

2022 Catholic Press Awards

Magazine Division

GM111a: Magazine of the Year - National General Interest Magazines

First Place

U.S. Catholic
U.S. Catholic Editors

Excellent presentation of relevant topics elevated by design, layout, fonts, art. Multiple snippets and snapshots snag attention and engage reader and drive interest in delving into the major pieces.

Second Place

Living City Magazine
Living City staff

Effective use of font and font color draws reader in and creates opportunity to discern what they need and or seek. Relevant content.

Third Place

America Magazine
America Media staff

Relevant topics. Excellent art.

GM111b: Magazine of the Year - Diocesan Magazines

First Place

The Catholic Telegraph
Jessica Rinaudo

Beautifully and elegantly designed, with honest, authentic and comprehensive coverage on spiritual matters. The gold standard for magazines of faith.

Second Place

North Texas Catholic
Bishop Michael Olson, Publisher Pat Svacina, Communications Director Juan Guajardo, Editor Susan Moses, Associate Editor Rosa Rosales, Editorial Assistant

With stunning visual and elegant design, North Texas Catholic covers deep issues with care and commitment. Sets a high standard for quality magazine coverage.

Third Place

Vermont Catholic Magazine
Diocese of Burlington Communication staff

Excellent coverage of important spiritual matters both contemporary and timeless. Vermont Catholic should be commended for reaching its audience no matter where they are in their faith journey.

Honorable Mention

Parable Magazine
By Kathryn Marchocki, Gary Bouchard and Parable contributing writers and photographers

Denver Catholic
Denver Catholic team

GM111c: Magazine of the Year- Mission Magazines (Overseas and Home)**First Place**

ONE Magazine
The ONE Magazine Editorial Board

Gripping Middle East stories from Syria to Iraq to India of Catholics coping with chaotic and even terrifying times. Fine writing, attention-getting photos from cover to last page with strong design bringing it all together. A prize winner in any contest.

Second Place

Glenmary Challenge
John Stegeman, John Feister, Cassie Magnotta, and Omar Cabrera

As we know, it takes a talented team to get your message across in a package that seems easy to put together. Glenmary Challenge succeeds admirably in its quarterly magazine for missionaries to Rural America. Its simply-worded articles and strong photos illustrate serious work these missionaries are doing as with a mobile health clinic in Tennessee. The Profiles show “real” people like “A priest with a smell of coffee.” And they don’t take themselves too seriously (“Do you have a goat in your garden?”)

Third Place

Comboni Missions Magazine
Kathleen M. Carroll

The Comboni Missions work among the poor in all parts of the world. Its magazine manages to present the mission’s work with consistently good writing and photos. A very strong design holds the disparate parts together. Although its picture of the world may at times seem sad, it tries to show you can laugh, as well (“How do you eat an elephant?”)

Honorable Mention

Catholic Missions In Canada Magazine

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

GM111d: Magazine/Newsletter of the Year - Religious Order Magazines and Print Newsletters**First Place**

Midwest Jesuits Magazine

USA Midwest Province of the Society of Jesus

Excellent writing, art, design, layout. Relevant, timely topics. Thoroughly engaging, from first to final page.

Second Place

The Way of St. Francis

Very Rev. David Gaa, OFM, Publisher Joe Ledbetter, Director of Development John Feister, Editor Cassie Magnotta, Art/Design

Good writing buttressed by great art, layout and design.

Third Place

Saint Vincent Monks

Kim Metzgar, Editor

Focused presentation.

GM111e: Magazine of the Year - Professional and Special-Interest Magazines, including Clergy Religious, Prayer and Spiritual Magazines**First Place**

Shalom Tidings

Shalom Media USA INC., Shalom Tidings, Shalom Media

A marvelously put together magazine full of useful guidance and spiritual experiences written in short, easy to read articles. How useful? A blind person who says he walks by faith not sight. A mother grieving for her dead son sees someone who looks like him riding a bike through the cemetery as if to say he is just fine where he is. Through it all, a common thread, never give up, seek inner peace, happiness is a choice, the power of the Rosary, refresh your soul. Powerful topics, outstanding writing.

