Magazine/Newsletter Award Winners

Award M01a, Best Cover, 4 Color - Large, First Place, The Augustinian, Villanova, Pa.

M01a
Best Cover, 4 Color - Large

First Place

This was the year of compelling cover images. This well designed cover keeps it simple and elegant. There is a sense of depth and intrigue and it prompts the viewer to ask “what is going on here?” Nice balance, good contrast, strong sense of hierarchy.

Second Place
U.S. Catholic, Chicago, Ill., “June 2011 U.S. Catholic Exorcism Cover” by Tom Keating, Tom Wright

Another strong image and compelling cover design. Repeating the famous line from the film “Poltergeist” the cover blurb combined with the art lures the reader in. It makes the reader ask, “so how should I feel about this.” Dark, mysterious, and provocative.

Third Place
Catholic, New Haven, Conn., “Catholic September 2011” by Columbia Staff

We have seen a lot of 9/11 pictures from that horrible day so one might be inclined to say using yet another one would be boring for the reader. Yet, the image used here does just what cover art should do...it draws the reader in through a very compelling image. Half Dante’s inferno-esque the image conveys the overwhelming power of the event and how small we are as we try to deal with the aftermath. Simple, clean design for a complete package.

M01b
Best Cover, 4 Color - Small

First Place
Catholic Southwest: Journal, Lewisville, Texas, “Catholic Southwest: A Journal of History and Culture” by Richard Fossey, Kevin Duffy and Sara Hamilton

A fun, compelling image takes us back in time. The simple elegant design lets the image do the talking. It provokes a feeling of the past and urges the reader to ask...what is happening here? What a great lure to the inside pages.

Second Place
Maryknoll, Maryknoll, N.Y., “100 Años de misiones extranjeras” by Valentin Concha-Núñez and Sean Sprague

The happy faces, the simple clear design that lets the image speak for itself, works to pull the reader in. What happy faces, that seem to come right into the room.

Third Place

M02
Best Short Story

Not Enough Entries to Judge This Category

M03a
Best Essay - National General Interest Magazines

First Place
America Magazine, New York, N.Y., “A Hidden Sorrow” by Christopher Pranuk

A well-written, evocative combination of story-telling and heartfelt observation, this is told from the point of view of the father, often a little-heard voice on the subject of miscarriage and loss.

Second Place
St. Anthony Messenger, Cincinnati, Ohio, “Last Call: Grace and Sobriety” by Paul M. Smith

An elegantly written, well-conceived and organized essay that moves smoothly from storytelling to reasoning, argument, and profound observation.

Third Place

A comfortable, colloquial voice no doubt speaks to many men and hard-working parents, and smoothly combines additional points of view to render a well-reasoned argument that’s also a pleasure to read.

Honorable Mention
Columbia, New Haven, Conn., “The Pornography Pandemic” by Patrick A. Trueeman

U.S. Catholic, Chicago, Ill., “Charity is dying” by Father Richard G. Malloy, S.J.

M03b
Best Essay - Diocesan Magazines

First Place
Faith Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids, Mich., “The grand miracle of Forgiveness” by Maureen Burns

Excellent storytelling and inclusion of relevant, illustrative personal observation and experience, drawn together in an organized fashion to illuminate a point and support an argument.

Second Place
Faith Magazine Erie, Erie, Pa., “Saving Joshua’s life: a first person’s account of light and love in the midst of darkness” by Kelly Nordin

An inspiring and heart-wrenching personal story, used to illustrate a larger, more universal experience.

Third Place
Parable, Manchester, N.H., “The God Who Whispers” by Father Dan St. Laurent

A deftly written tale that leads succinctly to its point.

M03c
Best Essay - Mission Magazines

First Place

Second Place

Third Place
Comboni Missionaries, Cincinnati, Ohio, “A Life Shared” by Austine Odhiamba Radolmoej

Honorable Mention
One Magazine, New York, N.Y., “Ramadan Observed” by Elias D. Mallon, S.A.

