by staff

Nice coverage of seniors living active lives of services to the community. Great way for seniors to learn about each other and readers to learn about this important age group.

Third Place

Northwest Indiana Catholic, Merrillville, IN, “College grad, 87, not done yet; says she has more learning to do” by Steve Euvino

Wonderful story of the persistence and service of the older generation. Nice use of details and quotes.

N13

BEST PHOTO STORY ORIGINATING WITH A NEWSPAPER

First Place

Tennessee Register, Nashville, TN, "Next stop, Macy's" by Rick Musacchio

The most complete story of the group. Interesting images. A well organized package all working together.

Second Place

The Catholic Voice Newspaper, Oakland, CA, "Rev. Derrick Oliveira" by Jose Aguirre

Of the ordination stories this one was the best. Compact and to the point. Final images really pulled this story together.

Third Place

The Valley Catholic, San Juan, TX, "Defendiendo la Vida" by Terry De Leon, Cesar Riojas

Another story that rose above being just a group of pictures. A text book story package. It had a strong beginning, middle and end. It had emotion and did not have a lot of wasted effort.

Honorable Mention

The Tablet, Brooklyn, NY, "Six New Priests" by Ed Wilkinson

Suffers a little from too many images but has many very strong ones. With a little more editing this would have played stronger.

N14a

BEST PHOTOGRAPH - Best feature photo (black and white OR color)

First Place

The Southern Cross, Savannah, GA, "Holy Week at the Cathedral" by Paul H. Camp

Emotional moment captured from an angle that made me feel I was part of the process. An intimate moment.

Second Place

The Criterion, Indianapolis, IN, "Couple celebrates 75th anniversary shortly before God calls husband home" by Mary Ann Garber

An intimate moment that really reflects the love between these two people. Very emotional, a key ingredient in making photographs connect with the reader.

Third Place

Catholic News Herald, Charlotte, NC, "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned" by SueAnn Howell

The expression on the young child's face draws me in to this picture. The innocent wonder and connection to the priest.

Honorable Mention

East Texas Catholic, Beaumont, TX, "Our Lady of Guadalupe" by Sarah Dupre

Photographer captured the emotion for a photograph that reflects the woman's feelings. Nice moment.

Catholic Transcript, Bloomfield, CT, "Cathedral at 50: Still magnificent, still growing" by Bob Mullen

I picked this simply because the photographer went and found a picture we have not seen before. It certainly give a new look to something that has probably been photographed many times before.

N14b

BEST PHOTOGRAPH - Best general news photo (black and white OR color)

First Place

Catholic News Herald, Charlotte, NC, "Hundreds rally for life during DNC in Charlotte" by Anthony Perlas
Clearly the first place. A very strong emotional moment really captured this young woman's reaction.

Second Place

Arlington Catholic Herald, Arlington, VA, "Fr. Dyer ordination" by Stacy Rausch
Nice emotional moment between father and son. Very strong image.

Third Place

Montana Catholic, Helena, MT, "Historic Ordination of 17 permanent deacons, from page 1 (lower left photo)" by Renee St. Martin Wizeman

The young girl peering at the prone candidates give you a different prospective on the event. A touch of wonderment and maybe a touch of humor make for a strong image.

Honorable Mention

Tennessee Register, Nashville, TN, "Nashville Dominicans respond to God's love with final profession of vows" by Rick Musacchio

Very strong image of the love these women share.

Hawaii Catholic Herald, Honolulu, HI, "A heroine's homecoming" by Darlene Dela Cruz

I liked this for the story telling element. Nicely shot, captures the setting as well as the story ine and the importance of the setting.

N14c

BEST PHOTOGRAPH - Best portrait

First Place

Tennessee Register, Nashville, TN, "Three priests (Priests adapt to changes in church since Vatican II)" by Rick Musacchio

Simple high key lighting helps isolate the different generations of the three.

Second Place

The Catholic Review, Baltimore, MD, "Cardinal Oâ€™Brien Celebration" by Tom McCarthy

Nice timing catching a thoughtful moment of Cardinal O'Brien.

Third Place

Georgia Bulletin, Smyrna, GA, "HIV/AIDS Activist" by Michael Alexander

The facial expression and the pin tell you everything about the character of this woman.

Honorable Mention

Catholic New York, New York, NY, "House Proud - family in a new kitchen" by Chris Sheridan

Nice moment for the family. Not easy to photograph nine people and see everyone's faces.

Catholic Sentinel, Portland, OR, "Chabo and his 4-year-old son Tao have heard about attacks on homeless people." by Clarice Keating

Great environmental portrait. Wish it were cropped closer.

N14d

BEST PHOTOGRAPH - Best scenic- still-life or weather photo

First Place

Tennessee Register, Nashville, TN, "Haiti's history of oppression, foreign interference, leaves lasting mark" by Theresa Laurence

Clean, simple illustrative scenic connecting the Haitian with her environmental predicament.

Second Place

Intermountain Catholic, Salt Lake City, UT, "Lent Begins" by Marie Mischel

Just the right amount of elements to illustrate the season. Works well with the layout and text.

Third Place

Arlington Catholic Herald, Arlington, VA, "Fall harvest" by Ann M. Augheron

Nice use of pattern, form and texture.

Honorable Mention

Catholic News Service, Washington, D.C., "U.S. bishops gather for Mass" by Nancy Phelan Wiechec

The repeating pattern draws you into the image.

N14e

BEST PHOTOGRAPH - Best photo-illustration (a generic or studio image that illustrates and abstract concept, idea or theme)

First Place

The Catholic Miscellany, Charleston, SC, "Marriage: In good times and bad, in sickness and health" by Deirdre Mays

Nice use of the "rule of thirds" with the subjects and room for text in the upper left corner.

Second Place

The Catholic Register, Toronto, ON, "Into the shadows" by Michael Swan

Simple works best. The shadow on the Canadian flag is a great layering effect.

Third Place

Catholic Star Herald, Camden, NJ, "seeking a new vision for camden" by Carl Peters

Nice idea to connect the cross with a recognizable building representing the city. The angle draws you into the photo.

N14f

BEST PHOTOGRAPH - Best sports photo

First Place

The Catholic Review, Baltimore, MD, "Senior Basketball" by Tom McCarthy

Fun to see Seniors in great action images. Facial expressions show how competitive they are.

Second Place

Catholic Star Herald, Camden, NJ, "He's safe!" by Alan Dumoff

Great moment but wish it were cropped tighter to show the player holding the ball.

Third Place

Georgia Bulletin, Smyrna, GA, "Arms Control" by Michael Alexander

Interesting moment with both arms pulled. I like the coaches in the background as well.