Second Place

Health Progress

Betsy Taylor, Editor Charlotte Kelley, Managing Editor Les Stock, Graphic Designer Mary Ann Steiner, Immediate Past Editor

Each issue focuses on topics that reach out to everyone because they affect everyone: Aging and long term care, health care and the environment, families and the pandemic, caring for the caregivers. In anticipation of that impact many articles conclude with suggested discussion topics.

Third Place

American Catholic Studies

Co-Editors: Thomas Rzeznik & Nicholas Rademacher Associate Editors: Brett Grainger & Kathleen Holscher Managing Editor: Leigh Anne McCabe

As a publication of the American Catholic Historical Society this quarterly obviously looks back to help explain the present. But while scholars write the insightful articles and provide useful footnotes, non-scholars are attracted by the content that isn't shy about touching on rather touchy topics relating to race, including differences over desegregation of housing in Chicago, and desertion of Catholics to fight with the Mexicans in the US-Mexican war along with stories of faith and strengthening of religious orders like the Jesuits and Society of the Holy Child Jesus.

Honorable Mention

HORIZON: Journal of the National Religious Vocation Conference
Carol Schuck Scheiber, Editor

M321b: Best Annual Report - Catholic Nonprofit Organization**First Place**

Deepening Relationships: Adrian Dominican Sisters 2020-2021 Annual Report

VOICES in Mission and Ministry, Angela Kessler, Communications Director Amy Palmer, Director of Development Barbara Kelley, OP, Writer Ashley Duke, Graphic Designer

This report has a stunning design and is formatted neatly for easy reading. The photos are eye-catching and evoke the message of the piece. The reporting is comprehensive and well-written, outlining the past and future endeavors of the organization.

Second Place

Maryknoll Annual Report

Maryknoll, Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers

This report is well-organized with easily followed topics and sections. There are plenty of photographs, which enhance the message and break up the text. I found this report easy to read, thorough, and inspiring.

Third Place

Vermont Catholic Community Foundation Annual Report 2021

Vermont Catholic, Diocese of Burlington Communication and Development staff

There are lots of visuals in this report, from eye-catching photos to effective graphs. It is cleanly organized and has plenty of stats to show data.

M323: Best Ad Copywriting**First Place**

Join the Catholic War Veterans

Salute, Jo Ann Redmond, Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Publisher

Very effective copy for such a compact space. Well done.

M325: Best Promotional House Ad**First Place**

Knights of Columbus Insurance

Columbia, Knights of Columbus Graphics Department

The image evokes feelings of joy, family, and comfort and the text is written with care and intention. The soft colors and easily readable font lends well to the appeal of the ad. This ad is beautifully formatted, draws the eye, and speaks to the heart.

Second Place

Northwest Catholic Collection, Now more than ever we need the good news

Northwest Catholic, Advertising & Creative Studio

This ad is visually engaging with an eye-catching color scheme. It is clear what it's advertising and what the message is. The text is readable and well-written.

Third Place

Check Out the new NWCatholic.org

Northwest Catholic, Keri Hake, and Ellen Bollard

This ad is simple and easy to read. It clearly shows what is being advertised in a visually appealing way.

Honorable Mention

Shalom Tidings

Shalom Media USA INC., Shalom Tidings, Shalom Media

M331: Best Media Kit 2021

First Place

Northwest Catholic Media Kit 2021

Northwest Catholic, Keri Hake, Janis Olson, and Joan Patterson

Very well done. Some complex info simplified. Awesome presentation. Reader friendly. Potential advertisers must love this.

Second Place

Denver Catholic 2021 Media Kit

Denver Catholic, Michael O'Neill, Advertising & Business Manager Patrick Finegan, Director of Creative Production Filippo Piccone, Senior Graphics Specialist and Simona Fava, Graphic Design Specialist

Really fun to look at. Lot's of information packed in but not overwhelming. Great use of graphics.