M03d
Best Essay - Religious Order Magazines

First Place
VISION Catholic Religious Vocation Discernment Gui, Chicago, Ill., “Blessed are we who comfort the mourners” by Matthew Kuczora, C.S.C.

An entwined series of journeys: a spiritual calling, a lifelong friendship, a maturation into a career, a life cut tragically short. This is told with intelligence and insight.

Second Place
Jesus Journeys, Milwaukee, Wis., “In Her Own Voice” by Rory Gillespie and Trinere Montgomery

A bright voice of an emerging writer wrestling with the big issues of life.

Third Place
Marist Helper, Stockbridge, Mass., “My struggles with Parkinson’s disease” by David Came

A compelling storytelling arch that leads the reader along with the writer on a personal journey with universal insights.

Honorable Mention
Jesus Journeys, Milwaukee, Wis., “Faith Dimensions of a Jesuit, Catholic education” by Fr. Ron Bieganowski, S.J.
M03e Best Essay - Professional & Special Interest Magazines

First Place
Couples to Couple League, The, Cincinnati, Ohio, “A Holy Honeyymoon: The Running of the Grooms” by Matt Doffing
A sweet, focused, personal accounting that breathes life into both a public figure and a ritual.

Second Place
Couples to Couple League, The, Cincinnati, Ohio, “Full-immersion Baptism” by Kathleen M. Bass
Compelling imagery and storytelling illustrate vividly the conceptual reasoning of this well-written piece.

Honorable Mention
CHM Health Progress, St. Louis, Mo., “Labor Relations: A Catholic Matter” by Fr. William J. Byron, SJ
A lively, engaging portrayal of one child that offers insight into all families and all children.

Third Place
An articulate and unflinching examination of a complex issue that some bishops continue to evade accountability in the church's sex abuse scandal.

M03f Best Essay - Scholarly Magazines

First Place
American Catholic Studies, Villanova, Pa., “The Change in the Conception of Sin among Catholics in the United States, 1855-1975” by Maria C. Morrow
Apparantly fastidious scholarship and attention to both a public figure and a ritual.

Second Place
American Catholic Studies, Villanova, Pa., “What parishes can do to minister to prisoners” by Ted Hughes

Honorable Mention
American Catholic Studies, Villanova, Pa., “The Buck Stops Where?” by Bryan Cones
This gutsy editorial has nice, plain-spoken style. It effectively marshals damaging facts to make a powerful case that some bishops continue to evade accountability in the church's sex abuse scandal.

M03g Best Essay - Prayer & Spirituality Magazines

First Place
Magnificat, Yonkers, N.Y., “Preparing for the Roman Missal, Third Edition: Two Significant Changes” by Father Roch Kerearty, O. Cis.
Liveliness and poetry in a succinct essay addressing changes & expressing intriguing insights. The reader feels more in the know after reading this.

Second Place
Magnificat, Yonkers, N.Y., “The Violent Take Heaven by Storm” by Anthony Eoelen
The reader is guided on a gentle journey to consider, ponder, and know. A joy to read, evocatively written.

Honorable Mention
Magnificat, Yonkers, N.Y., “How Good It Is to Be Here” by Anthony Eoelen
This thoughtful editorial/homily moves the discussion of a religious news development - the new translation of the Roman Missal - from the profane to the sacred. This meditation on words explores the ramifications of a mystery — the Word becoming flesh — in a delightful and provocative way.

M03h Best Essay – General Interest Newsletters

Not Enough Entries to Judge This Category

M03i Best Essay - Special Interest Newsletters

First Place
At Home with our Faith, Chicago, Ill., “Good Mourning” by Catherine O’Connell-Cahill
Practical advice, solid examples, and a sound, logical progression from storytelling to reasoning through an argument.