Honorable Mention

Northwest Indiana Catholic, Merrillville, IN, "The Andean softball team celebrates with its state softball championship trophy June 9 after defeating Edgewood 9-2 for the Indiana Class 3A title." by Michael McArdle

Nice facial expressions on the girls after the win.

N15a

BEST MULTIPLE PICTURE PACKAGE ORIGINATING WITH THE NEWSPAPER - News

First Place

Catholic News Service, Washington, D.C., "Vietnam Memorial at 30" by Nancy Phelan Wiechec

Best photos in the competition. Very compelling.

Second Place

Catholic Courier, Rochester, NY, "Marching for life" by Mike Crupi

Story is told nicely via photos. Nice variety of shapes, subjects and sizes.

Third Place

Tennessee Register, Nashville, TN, "Catholics renew faith during Holy Week" by Rick Musacchio, Andy Telli, Theresa Laurence

Good variety of photos. Could improve by not jamming together so much on the page.

Honorable Mention

The Monitor, Trenton, NJ, "This is Our Faith" by Staff

Nice web design and fun photos.

N15b

BEST MULTIPLE PICTURE PACKAGE ORIGINATING WITH THE NEWSPAPER - Feature

First Place

Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington, IN, "Capturing the Universal Church" by Karen Callaway

Excellent variety of photos and great display.

Second Place

Arlington Catholic Herald, Arlington, VA, "Stained glass windows" by Katie Bahr

Interesting photo package. Nice variety of photos from detail to broad shots.

Third Place

Catholic News Service, Washington, D.C., "Cleaning St. Peter's Baldacchino" by Paul Haring

Stunning photos that show the immensity of the project.

Honorable Mention

Catholic News Herald, Charlotte, NC, "Sacred art enlightens Forest City church" by Patricia Guilfoyle

Nice to see the large photo in the center contrasted by the series of detail shots on the bottom, creating photos and display.

Catholic Health World, St. Louis, MO, "Homeless Children" by Craig Blankenhorn, Judith Vandewater

Nice package of photos. Wanted to see more.

N15c**BEST MULTIPLE-PICTURE PACKAGE - Religious Liberty****First Place**

The Leaven, Kansas City, KS, "Rally cry" by Lori Wood Habiger, Todd Habiger, Joe McSorley

I was impressed with all of the entries in the various categories from *The Leaven*, but this was very nice. I particularly liked the crowd shot on the second page. Good photo package.

Second Place

The Catholic Review, Baltimore, MD, "Fortnight for Freedom Launch" by Tom McCarthy

Few photos, but well chosen. Nice typography on the second page.

Third Place

The Catholic Miscellany, Charleston, SC, "Rise up for Freedom" by Douglas Deas

Nice photo selection but I'm not sure the headline over the first photo was successful.

N16a**BEST USE OF ART OR GRAPHICS - Art or graphics****First Place**

The Catholic Miscellany, Charleston, SC, "Give something special this Christmas" by Caroline Nelson

This is dynamic and colorful and gets the reader into the spirit of giving.

Second Place

Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington, IN, "Church Finances Under the Microscope" by Lindsey Riesen

Great illustration for the article it accompanies. Artwork is very descriptive; good choice of colors and use of texture.

Third Place

The Catholic Review, Baltimore, MD, "Charles Street" by April Hornbeck, Tom McCarthy

Nice use of pictures, good color choice and just overall a good use of art.

N16b**BEST USE OF ART OR GRAPHICS - Best original illustration****First Place**

National Catholic Reporter, Kansas City, MO, ""Getting young Catholic couples to a Catholic altar"" by Pat Marrin

Wonderful artwork giving a sense of the "hurdles" facing both couples and the church and a need for action.

Second Place

The Catholic Review, Baltimore, MD, "Modern Slavery" by Carole Henaff, April Hornbeck

Great artwork to illustrate the accompanying article. Nice color choices.

Third Place

National Catholic Reporter, Kansas City, MO, "We have the pillars, but the building is still unfinished" by Pat Marrin

Artwork provides a great sense of the need for more work in order to reach completion/goals.

N16c

BEST USE OF ART OR GRAPHICS - Best chart or information graphic

First Place

Arkansas Catholic, Little Rock, AR, "Arkansas Catholic schools by the numbers" by Emily Roberts

This graphic is eye catching for its color, easy to interpret and includes nice layers of information.

Second Place

The Catholic Spirit, St. Paul, MN, "Catholic Charities 101" by Dianne Towalski

This graphic includes a lot of information while not becoming heavy or bogged down in it through the use of large, bold, colorful figures. It's also nice that the graphic encourages action on the part of the reader.

Third Place

The Catholic Register, Toronto, ON, "Vestments and symbols of the Office of the Cardinal" by Lucy Barco

Nice separation of visual items and good information.

N17

BEST HEADLINE

First Place

Clarion Herald, New Orleans, LA, "Pardon me: What is a plenary indulgence?" by Beth Donze

Second Place

The Tablet, Brooklyn, NY, "'To Hell With You' Catholics" by Ed Wilkinson

Third Place

East Texas Catholic, Beaumont, TX, "Lent in your pocket" by Jeff Dixon

Honorable Mention

The Tidings, Los Angeles, CA, "How do we get the 'nones' back in the habit?" by Mike Nelson

Idaho Catholic Register, Boise, ID, "Blackfoot parish celebrates Corpus Christi before all hail breaks loose" by Loretta Gossi, Ann Bixby

N18a

BEST REGULAR SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT

First Place

The Monitor, Trenton, NJ, "Faithbook" by Staff

Great concept carried out throughout the section. Nice cover and interior design. I liked the sense of fun throughout this section that WILL be read by youth.

Second Place

FaithLife, Erie, PA, "Faithful Servants" by Elizabeth Butterfield, Cindy DeCoursey, Jason Koshinskie, Anne-Marie Welsh, Brenda Williams

Strong cover but even better was a consistency throughout the section with well-crafted, well-designed, and well-executed tributes to honorees.

Third Place

The Catholic Spirit, St. Paul, MN, "Leading with Faith" by Staff

Sections honoring business leaders can be uninspiring. This section allowed the leaders and their nominators to show their faith in action.

Honorable Mention

The Catholic Review, Baltimore, MD, "Graduation Class of 2012" by Staff

This was an excellent section with an outstanding cover and good stories inside.

The Catholic Register, Toronto, ON, "Our native saint: Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks" by Staff

From its intriguing cover to a raft of excellent stories explaining St. Kateri Tekakwitha, this section holds readers' attention.

N18b

BEST ONE-TIME SPECIAL ISSUE

First Place

Catholic New York, New York, NY, "Joy Rising - The Elevation of Timothy Cardinal Dolan" by Staff

A very thorough job on a story that was important to the diocese and the American church. Good use of photos to help tell the story.