M335: Best Single Ad Campaign with Publication

First Place

Vermont Catholic Book Club

Vermont Catholic, Mary-Margaret Carroll

Nice job! The pretty sunset was eye catching and the slogan was- at it points out directly- intriguing. The use of black and white writing to make each section pop was smart. All necessary information was provided to know how to get involved, what it would entail, and why it would be worthwhile.

Second Place

Matthew House Ad

Northwest Catholic, Keri Hake, and Joan Patterson

This ad had a compelling feel-good component that helps to entice people to want to donate. The image of children who actually benefit from the services (or are symbolic of the beneficiaries) paired with the slogan makes for a powerful ad.

Third Place

God with us

Shalom Tidings, Noble Nooruparayil

The manger scene in the center of the ad was bright and eye-catching. The ad clearly stated what Shalom World was for and what it could offer to people. They also used the logos of streaming/TV companies to let people know how they could access it.

M351a: Best Layout or Article Column - Diocesan Magazine

First Place

Talitha Koum: The Catholic Church continues its battle against human trafficking
North Texas Catholic, Juan Guajardo, Editor, Michael Sherman, Designer, Jillian Brearley, Photo
Retoucher

Arresting layout and visuals captures the reader.

Second Place

The Eucharist - Source and Summit of Christianity
Denver Catholic, Vladimir Mauricio-Perez, Managing Editor of El Pueblo Catolico

Creative layout that draws in the reader.

Third Place

Mitchell helps people see God's creation: Free eye clinic is 'true labor of love.'
FAITH Lansing, Kayla Simon and Jim Luning

Excellent, appealing layout with creative use of eye glasses and frames.

Honorable Mention

Serving the Homeless with More Dignity, Security
Northwest Catholic, Creative Studio-Nicole Eckenrode, Joan Patterson

FAITH Lansing Culture column: "Rosemary Spritzer: In remembrance of Our Lady."
FAITH Lansing, Kayla Simon and Shane Folkertsma

Best Layout or Article Column - Mission Magazine (Overseas and Home)

First Place

Hope for a Country at War
ONE Magazine, Maria Gerth-Niculescu, Photos by Petterik Wiggers, Layout by Paul Grillo

Breathtaking. I "feel" the emotions in this layout. Great work of art.

Second Place

We Are Not Fine
ONE Magazine, Rosabel Crean, Photos by Raghida Skaff, Layout by Paul Grillo

Love it. The use of the black and white is so creative and really really sets the mood.

Third Place

Working From the Heart Creates Harmony
ONE Magazine, Doreen Abi Raad, Layout by Paul Grillo

Very beautiful. The use of the photos and color fit perfect with the story and as impactful as the words.

M351c: Best Layout or Article Column - National General Interest Magazine**First Place**

More Women Follow their Dreams to STEM
CatholicU Magazine, Kristin Reavey, Graphic Designer

A beautiful, poignant graphic illustration begins a clean, eye-pleasing design. The contrasting colors of blue and white present the package's content in easy to recognize and consume elements.

Second Place

100 Years of Columbia
Columbia, Columbia staff

The historical photos and past magazine covers take the reader on a journey through the history of the magazine and faith in this graphically-driven package. Everywhere the eye looks on each page there is something interesting to see, with the photos/graphics working in concert perfectly with the short accompanying copy blocks.

Third Place

The Light of Faith in the Darkness of COVID-19
St. Anthony Messenger, Daniel Imwalle; Design/Layout by Mary Catherine Kozusko

The arresting cover photo and charts are the stars of the show for this impressive, unique story package. Each chart communicates something fascinating about the survey, visually revealing a complex editorial idea.

Honorable Mention

Courage under Fire
Columbia, Alton J. Pelowski

Teachers of the Year
CatholicU Magazine, Kristin Reavey, Graphic Designer

M351d: Best Layout or Article Column - Professional and Special Interest Magazines, Including Clergy and Religious

First Place

“Hidden Gems” of Ignatian Significance in Our Own Backyard
Jesuits Midwest Magazine, Kurt Metzler

The overall package is visually pleasing, with a nice balance of dominating beige color and secondary red color and a beautiful infographic. The star is the infographic map, with the relevant states/cities cleverly popping off the transparent US map.