Second Place

Honorable Mention
Celebrate! Magazine, Toronto, Ontario, “The translation that can change the world” by Bernadette Gasselein
This thoughtful editorial/homily moves the discussion of a religious news development - the new translation of the Roman Missal - from the profane to the sacred. This meditation on words explores the ramifications of a mystery — the Word becoming flesh — in a delightful and provocative way.

M05a Best Regular Column - Spiritual Life

First Place
Celebrate! Magazine, Toronto, Ontario, “Getting our feet wet/Message in a bottle/Off the wall” by Ronald Raab, C.S.C.
The author offers insight and inspiration in each column, driving the reader to think about each column well after reading.

Second Place
Well-written and compelling.

Third Place
The letter format makes the reader feel a real call to action from and inspired by author speaking directly to them.

M05b Best Regular Column - General Commentary

First Place
One Magazine, New York, N.Y., “Perspectives” by Robert L. Stern
“Singularly strong” are words that describe these columns devoted to a kind of unity prayed for by many believers.

Second Place
Lay Witness, Steubenville, Ohio, “Rethinking Joy” by Emily Stimpson
This author presents a fresh approach to what is a controversial topic in the church: the changing of the liturgical language. What is more instructive and inspiring is the way in which she weaves the liturgy of life with the liturgy of the Eucharist.
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M06b Best Single Photo, Color, First Place, Maryknoll, N.Y.

First Place
U.S. Catholic, Chicago, Ill., “Cover Photo, Special Issue on Women” by Tim Wright

It is eye catching and makes a really nice cover. Photo illustration can be difficult and sometimes cliché, this was visual appealing and to the point.

Second Place
Parable, Manchester, N.H., “One Love, One Heart Spring break alternative in Jamaica” by Matthew Lomanno

Good story telling in individual picture. Better sense of intimacy would raise it in the standings.

Third Place
Columbia, New Haven, Conn., “Charity in Motion” by David Maung

Good people photo shoots when done well, as this photo intimacy would raise it in the standings.

M07 Best Photo Story Originating with a Magazine or Newsletter

First Place
Parable, Manchester, N.H., “One Love, One Heart Spring break alternative in Jamaica” by Matthew Lomanno

Photo stories need to go beyond just being a series of pictures. This does by showing the connection between the workers and patients. Add to that the emotion in the photos and you have a good story. Very effective use of black and white.

Second Place
U.S. Catholic, Chicago, Ill., “Free at Last” by Paul Jeffrey

This rises about just being a group of pictures and works to tell a story. Good solid images that have impact and connect with the subject.

Third Place
St. Anthony Messenger, Cincinnati, Ohio, “Las Posadas A Mexican Christmas Tradition” by Christopher Heffron and David Maung

Good story telling in individual picture. Better sense of intimacy would raise it in the standings.

Honorable Mention
Columbia, New Haven, Conn., “Charity in Motion” by Randy Hale and Patrick Scalisi

Great portraits. The tile image atop the pages was a nice touch. Would like to have seen something different pop from each page.

M08a Best Multiple Picture Package - News

First Place
U.S. Catholic, Chicago, Ill., “Free at Last” by Paul Jeffrey

Compelling topic that’s told well in these photos. Nice candid shots that were displayed well alongside interesting typographic elements.

Second Place
Vermont Catholic, South Burlington, Vt., “Irene leaves lasting memory, causes havoc” by Cori Fugere Urban

Interesting photos and story. Perhaps some of the photos could have been played larger.

Third Place

Although not always visually exciting, ordinations are great people photo shoots when done well, as this photo story was.

M08b Best Multiple Picture Package - Feature

First Place
St. Anthony Messenger, Cincinnati, Ohio, “High School Pallbearers” by Mary Ellen Pellegrini and Keith Mokris


Second Place
U.S. Catholic, Chicago, Ill., “Our Ladies of Haiti” by J.D. Long-Garcia

Liked the opening shot a lot. Good mix.