Second Place

National Catholic Reporter, Kansas City, MO, "Second Vatican Council, 1962-1965: A church reborn" by Staff and Contributors

A very thoughtful and thorough job. Very well put together piece of journalism.

Third Place

Hawaii Catholic Herald, Honolulu, HI, "A special section in anticipation of the canonization of Blessed Marianne Cope" by Patrick Downes, Darlene Dela Cruz

Very thorough, solid writing on a topic of great local, and international interest.

Honorable Mention

The Monitor, Trenton, NJ, "This Is Our Faith" by Staff

Engaging layouts that pull the reader in. Nice touch to highlight web-only features

Catholic Standard, Washington, D.C., "The Church, Our Spiritual Home" by Mark Zimmermann, Javier Diaz, Rafael Crisostomo, Michael Hoyt

Very well presented. Clean, inviting layouts. Easy for reader to navigate

N18c

BEST SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT ON AN ORDINARY'S TRANSITION

First Place

The Catholic Review, Baltimore, MD, "Archbishop Lori Special Section" by Staff

Excellent layout and presentation. Great job tackling a story about someone who was unfamiliar to the readers, and (quite likely) reporters.

Second Place

Catholic Herald, Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI, "Faithful to Christ and his Gospel" by Staff

A very solid job on this one, especially since the subject was of great local interest but who had not lived in the community for some time. Put a lot of information in a little space. Well edited.

Third Place

Denver Catholic Register, Denver, CO, "Archbishop Aquila returns to Denver to be installed as fifth archbishop" by Roxanne King, Robert Linn, James Baca, Julie Filby, Nissa LaPoint, Jean Torkelson

Strong, compelling writing, accented by clear layouts

N19

BEST SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT OR SPECIAL ISSUE WITH ADVERTISING EMPHASIS

First Place

Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington, IN, "A Century of Serving the Church" by staff

The overview of a century of *Our Sunday Visitor* from newsprint to iPad is a massive undertaking, and its execution is something to behold.

Second Place

The Catholic Northwest Progress, Seattle, WA, "Back to School" by Keri Hake

This overview of Catholic schools provides an impressive array of the overview of issues, trends, people and even lunches.

Third Place

The Monitor, Trenton, NJ, "Guide to Catholic Colleges & Universities" by Edward Heffernan, Frank Weber, Staff

Strikes a balance between the broader view of Catholic higher education and its importance with spotlights on individual schools, which together provides a great deal of insight.

Honorable Mention

Catholic New York, New York, NY, "The 2012 Catholic High School Guide" by Staff

This section does one thing - and does it well. The overview of New York Catholic high school is a huge task, and Catholic New York is up to it.

N20a

BEST SPORTS JOURNALISM - Sports news

First Place

Georgia Bulletin, Smyrna, GA, "War Eagles Follow In Footsteps Of Marist 'Cadets'" by Andrew Nelson

Catholic culture through the years; reflected in one institution, told through one team. Great research, good quotes.

Second Place

Tennessee Register, Nashville, TN, "Little League World Series 'cool experience'" by Andy Telli

Lacking faith angle, yet a very, very fine, high-quality piece. Staggeringly thorough. Nice play by play. Great description, abundant interviews & a sea of quotes.

Third Place

Arkansas Catholic, Little Rock, AR, "Girls join CHS fitness team - and win" by Leslie O'Malley

Clear narrative, interesting subject, good quotes. Concise & clean.

Honorable Mention

Tennessee Register, Nashville, TN, "German exchange student lives baseball dream" by Andy Telli

N20b

BEST SPORTS JOURNALISM - Sports feature or column

First Place

The Catholic Free Press, Worcester, MS, "Softball Slugger Sister covers all the bases at work and play" by William Clew

What a gem.

Second Place

The A.D. Times, Allentown, PA, "Like Tebow, diocesan teams witness to their faith on the field" by Tami Quigley

An incredibly high quality piece. The very definition of stupendous reporting, a vast sea of great perspective & telling quotes. Well-edited and assembled; comprising a beautiful mosaic of faith and local sports culture. Stronger as a "here is how sports and faith intersect here and now" overview.

Third Place

The Compass, Green Bay, WI, "Packers Heritage Trail" by Jeff Kurowski

Local state religion collides with the Catholic faith - this piece is the best of both worlds. A thorough history, good reporting and a clean structure.

Honorable Mention

The Tablet, Brooklyn, NY, "New Auxiliaries Share Love of the Game" by Jim Mancari

A perfectly placed two-part feature; flush with anecdotes, local history & personal flavor.

The Tablet, Brooklyn, NY, "Cyclones Pitcher Has Symbolic Glove" by Jim Mancari

Touching tale of a rich family history; told thru a simple image, and woven into a larger tapestry of faith and sport.

N21

BEST SEASONAL ISSUE

First Place

The Catholic Register, Toronto, ON, "Joy to the World" by Staff

Rich array of stories with good photos and art, including the live play, The Story, plus inspirational articles, prayers, and children's Christmas art.

Second Place

The Visitor, St. Cloud, MN, "Lent 2012" by Staff

An array of articles of inspiration, suggestions, and even a calendar for Lent. Well written news style articles as well.

Third Place

Observer, The, Rockford, IL, "Ashes to Ashes a Guide for Lent" by staff

Complete with Lenten recipes, this issue details the rules of fast and abstinence, but more importantly addresses prayer and giving.

Honorable Mention

The Catholic Northwest Progress, Seattle, WA, "A Child is Born" by Greg Magnoni, Kevin Birnbaum, Ellen Bollard

Center double spread on finding Christ around the world highlights seasonal coverage which includes Vatican creche.

The Catholic Northwest Progress, Seattle, WA, "A Child is Born" by Greg Magnoni, Kevin Birnbaum, Ellen Bollard

Stories on Christmas in local communities and a full page of color photos augment Christmas stories. Front page bishop's Christmas message.

N22

BEST COVERAGE OF A ROUTINE- SACRAMENTAL EVENT

First Place

The Tidings, Los Angeles, CA, "Christmas joy in Lynwood: Brother Cesar's profession" by Doris Benavides
Beautiful story. Simple and well told. "If i will never be able to walk again, then teach me how to fly." Powerful stuff.

Second Place

The Catholic Spirit, St. Paul, MN, "Finding God in the darkness" by Julie Carroll, Dave Hrbacek
Tragedy reborn as hope from death to baptism. A touching tale of life, reborn anew.

Third Place

Arlington Catholic Herald, Arlington, VA, "Be sealed" by Gretchen R. Crowe
Beautiful picturesque intro. A heaping pile of quotes and background; well-sorted. Good interviewing and reporting. Incredibly thorough overview, drenched in personal stories and insight.