M09 Best Illustrating Either with Artwork or Photography

First Place
CHA Health Progress, St. Louis, Mo., “Palliative Care: What and Why” by Penelope Dullaghan and Health Progress Staff

This illustration depicts the very definition of palliative care. It shows the care and comfort health care professionals provide patients receiving palliative care and the overall color theme gives a comforting feeling.

Second Place
U.S. Catholic, Chicago, Ill., “Sister Pat Battles the Board” by Tim Foley

This illustration shows a wonderful sense of action with Sister Pat almost pulling the two board members off the page. It also ties in perfectly with the article’s title.

Honorable Mention
Columbia, New Haven, Conn., “Religious Liberty: A Global View” by Justin Perillo and Brian Dowling

M10 Best Special Issue, Section or Supplement

First Place
St. Anthony Messenger, Cincinnati, Ohio, “Catholics and Muslims” by John Feister and Jeanne Kortekamp

I thought this was an engaging, important special section that provided a broad view of the relations between Catho-
Award M11, Best Interview, First Place, Faith Magazine

Erie, Erie, Pa.

First Place
Faith Magazine, Erie, Pa., “Catholics Come Home The people of the Diocese of Erie reach out” by Anne-Marie Welsh

Lost Catholics who returned, and why. Proof that interviews don’t need to be with celebrities or move-ments to be deep & meaningful. Simple, clear, faith-filled stories. Beautiful.

Second Place
St. Anthony Messenger, Cincinnati, Ohio, “Jason Berry, Church Whistleblower” by Judy Ball

Man on the spot. Interesting subject. Great perspective on a timely issue. Asks the tough questions, keeps content clear & organized.

Third Place
Maryknoll, Maryknoll, N.Y., “He sent them out to preach, two by two” by Mary Ellen Manz, M.M.

Early Church missionaries in China. Great, timely subject. Gracefully handles hardship, torture & pain, as well as tribulations.

Honorable Mention

Catholic fellowship in new home by Lou Baldwin

Several personal journeys, experiences, & reflections. A very comprehensive approach to a complicated topic.

Great writing, good editing. Well presented.

M11 Best Interview

M12 Best Personality Profile

First Place
America Magazine, New York, N.Y., “A Theology of Migration” by Daniel G. Groody

One man’s personal journey, experiences & reflections. Never loses the big picture. Everyone should approach immigration thus.

Second Place
St. Anthony Messenger, Cincinnati, Ohio, “What the Church Teaches About Immigration Policy” by Bishop Gerald Kicanas and Constance Wolfer

The perfect blend of tradition, newsworthiness & reflec-tions. Calls on Leviticus & the Gospels, among others, to paint the issues, morals, policies, & actions of our day.

Third Place
U.S. Catholic, Chicago, Ill., “Unexcusable Absence” by Jeff Parrott

Undercovered angle on an iceberg of an issue. Personalized with a touch of reality. Well-researched & written.

Honorable Mention
Faith Magazine, Philadelphia, Pa., “Immigrants forge Catholic fellowship in new home” by Lou Baldwin

A well-written profile of a talented artist and faithful convert from the segregated South. Fascinating story.

An incredible story of faith and survival.

M12 Best Coverage of Immigration

First Place

Beautiful metaphors and helpful background to explain personal journey of Dan Egan” by Gary Bouchard

Just a thorough, well thought-out review of an interesting film.

A well-written profile of a talented artist and faithful convert from the segregated South. Fascinating story.

M13 Best Coverage of World Youth Day

First Place

A refreshing first-person perspective that underscored the importance of World Youth Day.

Second Place
Jesuit Journeys, Milwaukee, Wis., “Sweat, Dirt, Joy and the Pope” by Rory Gillespie, Emma Schuglik and Michael Ross-mann, SJ

An impressive array of images that helped capture the impact of World Youth Day.

Honorable Mention
Faith Magazine, Lansing, Mich., “This is the youth of the pope!” by Father Charles Canoy

M14 Best Coverage of the 10 Year Anniversary of 9/11

First Place
U.S. Catholic, Chicago, Ill., “Day of Recollection and Piece by Piece” by Heidi Schlumpf, Maryann Cusimano Love and U.S. Catholic Editors

I thought the reader engagement was an especially effective way of approaching this milestone.

Second Place

Newsw. Lots of facts, historic, religious and cultural perspectives.

Third Place

I thought this was a thoughtful, interesting essay that provided needed perspectives.

M15 Best Coverage of Roman Missal

First Place
U.S. Catholic, Chicago, Ill., “Day of Recollection and Piece by Piece” by Heidi Schlumpf, Maryann Cusimano Love and U.S. Catholic Editors

A refreshingly new, well researched, and powerful report.

Second Place

Seamless transition from the old to the new.

Third Place

A thorough and impressive preparation for the new Roman Missal.

M16 Best Review

First Place
Catholic Digest, New London, Conn., “Almost here... The New Roman Missal!” by Dan Conners

Provides context to help digest, understand and get the most out of the Roman Missal.

Second Place

Seamless transition from the old to the new.

Third Place

A thorough and impressive preparation for the new Roman Missal.

M17 Best Personality Profile

First Place

Great review. Summarizes & reflects; researches & expands. Clearly presents what is reviewed, clearly presents where she stands.

Second Place
America Magazine, New York, N.Y., “The Monks of Tih-birdine” by John Anderson

Just a thorough, well thought-out review of an interesting film.

Third Place

American Catholic Studies, Villanova, Pa., “Review of: When Values Collide: The Catholic Church, Sexual Abuse, and the Challenges of Leadership, By Joseph P. Chinnici” by Nicholas Cafardi
A rock solid review. Point-by-point analysis that works.

Honorable Mention

Faith Magazine, Lansing, Mich., “Let us pray, now pass the popcorn” by Paul Jarzembski

M18
Best Review Section
First Place
America Magazine, New York, N.Y., “Books and Culture” by Thomas Murphy, Michael Sean Winters, William O'Malley, Thomas Massaro, Marie Anne Mayeski and Timothy O'Brien
Well edited, reviews written with authority and books chosen seem to be diverse and eclectic. Engaging section.

Second Place
American Catholic Studies, Villanova, Pa., “Book Review Section, Volume 122, Number 2” by Multiple Book Reviewers for Vol 122, No. 2
Lots of provocative topics and authors assembled and addressed. Something for many readers.

Third Place
Catholic Southwest: Journal, Lewisville, Texas, “Book Reviews, Thomas W. Jodziewicz” by Thomas W. Jodziewicz
I thought this was an interesting, collection. Well assembled, nice variety.

Honorable Mention
U.S. Catholic, Chicago, Ill., “Culture in Context and Reviews” by Patrick McCormick, Danny Duncan Collum, Heidi Schlumpf

M19a
Best In-Depth Writing
First Place
One Magazine, New York, N.Y., “A Wounded Land” by Peter Lemieux

Second Place
Superlambana, Maria de Lourdes Ruiz, Norman, OK, “No Greater Love: Operation Pedro Pan” by Maria de Lourdes Ruiz Scaparlela
Excellent use of context to tell a story relatively unknown. Insightful angle used.

Third Place

M20a
Best Feature Article - General Interest Magazines
First Place
ST. ANTHONY MESSANGER, Cincinnati, Ohio, “High School Pallbearers” by Mary Ellen Pellegrini
A very interesting story with wonderful personal details from all stakeholders - from the high school students to families they've served through their unique service.

Second Place
Catholic Digest, New London, Conn., “Holy manga!” by Kathryn Oates
The background information and use of primary sources mingle nicely. The subjects’ sense of purpose also is depicted quite well.