Honorable Mention

The Catholic Northwest Progress, Seattle, WA, "A Sacrament that can change your life" by Kevin Birnbaum, Ellen Bollard, Jean Parietti
A too-often forgotten sacrament. A bevy of interviews and enlightening quotes. daily life and eternity, together; thru grace and liberation and redemption. Nice overview of church writings, plus tips for applying it to daily life.

The Dialog, Wilmington, DE, "Now playing for the Oblates, Father Mike Vogt" by Mike Lang
Separated by that little extra something - personability, character, familiarity. Just a simple beautiful story, well-told.

N23a

BEST COVERAGE OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ISSUES - Print

First Place

The Catholic Sun, Phoenix, AZ, "Fight for religious freedom" by Joyce Coronel, Ambria Hammel, J.D. Long-Garcia

The Catholic Sun did more than just cover rallies, it connected it's content among many freedom issues including immigration and the Mexican war for religious freedom along with the HHS mandate and Forthnight of Freedom.

Second Place

Arlington Catholic Herald, Arlington, VA, "Praying for liberty; A war on women's faith; Trivia educates, engages young adults" by Gretchen R. Crowe, Katie Bahr

Focusing on religous freedom with prayer, the battle for women's rights and even a trivia contest delivered the freedom message to Catholic Herald readres.

Third Place

Catholic Courier, Rochester, NY, "Best Print Coverage of Religious Liberty Issues" by Amy Kotlarz

Great art always helps great editorial and the Catholic Herald trumpets this. Showing its people in action such as in the new "Task Force" helped show the many faces of religion and liberty.

Honorable Mention

Catholic Anchor, Anchorage, AK, “Alaskans called to defend religious freedom/ The choice is ours ... for now/ Religious liberty in the balance” by Patricia Coll Freeman, Joel Davidson
The Catholic Miscellany, Charleston, SC, “HHS mandates contraception/sterilization coverage” by Christina Knauss, Amy Wise Taylor

N23b

BEST COVERAGE OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ISSUES - Photo

First Place

The Catholic Review, Baltimore, MD, “Fortnight” by Tom McCarthy
Vivid images from the pulpit to the plowed fields.

Second Place

The Catholic Miscellany, Charleston, SC, “More than worship” by Douglas Deas

N24

BEST COVERAGE OF THE YEAR OF FAITH

First Place

Catholic Herald, Diocese of Madison, Madison, WI, “Year of Faith” by Staff

The Year of Faith wasn't just a motto for the Catholic Herald, it became real. It used the tips with great art to make something happen in the readers lives and published 'How to Say the Rosary.'

Second Place

Georgia Bulletin, Smyrna, GA, “Emphasis On Mary To Color Upcoming Year; Archbishop Gregory Answers Questions About Mary; Mary Cherished By Cubans As Virgin Of Charity” by Andrew Nelson, Michael Alexander

Giving the Year of Faith a concrete platform was brilliant by the archdiocese and the execution of dedicating the year to "Faith Personified" via the Virgin Mary was excellent execution of the project as was the bishop's Q and A about the Holy Mother.

Third Place

The Colorado Catholic Herald, Colorado Springs, CO, “An Opportunity for Great and Many Graces” by Bill Howard, Veronica Ambuul, Dave Kottler, Michael Sheridan, Debbie Kelley

Honorable Mention

Arlington Catholic Herald, Arlington, VA, “Year of Faith underway in Arlington, Faith for the whole family, Sherry Weddell, Sharing their faith” by Gretchen R. Crowe, Katie Bahr, Dave Borowski

The Evangelist, Albany, NY, “What is the creed/Explaining the creed, parts II and III” by Rev. Anthony Barratt

N25

BEST COVERAGE OF THE ELECTION AND FORMING CONSCIENCE

First Place

The Florida Catholic, Orlando, FL, “Time to question the candidates” by Jean Gonzalez

A comprehensive guide that touches on all the issues important to the candidates, voters and Catholics.

Second Place

National Catholic Reporter, Kansas City, MO, “Retail politics not what they once were in NH," "Races for Congress feel super PAC influence," "Rise of a 'Catholic Billy Graham'?" by Michael Sean Winters, Brian Roewe

This piece weaves in creative narratives to tell the story of the election season, complete with excellent photography.

Third Place

The Catholic Review, Baltimore, MD, “Growing need” by Maria Wiering

Uses a variety of voices and excellent reporting to illustrate the relevant issues of the election season.

N26

BEST COVERAGE OF THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF VATICAN II's OPENING

First Place

The Catholic Northwest Progress, Seattle, WA, “Cathedral lecture will explore What Happened at Vatican II; Archbishop shared Vatican II experience with readers; Pope John XXIII shrine blessed” by Kevin Birnbaum

A highly comprehensive dive into the history, implications and narrative of Vatican II. The coverage provides a richness with a variety of voices from academic to theological.

Second Place

The Catholic Voice, Omaha, NE, “Second Vatican Council 50 Years Later” by Lisa Maxson, Shannon R.A. Tarvin, Deacon Randy Grosse, Joe Ruff

From home to Rome, the Catholic Voice's coverage provides a detailed and intimate look at the legacy of Vatican II.

Third Place

Catholic News Service, Washington, D.C., “Marking the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council” by Francis X. Rocca, Cindy Wooden, Carol Glatz

Interesting reporting of first-person accounts of Vatican II. Brings the reader back to the feeling and excitement of the era.

N27

BEST COVERAGE OF VOCATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD- RELIGIOUS LIFE OR DIACONATE

First Place

Orange County Catholic, Orange, CA, “Orange's Priests--Behind the Scenes” by Elisabeth Deffner

These interesting "off time" profiles of priests humanizes the subjects and displays a sense of lively storytelling. The illustrations help advance the narrative. A fun read.

Second Place

North Country Catholic, Ogdensburg, NY, “The Source of Vocations” by Bishop Terry LaValley, Father Bryan Stitt, Kristina Dean, Kelly Donnelly, Ryan Grant, Deacon Scott Belina

This special section of many stories provides an encompassing understanding of vocations from many angles. Many personal stories, well told in a variety of formats, engage the reader.

Third Place

The Leaven, Kansas City, KS, “Faith, hope and stamina” by Joe Bollig

Compelling storytelling in word and image. The expressions on these faces tell the story, and the narrative is well written. A good marriage of image and word.

Honorable Mention

The Catholic Miscellany, Charleston, SC, “Franciscan sisters to move on after 25 years in Beaufort” by Amy Wise Taylor

An engaging lead, charming descriptions of the subjects, and a warmly told narrative with smart use of quotes that advanced the story.

The Catholic Spirit, St. Paul, MN, “Father’s Day . . . with a twist” by Dave Hrbacek

An unusual angle on this story pulls the reader in to a well-told narrative.