Third Place
Columba, New Haven, Conn., “A Restored Balano” by Elisabeth Andrews
The multiple sources used in this article provide a well-rounded sense of place and mission. The many details also nicely show how this organization is doing its works of faith despite worldly constraints.

Honorable Mention

M20b
Best Feature Article - Diocesan Magazines
First Place
Faith Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids, Mich., “Riches of Life Living with Less” by Patricia Mish
This article wonderfully shows that a simple life is possible even with many people involved. The use of details about the family's life and choices and quotes gives the reader a great sense of the family, their values and daily life.

Second Place
The Catholic Mirror, Springfield, Mass., “Understanding suicide Grieving family members seek answers in faith and public awareness” by Peggy Weber
This article helps to bring the often ignored topic of suicide to the forefront. Multiple sources and viewpoints help the reader understand the family's side and the church's teachings on suicide.

Third Place
Faith Magazine Erie, Erie, Pa., “Hidden in Plain View” by Dan Cooney, Mark and Deb Fainstein
An extraordinary story of how people's faith and devotion to living out their faith can make a life or death difference.

M20c
Best Feature Article - Mission Magazines
First Place
Catholic Missions In Canada, Toronto, Ontario, Ontario, “Danger on the lake” by Father Virgilio Baratto, OMI
The story is exciting in its own, but is told in an engaging manner. The structure sets up the point of the story wonderfully.

Second Place
Columban Mission, St. Colombans, Neb., “A Tale of Two Robinsons” by Staff
Excellent structure of an essay. Interesting and intelligent first half that added perspective to the main story. Nice full circle ending.

Third Place
Great juxtaposing in opening as an example of style matching message in this piece. Very engaging.

Honorable Mention
Maryknoll, Maryknoll, N.Y., “Of wind and water” by Sean Sprague
M20d
Best Feature Article - Religious Order Magazines

First Place

Excellent layout. Graphics and color add to excellent prose and organization.

Second Place

Unique approach to a popular topic, making the topic accessible and personal.

Third Place
The Augustinian, Villanova, Pa., “The Dedication Of The Villanova Church: Celebrating 125 Years Of Worship” by Toddie Gallagher and Jenna Nivatsky

Nice use of images and graphics to illuminate the history in a well written piece.

M20e
Best Feature Article - Professional & Special Interest

First Place
Ecumenical Trends - Graymoor, Garrison, N.Y., “Peace and the Protestant Traditions” by Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute - Priests of the Atonement

Thorough, well-written and cited critical piece. Excellent logic and ordering of ideas to make message accessible.

Second Place
Today’s Catholic Teacher, Dayton, Ohio, “Stop and Think: The Psychology of Self-Regulation” by Dr. Joseph D. White

Excellent piece that ties together several disciplines. Layout, headings and logical flow of ideas makes piece stand out.

Third Place
Today’s Catholic Teacher, Dayton, Ohio, “Not Too Contraversial for High School!” by Terry Makasymowycz

Timely piece that shows the relationship between religion, science, and learning. Useful, insightful and well-written.

Honorable Mention
Couple to Couple League, The, Cincinnati, Ohio, “Resourced by Nature” by Kathleen M. Basi

Texas Catholic, Dallas, Texas, “1st and God!” by Cathy Harasta

M20f
Best Feature Article - Scholarly Magazines

First Place
Horizons (PN), Villanova, Pa., “‘All Will Be Well’: Julian of Norwich’s Counter-Apocalyptic Revelations” by Christopher Denny

This article offers compelling and bold counter research and focuses on relevant and timely concerns in the church and the world. The “so what” is developed early on and in great detail, establishing the relevance of the research beyond personal interest.

Second Place
American Catholic Studies, Villanova, Pa., “Deconversion from Roman Catholicism: Mapping a Fertile Field” by J. Patrick Hornbeck, II

This article addresses a timely topic through dense and engaging prose. It uses good framing and establishes the “so what” upfront.

Third Place
American Catholic Studies, Villanova, Pa., “Scripting the Saintly Reflections by Four Distinguished Authors” by Lawrence S. Cunningham, Robert Ellsberg, Wendy M. Wright and James Martin, SJ

This article enables considerations of moral complexity and seeks to bridge church and secular concerns. The style is elegant and engaging.

M20g
Best Feature Article - Prayer & Spirituality Magazines

Not Enough Entries to Judge This Category

M20h
Best Feature Article - General Interest Newsletters

First Place
St. Anthony Messenger, Cincinnati, Ohio, “What the Church Teaches About Immigration Policy” by Bishop Gerald Kicanas and Constanze Wolfer

This is a thoughtful and faithful piece about the need to treat all humans as our brothers and sisters. It is well argued and calls from strong solutions to a timely and pressing issue.

Second Place
St. Anthony Messenger, Cincinnati, Ohio, “Rising From a Spiritual Rut” by Kathy Coffey

This piece encourages Catholics to branch out in order to elevate their spiritual state. It gives solutions and tips for people in a rut and many must feel encouraged after reading it.

M20i
Best Feature Article - Special Interest Newsletters

First Place
Dimensions, Hempstead, N.Y., “Generational Traits Impact Volunteerism” by Leslie Higgins Mollenk

This article addresses a topic of high relevance and offers insightful food for thought around today’s generational differences. The article is well-written and stays away from the instructional voice many pieces that aspire to categorizations automatically adapt.

Second Place
Dimensions, Hempstead, N.Y., “What If Mark Twain Was Your Major Gifts Officer?” by Willis Turner

This entry emphasizes the need for authenticity in fundraising efforts and makes a compelling case while creatively referencing Mark Twain. At the end of a paragraph with a call to action, the author announces: “Mark and I will wait;” a delightful twist in voice that accomplishes what many articles cannot: a memorable closing sentence.

M20j
Best Feature Article - General Excellence

Not Enough Entries to Judge This Category

M20k
Best Feature Article - Special Interest

Not Enough Entries to Judge This Category

M22a
Best Magazine Or Newsletter Website - Best Stand-Alone Site Separate From Diocese Or Publisher

First Place
America Magazine, New York, N.Y., “America Website” by Staff

From podcasts to social media to essay to news and more, this site has it all for Catholics.

Second Place
U.S. Catholic, Chicago, Ill., “U.S. Catholic Website” by U.S. Catholic Staff

Excels at telling in-depth and underreported Catholic stories.

Third Place
One Magazine, New York, N.Y., “CNWEA - ONE” by Staff

A highly visually engaging website with touching stories.

M22b
Best Online - Only Magazine or Newsletter

Not Enough Entries to Judge This Category

M22c
Best Interactive Site

Not Enough Entries to Judge This Category

M23a
General Excellence – National General Interest

First Place
St. Anthony Messenger, Cincinnati, Ohio

All around excellent in graphics and writing, but especially outstanding for the superb edition focused on Islam and Christianity. Explored from a wide variety of angles in articles ranging from basic differences through St. Francis’ experience to various personal reflections of those affected by 9/11.

Second Place
America Magazine, New York, N.Y.

Thoughtful, carefully written and broad ranging in content. America remains a bellweather to American Catholic
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Second Place
U.S. Catholic, Chicago, Ill.
The 2011 issues extend the long tradition of outstanding graphics and provocative, cutting-edge topics. The issue on exorcists and exorcism was particularly compelling. The survey seems unique among the Catholic press overall for the topics it addresses and the insights it provides each month.

Honorable Mention
Columbia, New Haven, Conn.
Well crafted for its primary audience, members of the Knights of Columbus and their families, the 2011 issues have a much broader appeal to Catholics and non-Catholics through the main features like “Restored Balance,” the wheelchair mission and “Marathon Priests.” A mark of its excellence is the internal allocation of space and good writing to both features of interest to a broad audience and those which appeal to the narrower audience of the Knights of Columbus.