N28

BEST LOCAL TREATMENT OF THE OLYMPICS

First Place

Catholic Standard, Washington, D.C., “Golden Girl: Olympic Swimmer Katie Ledecky” by Maureen Boyle, Mark Zimmermann, Rafael Crisostomo, Michael Hoyt

Readers get to experience a part of Ledecky's life as a champion, teen and faith-driven athlete.

Second Place

Denver Catholic Register, Denver, CO, “Miss Olympic medalist: Missy Franklin” by Julie Filby, James Baca

Through RV coverage we learned much about Missy Franklin. The writer shared more about her life and her high school community.

Third Place

Catholic Courier, Rochester, NY, “Best Local Treatment of the Olympics” by Jennifer Burke, Mike Latona
Great story of Olympian sharing her life with students.

N29

BEST REGULAR COLUMN BY A BISHOP OR ARCHBISHOP

First Place

Catholic Sentinel, Portland, OR, “A Child Betrayed” by Archbishop John Vlazny

What a difficult message. Doesn't get any tougher than this. And a perfect response, too; all facts and grace. Everybody should read this.

Second Place

The Colorado Catholic Herald, Colorado Springs, CO, “The Bishop's Voice - Greatful for God Given Rights, When Evil Strikes, Freedom of Religion” by Michael Sheridan

A beautiful reflection on evil's face, born anew in fresh tragedy. Local issue borne large. Impressive vocabulary and wordsmithing; eloquent structure & flow.

Third Place

Pittsburgh Catholic, Pittsburgh, PA, “Regular column by a bishop” by Bishop David A. Zubik

A very personal and moving story; how a selfless moment changes lives forever. Touching. Good narrative story-telling. Clear focus. Simple, perfect themes, fleshed out into relevant messages.

Honorable Mention

The Evangelist, Albany, NY, "Bishop's column (Priests' attitudes, Election time, Homily for Kateri canonization)" by Bishop Howard Hubbard

A clearly elucidated message to the Church and her peoples. Shows a sharp awareness of the day's issues, without sinking into despair & hopelessness. High-quality, thoughtful, well-organized writing.

The Tidings, Los Angeles, CA, "Archbishop's Message" by Archbishop Jose Gomez

One of the better writers in the competition. Good stories, great sources, profound message and effortless flow.

N30

BEST ONLINE/MULTI-MEDIA PRESENTATION OF VISUALS

First Place

The Catholic Review, Baltimore, MD, "Lombardi pilgrimage for freedom" by Tom McCarthy

The video transports the viewer to the march with the parishioners along country roads on a summer day. It's a masterful combination of filming and storytelling.

Second Place

Montana Catholic, Helena, MT, "Behind the Story - Priests and their pets" by Eric Connolly

A beautifully filmed and edited film that shows the softer side of priests - and their pets. Creative and adorable!

Third Place

Montana Catholic, Helena, MT, "Behind the Story - Justice Outreach Project" by Eric Connolly

The video storytelling puts a caring and youthful face on work on Native American reservations in Montana.

Honorable Mention

Georgia Bulletin, Smyrna, GA, "Cathedral Of Christ The King: A Day In The Life" by Michael Alexander, Thomas Schulte

Simple yet evocative images captures a day in the life of this church.

N31a

BEST NEWSPAPER WEBSITE - Stand-alone website

First Place

Catholic News Herald, Charlotte, NC, "www.catholicnews herald.com" by Catholic News Herald Staff, Kimberly Bender

A rich variety of stories provide the visitor engaging information on a variety of topics relevant to Catholic life.

Second Place

The Catholic Sun, Phoenix, AZ, "www.catholicsun.org" by Staff

An orderly display of relevant stories keeps the visitor engaged and interested in clicking for more content.

Third Place

The Compass, Green Bay, WI, "Best stand-alone Newspaper Website" by Staff

There is a lot of information, but it's well-organized in an easy-to-navigate and visual design.

N31c**BEST NEWSPAPER WEBSITE - Interactive website****First Place**

The Catholic Review, Baltimore, MD, "Catholic Review Website" by Staff

Catholicreview.org well serves the Archdiocese of Baltimore with a variety of local and national issue coverage.

Second Place

None Selected

CARDINAL JOHN P. FOLEY AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN CATHOLIC JOURNALISM**N32a****GENERAL EXCELLENCE - 1-17-000 Diocesan paper****First Place**

The Catholic Northwest Progress, Seattle, WA, "General Excellence" by Greg Magnoni, Kevin Birnbaum, Ellen Bollard

Excellent editing, story selection, and art make this a compelling read which provides an interesting portrait of the whole diocese. Special topic emphasis, especially the sacrament of reconciliation, give this paper added depth.

Second Place

Catholic Anchor, Anchorage, AK, "Religious liberty in the balance" by Joel Davidson, Patricia Coll Freeman, Sandy Busch

Strong leads, well developed stories and an interesting use of 3- and 4-column design creates an open feel to the inside design. Well done headlines with nicely balanced type fonts contribute to a fresh feel, even to lengthy in-depth pieces.

Third Place

The Florida Catholic, Orlando, FL, "General Excellence" by Linda Reeves, Jean Gonzalez, Ann Borowski Slade, Michael Jimenez, Mary Rose Denaro, Michael Carlock

The Florida Catholic demonstrates how to make a tabloid appealing. Good stories on parish anniversaries add to a good briefs of major news stories, national, international and Florida news.

Honorable Mention

Idaho Catholic Register, Boise, ID, "Remembering Vatican Council II" by Michael Brown, Ann Bixby, Loretta Gossi

Working with limited color, the Idaho Catholic Register earned its place among the winners for creating a great sense of the diocese. Its features on Vatican II 50 Years later had a strong local angle. The Spanish section adds to the breadth.

The Message, Evansville, IN, "'What differentiates us? Our faith' - Over 7,000 celebrate Year of Faith Mass at the Ford Center" by Rick Jillson, Mary Ann Hughes, Diane Csukas, Sheila Barclay, Steve Halbig, Pee Wee Vasquez

Wonderful use of cover art puts The Message among the papers with "grabber" front pages. Magazine in style, it is a well edited newspaper with a distinctly modern look.

N32b

GENERAL EXCELLENCE - 17-001-40-000 Diocesan paper

First Place

Tennessee Register, Nashville, TN, "Last supper (Easter Issue); Haitian priest in Nashville builds a bridge between cultures; Earlier generations found church at center of life" by Staff

Appealing design draws readers in and organizes content for easy access. Strong writing keeps the reader in the stories, and story selection provides a broad view of Church news as well as a good sense of Catholic life in the diocese of Nashville.

Second Place

The Catholic Spirit, Metuchen, NJ, "General Excellence" by Staff

Full of news about the diocese, *The Catholic Spirit* shows how well a tabloid format can appeal to readers and feature photos. The image of the week contest is wonderful fun.

Third Place

Catholic Herald, Diocese of Madison, Madison, WI, "Catholic Herald-Diocese of Madison" by Staff

After reading an issue of the *Catholic Herald*, one has the sense of knowing what's going on in every corner of the diocese. The Herald editor creates a solid blend of major stories, news briefs, and in depth pieces on Catholic life.

Honorable Mention

The Valley Catholic, San Juan, TX, "The Valley Catholic" by Brenda Nettles Riojas, Rose Ybarra

Joy and vitality seem part of the editorial mix in the *Valley Catholic*. Impressive in design, editing, and story selection, this paper can teach others how to create joy and energy.

The Compass, Green Bay, WI, "General Excellence" by Staff

Well crafted and professional in every aspect, *The Compass* provides an example of strong journalism and skilled editing.

N32c

GENERAL EXCELLENCE - 40-000+ Diocesan paper

First Place

Catholic New York, New York, NY, "Catholic New York" by Staff

Catholic New York once again dominates because of its outstanding journalism in every aspect. From news briefs and captions through news sections to tracking Cardinal Dolan's sojourn among Catholics and thoughtful, trenchant editorials, the paper feature

Second Place

The Catholic Review, Baltimore, MD, "General Excellence" by Staff

Professional in writing, in photos, and in design, *The Catholic Review* is a wonderful paper from the strength of its front page to the "Amen" section at the end. Special topics like "Safe Surroundings" bring intelligent analysis and comment to the issue

Third Place

Catholic News Herald, Charlotte, NC, "Catholics to DNC: 'Listen up!', Prayer, participation, protest, 'Behold the Lamb of God'" by Patricia Guilfoyle, SueAnn Howell, Kimberly Bender

The News Herald took great journalistic advantage of the presence of the Democratic National Convention to bring a distinctive Catholic perspective as well as advice and news to its readers. Strong color graphics support insightful stories and opinion pi

Honorable Mention

Catholic Transcript, Bloomfield, CT, “The Catholic Transcript/Top topic at prayer breakfast: First Amendment” by Staff

The Transcript's editors make it a very difficult newspaper to put down. Well written for readers, not skimmers, catchy headlines draw one into stories written with flair and appeal. Design fits the broadsheet format and handles news briefs and type.

FaithLife, Erie, PA, “FaithLife” by Jason Koshinski, Rich Papalia

Unique in layout, story length, and visuals, FaithLife looks like a publication for Catholics under 40, with a design that emulates contemporary magazines.

N32d

GENERAL EXCELLENCE - National newspaper

First Place

The Catholic Register, Toronto, ON, “The Catholic Register” by Staff

Fresh and dynamic use of the tabloid format from photo dominant front page through the editorial page coupled with fine writing makes this a winner. Story selection and appealing headlines plus good captions fill out the quality of editing.

Second Place

National Catholic Reporter, Kansas City, MO, “National Catholic Reporter” by Staff and Contributors

Catchy headlines draw readers into insightful, sometimes provocative stories grounded in solid reporting. Open front page bring freshness and appeal with strong photo selection. Editorials take on the pressing and challenging issues facing the Church.

Third Place

Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington, IN, “Our Sunday Visitor” by staff

Compelling features and interviews address major issues and provide deeper knowledge about the Church. Well written and laid out, which is a serious challenge with the lengthy depth stories the editors favor. Columnists Tomeo and Mannion round out a staff

Honorable Mention

Catholic Health World, St. Louis, MO, “Catholic Health World” by Judith VandeWater, Julie Minda, Les Stock, Donna Troy

A well crafted newspaper for the American medical and health community, Catholic Health World combines an appealing writing style with creative graphics.

S01a

BEST NEWS WRITING - Local/Regional Event

First Place

The Catholic Voice Newspaper, Oakland, CA, “Jesús Navarro latino lucha por un riñón para poder vivir” by Jose Aguirre

A poignant reminder of how everybody has a chance to turn their life around.

Second Place

El Centinela, Portland, OR, “¡No! a nuevas detenciones” by Rocío Rios

The problem is thoroughly explained and the quotes bring the story to life.

Third Place

El Catolico de Rhode Island, Providence, RI, “Conferencia de Servidores y Ministros” by Ana Maria Delgado

Good writing, the event is properly outlined and there is room for a more spiritual look as well.

S01b

BEST NEWS WRITING - National/International Event

First Place

El Centinela, Portland, OR, “Colombia y su proceso de Paz” by Antonio Andraus

Interstante, informativo. El lector aprende algo sobre Colombia y sobre nuestros vecinos en Portland.

Second Place

El Catolico de Rhode Island, Providence, RI, “Conferencia Reunio a Musicos Hispanos del Este” by Silvio Cuellar

Cuellar entiende que significa la música para parroquias católicas.

Third Place

El Centinela, Portland, OR, “Argentinos de Portland muy unidos a su país” by Rocío Rios

Este artículo es buen ejemplo de como un periódico puede conectar temas internacionales con lo que está pasando localmente. Pero nunca explica porque estos argentinos sienten que tienen que manifestar. Que está pasando en Argentina para provocar esto? Necesitamos un párrafo que explica esto.

S02

BEST FEATURE STORY

First Place

Revista Maryknoll, Maryknoll, NY, “Una Cultura Migratoria” by David R. Aquije

Lindas fotos y un reportaje excepcional sobre la gente filipina que viaja a otros países para trabajar y como afecta la iglesia.

Second Place

El Pueblo Catolico, Denver, CO, “El perdón y la oración como camino de paz y reconciliación” by Lara Montoya

Un tema importante después del tiroteo de Aurora. Examina como la fe puede ayudar en tiempos tan difíciles.

Third Place

Revista Maryknoll, Maryknoll, NY, “Creación y Eco de Justicia” by David R. Aquije

Muy bien escrita.

Honorable Mention

El Centinela, Portland, OR, “Una mirada a los pioneros migrantes que llegaron a Oregón ” by Clarice Keating

Buen uso de sus fuentes locales para contar una historia de migración, no solo a este país también como migrantes encuentran un lugar acogedor y se establecen ahí.

S03

BEST EDITORIAL

First Place

El Pregonero, Washington, D.C., “Separar los hechos de los mitos” by Rafael Acosta

Excelente comentario. El contenido es interesante, importante y bien escrito.

Second Place

El Pregonero, Washington, D.C., “No esperemos que otros decidan por nosotros” by Rafael Roncal

Roncal sigue con temas importantes y pone a sus lectores en una posición para actuar.

Third Place

El Pueblo Catolico, Denver, CO, “Opinión: Mi misión Evangelizar, La Pedagogía de la alegría y el dolor, Una Iglesia viva y activa” by Mayé Agama

La voz de esta joven mujer es cálida.