M23b
General Excellence - Diocesan Magazines
First Place
Harvest, Portland, Ore.
This article is bold in wrestling with the non-traditional issue of pregnancy outside of marriage and does it well. Quotes and narrative transition into each other well and the theme of gratitude shows throughout.

Second Place
The Catholic Mirror, Springfield, Mass.
This article does a great job showing how a person’s faith can help them make the best out of a bad situation and illustrates the importance animals can have in the human healing process.

Third Place
Christ is our Hope, Joliet, Ill.
This article contains a compelling first-person perspective of a traumatic event. The narrator shows class in how to unite ethics with science.

Honorable Mention
Eastern Oklahoma Catholic, Tulsa, Okla.

M23c
General Excellence - Mission Magazines
First Place
One Magazine, New York, N.Y.
This magazine consistently features quality title stories, captivating headlines, and intriguing images. The layout and feel are solid and inviting.

Second Place
Glenmary Challenge, Cincinnati, Ohio
This magazine unites an appealing design with relevant stories of how rural American Catholics can make impacts in their communities and beyond.

Third Place
Josephite Harvest Magazine, Baltimore, Md.
This magazine contains strong writing and an appealing design. The headlines are original and the stories well told.

M23d
General Excellence - Religious Order Magazines
First Place
The Augustinian, Villanova, Pa.
This magazine makes good use of photos and a wide field of stories, including some that would appeal to the laity as well as those within the order and their families. It broadened the magazine’s appeal to include stories on social justice, which demonstrated reasons for the order’s Catholic values.

Second Place
Jesuit Journeys, Milwaukee, Wis.

M23e
General Excellence - Professional & Special Interest Magazines
First Place
Celebrate! Magazine, Toronto, Ontario
This magazine, in an engaging way, contains news and features from the pastoral world. It tackles difficult issues like forgiveness, but also offers practical advice on topics like how to use new media to engage the college student audience.

Second Place
Today’s Catholic Teacher, Dayton, Ohio
This magazine is well-designed and written. It appeals to laity as well as those in various orders. It includes links to online versions in several languages. The stories are good and cover a broad spectrum of subjects.

Honorable Mention
Marian Helper, Stockbridge, Mass.

M23f
General Excellence - Scholarly Magazines
First Place
This journal, with its focus on Catholic bioethics, embraces the need for vibrant debates around medical ethics by publishing relevant scholarly articles in the field.

Second Place
Catholic Southwest: Journal, Lewisville, Texas
This journal seeks to capture topics of interest to the Catholic Southwest and does so in gathering relevant scholarly articles on the topic.

Third Place
Horizons, Villanova, Pa.
This journal emphasizes the need to push our boundaries when it comes to considering the most current debates within Catholicism.

M23g
General Excellence - Prayer & Spirituality Magazines
First Place
Spiritual Life, Washington, D.C.
These magazines contain articles that are well-written and address current and relevant topics. The design is handy and images don’t overpower the academic tone of the texts.

Second Place
Soil - World Apostolate of Fatima, Washington, N.J.
These magazines contain appealing graphics and images and the layout is overall engaging.

Third Place
Magnificat, Yonkers, N.Y.
These magazines contain handy prayers and reflections and are easy to carry along on a day when inspiration may be needed.

M23h
General Excellence - General Interest Newsletters
First Place
St. Anthony Messenger, Cincinnati, Ohio
This article is a courageous testimony to the riches of singleness. Its situational introduction sets up the status quo our society still holds: that a good life must include a marriage. The author offers a timely and strong counter view.

Second Place
St. Anthony Messenger, Cincinnati, Ohio
This is a powerful testament to Mother Theresa and her legacy.

M23i
General Excellence - Special Interest Newsletters
First Place
At Home with our Faith, Chicago, Ill.
This newsletter emphasizes with tough questions Catholics may ask themselves and seeks to answer them with practical advice.

Second Place
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