Honorable Mention

El Pregonero, Washington, D.C., “Tributo a ‘Carmelita de la Justicia’ by Rafael Roncal

S04a

BEST COLUMN - General Commentary

First Place

Catholic News Service, Washington, D.C., “Buscando Vida” by Moises Sandoval

Moises Sandoval's "Buscando Vida" columns have a distinctive personal voice, supported by strong contextual material. And they have a bit of bite. A quote from Carlos Fuentes, included in a column in this entry, refers to "a recognition that the world is holy." This is Sandoval's gift: to see the sacred in daily life.

Second Place

USCCB, Washington, D.C., “Entre Amigos” by Mar Muñoz-Visoso

Mar Muñoz-Visoso offers wise, seasoned commentary on big-picture issues. These columns, on Pope Benedict's visits to Mexico and Cuba, and on the U.S. bishops' "uproar" over religious liberty, are neither timid nor intemperate nor shallow; rather, they add to the discourse.

Third Place

Revista Maryknoll, Maryknoll, NY, “El Mundo a través de tus Ojos, Las Caras que no Vemos, Iglesia con Sabor Latino” by Francisco Suárez, Giovana Soria

Francisco Suárez's columns (and a column about Suarez's work by his colleague Giovana Sorio) have an edge and vitality drawn from Suarez's years of reporting from around the globe. He succeeds in conveying in sensory detail the human face of those who often go unseen.

S04b

BEST COLUMN - Spiritual

First Place

El Centinela, Portland, OR, “En estos momentos pienso en el niño que nos ha sido traicionado” by Archbishop John Vlazny

Archbishop John Vlazny has written a painfully honest column about his own anger and shame in the face of a molestation case in the diocese, and the imperative of effective action in a loving spirit.

Second Place

Revista Maryknoll, Maryknoll, NY, “La Virgen de la Altagracia, La Virgen de Chapi, Madre de las Américas” by Deirdre Cornell

Dierdre Cornell sensitively shares how a community of Dominican immigrants in New York sees Mary "full of grace" in their world. Beautiful descriptive writing.

Third Place

El Pueblo Catolico, Denver, CO, “Nuestra Iglesia: El don del Sacramento de la Reconciliación, El Viernes Santo, La Eucaristía” by P. Christopher Uhl, Equipo de Redacción , P. Daniel Cardó

This column combines the personal - a window broken by a baseball, followed by fear, confession, and reconciliation - with powerful, common-sense insights about guilt and the way past it.

Honorable Mention

Idaho Catholic Register, Boise, ID, “El Evangelio” by Father Enrique Terriquez

Father Enrique Terriquez looks into Matthew's narrative of the birth of Christ and finds fresh lessons about the coming of the "liberator, the fountain of peace and fraternity in the human community."

S05

BEST PERSONALITY PROFILE

First Place

Revista Maryknoll, Maryknoll, NY, “Entre dos Culturas” by Gabriela Romeri

Wonderful profile, the quotes are used in the best possible way.

Second Place

Revista Maryknoll, Maryknoll, NY, “En Palabras de Santos” by Gabriela Romeri

Great look at a very interesting life, ending allows for her voice to come through clearly and cleanly.

Third Place

El Mensajero Catolico, Rochester, NY, “Abrió el camino para los políticos” by Annette Jimenez

Well written profile, it's a shame it was not used as the top story for that particular edition.

S06

BEST IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS

First Place

El Mensajero Catolico, Rochester, NY, “Programa alienta soluciones tranquilas” by Annette Jimenez

Un trabajo muy profundo sobre como una comunidad puede reducir la violencia. Es exactamente la descripción de análisis en reportaje.

Second Place

El Pueblo Catolico, Denver, CO, “Muchos experimentan que el mundo no es seguro” by Mayé Agama

Buen idea cubrir la tragedia del tiroteo de Aurora de una perspectiva diferente. Gracias por encontrar gente para contar la historia.

Third Place

El Pregonero, Washington, D.C., "El amor que nos tenemos" by Miguel Vivanco

Un ejemplo de una pareja sólida, un modelo para otras familias.

Honorable Mention

El Centinela, Portland, OR, "La informalidad destruye el empleo formal en México" by Antonio Andraus

Buena idea y facil de seguir. Me gustaría ver "expertos" comentar sobre el problema.

S07

BEST LEAD ARTICLE

First Place

Revista Maryknoll, Maryknoll, NY, "Buscando Vida en Abundancia" by David R. Aquije

David is an extraordinary writer. Coming across his stories is one of the best surprises of serving as a judge on this panel.

Second Place

El Centinela, Portland, OR, "La policía y las deportaciones" by María Osterroth

The story succeeds in discussing a problematic issue and offering advice for people who may face a problem down the road.

Third Place

El Mensajero Catolico, Rochester, NY, "Distrito apoya liderazgo de los padres" by Annette Jimenez

A good example of a policy issue that can be reviewed from a religious point of view.

S08

BEST ONLINE/MULTI-MEDIA PRESENTATION OF VISUALS

First Place

Revista Maryknoll, Maryknoll, NY, "La Súplica del Migrante" by J. F. Dupuy, Gabriela Romeri

Well crafted, music fits perfectly. A beautiful message throughout.

Second Place

Revista Maryknoll, Maryknoll, NY, "Amar al Pobre" by J. F. Dupuy, Gabriela Romeri

Great effort, but the story does not flow as well as it does in "La Suplica del Migrante."

S09

BEST NEWSPAPER WEBSITE

First Place

El Centinela, Portland, OR, "elecentinelacatolico.org" by Rocío Rios

Well designed website, with a good balance of images and writing.

Second Place

El Pregonero, Washington, D.C., "www.elpreg.org" by Staff

S10

BEST COVERAGE OF A ROUTINE- SACRAMENTAL EVENT

First Place

Not enough entries to be judged

S11

BEST COVERAGE OF IMMIGRATION

First Place

El Centinela, Portland, OR, “La policía y las deportaciones” by María Osterroth

Maria Osterroth and Rocío Rios covered the full range of immigration-related issues, from individual teenagers and families pursuing their dreams of citizenship to hard-nosed, hard-news coverage of dubious law-enforcement policies and the insights of sociologists and economists. Kim Nguyen's powerful photos added much to the coverage.

Second Place

El Mensajero Catolico, Rochester, NY, “Inmigración” by Annette Jimenez

Reporter Annette Jimenez integrated gut-wrenching personal anecdotes with thorough, balanced coverage of law enforcement, diplomacy, federal policy, and ministry responses. Four photographers vividly told their own stories. Superb, comprehensive coverage.

Third Place

Revista Maryknoll, Maryknoll, NY, “Una Cultura Migratoria” by David R. Aguije

Maryknoll's David R. Aguije crafted a fascinating, original and instructive feature on the migrant culture in the Philippines. Glovana Soria added hard-news coverage on collective response to a rigorous new state anti-immigrant law. The compelling design featured dramatic photos by Sean Sprague and others.

Honorable Mention

The Catholic Voice Newspaper, Oakland, CA, “Anuncio alienta a jóvenes indocumentados” by Diana Otero

This clear, informative story on the new rules for young immigrants was supplemented by strong graphics and photography.

El Pregonero, Washington, D.C., “Siembran miedo” by Andrea Acosta

Andrea Acosta built a balanced, deeply affecting story on the appalling conditions immigrants face in three apartment complexes in a Maryland city. An individual story with national implications.

S12

BEST COVERAGE OF THE YEAR OF FAITH

First Place

El Pueblo Catolico, Denver, CO, “Sección Redescubrir la alegría de creer: El hombre es capaz de Dios, Corazón inquieto/ Dios es Amor, El infinito Amor de Dios ha estado siempre conmigo/ Dios es Padre Creador, ¿conoces tu fe?” by P. Daniel Cardó, Ricardo Simmonds, Mons. Bernard Schmitz, Mayé Agama, Licia Pereira

Great collection of articles that look at several aspects of faith. The editor has done a great job.

Second Place

El Centinela, Portland, OR, “Los católicos están llamados a vivir la catequesis, liturgia y caridad” by El Centinela Staff

S13**BEST COVERAGE OF THE ELECTION AND FORMING CONSCIENCE****First Place**

El Catolico de Rhode Island, Providence, RI, "Diocesis Promuere La Defensa de Libertad Religiosa" by Bishop Thomas J. Tobin, Ana Maria Delgado

The piece successfully combines commentary and quotes in a way that tells the story properly.

Second Place

El Pueblo Catolico, Denver, CO, "¿Cómo votar como verdaderos católicos?, Que nuestra fe se note en nuestra vida pública, El guardián de mi hermano " by Mons. Jorge De los Santos, Mayé Agama, Luis Soto

Good effort to create a score-card for politicians.

Third Place

El Pregonero, Washington, D.C., "¡Todos somos inmigrantes!, ¡Votando decidimos!, Lo justo y lo correcto" by Rafael Roncal

Story is interesting, but becomes confusing due to political intricacies.

S14**BEST COVERAGE OF THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF VATICAN II'S OPENING**

Not enough entries to be judged.

S15**BEST COVERAGE OF VOCATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD- RELIGIOUS LIFE OR DIACONATE****First Place**

El Centinela, Portland, OR, "En medio del silencio de La Gruta las hermanas viven su carisma" by Rocío Rios, Clarice Keating

Exemplary profile. Faith and peace are evoked all the way through.

Second Place

The Catholic Voice Newspaper, Oakland, CA, "Un día en la vida de nuestros seminaristas" by Jose Aguirre

Fascinating look at the challenges faced by young men who have followed their vocation.

Third Place

¡OYE!, Chicago, IL, "Un Obispo es un servidor, no un héroe / A bishop is a servant, not a hero" by Byron Macias

Great story about faith and redemption.

S16**BEST REGULAR COLUMN BY A BISHOP OR ARCHBISHOP****First Place**

El Pregonero, Washington, D.C., "Obras son amores, y no buenas razones" by Mons. Francisco Gonzalez, SF

Monsignor Francisco Gonzalez preaches with vigor, wit and compassion through his columns. He calls us to cross the barriers, legal and otherwise, that we use to protect ourselves from "the others."

Second Place

El Centinela, Portland, OR, "Una importante reflexión sobre la importancia de la libertad" by Archbishop John Vlazny

Archbishop John Vlazny combines his pastoral concern for churches and parishioners with a spirited defense of religious liberty.

CARDINAL JOHN P. FOLEY AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN CATHOLIC JOURNALISM

S17

INDIVIDUAL EXCELLENCE - Writer

First Place

Rocío Rios, *El Centinela*, Portland, OR

Rocío Rios ha estado escribiendo y editando *El Centinela* por años, y siempre me ha gustado su estilo y su habilidad como reportera y escritora. Pero este año se sobrepasó. Encontró temas no solamente interesantes, pero poco investigados por otros medios de comunicación. No solamente trató de escribir sobre eventos anuales como Día de los Muertos, pero logró cubrir celebraciones y acontecimientos de actualidad. Es buena narradora de sucesos de su comunidad y toca temas que causan controversia y están al momento en discusión.

Second Place

Silvio Cuellar, *El Catolico de Rhode Island*, Providence, RI

Silvio Cuellar se dedica a examinar la vida espiritual de sus lectores. Un buen escritor expresa grandes cosas con pequeñas palabras y eso hace Silvio Sus artículos son claros y concisos.

Third Place

Annette Jimenez, *El Mensajero Catolico*, Rochester

Annette Jimenez conoce bien su comunidad y trabaja duro para cubrir temas significantes. Su trabajo sobre la ley DREAM del mayo de 2012 es impresionante porque pudo encontrar gente directamente afectada por la política del país con respecto a inmigrantes indocumentados. Es una reportera versátil y eficiente.

S18

GENERAL EXCELLENCE PUBLICATION

First Place

El Pregonero, Washington, D.C., by Rafael Roncal

Este periódico tiene un diseño muy sofisticado y eso atrae el lector. Adentro de las páginas encontramos artículos sobre la fe, sobre inmigración, sobre la vida familiar, sobre el salud y sobre la enseñaza. Hasta aparece notas sobre deportes. Me gustaría ver más esfuerzo en publicar las opiniones de sus lectores y más fotos de feligreses que de sacerdotes.

Second Place

Revista Maryknoll, Maryknoll, NY, by Revista Maryknoll Staff, Valentín Concha-Núñez

Simplemente es un placer leer esta revista. Cada vez que lo leo aprendo algo nuevo del mundo y me hace sentir que ese mundo es más abundante y más bello que pensaba. Me hace acordar lo bueno.

Third Place

El Centinela, Portland, OR

El trabajo del equipo de El Centinela debe estar orgulloso de su trabajo excepcional este año. Para la comunidad hispana de Portland es un gran recurso tener esta publicación que informe y pide que nos metemos en temas importantes en nuestra comunidad.

Honorable Mention

El Mensajero Catolico, Rochester, NY

Informativo. Este periódico hace un esfuerzo para conectar con feligreses en Rochester. El periódico es para ellos, sobre ellos y parece ser redactado por ellos.

Rhode Island Catholic, Providence, RI, by Bishop Thomas J. Tobin, Silvio Cuellar, Rick Snizek, Ana Maria Delgado

Informativo. Siempre aprendo algo leyendo El Católico.