Second Place

Next Generation of Mission Integration
Health Progress, Brian Smith, Vice President Sponsorship and Mission Services Les Stock, Graphic Designer

The main infographic is captivating and informative, and the use of subheds, specifically the colorful ones following the infographic, clearly delineate each section making the package easy to consume in bite-size pieces.

Third Place

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene: Vatican, Catholic Health Care Take Leadership Roles in WASH Work
Health Progress, Susan K. Barnett, Author Les Stock, Graphic Designer

The continuity of the two-column page spreads, the colorful statistical graphics, and the powerful, message-reinforcing Pope Francis pull quote make this a cohesive and effectively designed package.

M361a: Best Cover for Color - Small (up to 6 x 9 ½”)

First Place

SALUTE - Fall 2021 Edition
Salute, Jo Ann Redmond, Editor and Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Publisher

The stunning cover photo is given its due from the layout. The cover title and bottom banner serve as cropping elements to direct the viewer’s eye. This design even heightens the emotion within the photo by making the viewer feel enclosed in the same intimate moment as the serviceman pictured.

Second Place

Salute - Summer 2021 Edition

Salute, Jo Ann Redmond, Editor Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Publisher

The placement of the only text on the page (directly atop a hiking boot that's peeking out from a priest's robes) is striking and more than does the job of directing the viewer's eye. Use of a photo of summer grass behind the magazine's title adds to the green in the priest's robe and visually anchors the issue as coming out in summer.

Third Place

Catholic Missions In Canada Magazine, Winter issue

Catholic Missions In Canada Magazine, Rev. David Reilander, President

The absence of text on this cover makes for an effective use of white space, showing the power and majesty of the mountains and snow pictured. The centralized spacing of the headline, with blue banners above and below, make for a clean design.

M361b: Best Cover for Color - Large (over 6 x 9 ½")

First Place

One Tank Catholic Trips

Catholic Times, Carole Flaherty, Graphic Designer

What an awesome cover. This looks like so much fun and is so full of detail but not boring. I want to read about these one tank trips. So cool!

Second Place

The Fight for Family Movie Night

Angelus, Jacob Popcak

As a BIG movie fan, this cover is soo cool. Great job, Really creative and fun and thought-provoking.

Third Place

May 2021

St. Anthony Messenger, Design/Layout: Mary Catherine Kozusko

Honorable Mention

Health Care and the Environment

Health Progress, Larry Moore, Illustrator Les Stock, Graphic Designer

M371: Best Use of Typography

First Place

Culture Column: "Rosemary Spritzer"

FAITH Lansing, Kayla Simon

Excellent and refreshing work - leaps off the page.

Second Place

The Josephite Harvest

The Josephite Harvest, Pantea Amin Tofangchi and Daniel Medinger

Entrancing use of typography and layout.

Third Place

FAITH Lansing cover story: "When all seems lost, don't give up"

FAITH Lansing, Pat Dally

Great use of typography.

Honorable Mention

One Tank Catholic Trips

Catholic Times, Carole Flaherty, Graphic Designer

5 things to know about Father Joe.

FAITH Lansing, Pat Dally

M511: Best Guest Column/Commentary

First Place

Responsibility Ethics in the Age of Coronavirus: Considering Health Care Access for Undocumented Immigrants

Health Progress, Aimee Allison Hein

Timely, well supported and actionable.

Second Place

Prudential Use of the Morally Controversial COVID-19 Vaccines

Linacre Quarterly, Nicanor Pier Giorgio Austriaco, OP, PhD, STD

Excellent writing; effectively illuminates that although a complex issue may not be black and white, there may be black and white within the gray.

Third Place

'I was a stranger and you welcomed me'
Northwest Catholic, Chris Koehler

Excellent presentation of complex issue, translated simply to make complexity accessible, supported by data and complemented with actionable information.

Honorable Mention

If We Lose Beauty, We Lose Our Spiritual Sight
The Catholic Telegraph, Dr. Mary Catherine Levri

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

Desire Lines
Angelus, Heather King

Heather King's column is a brilliant, engaging conversation with her readers. Ms. King requires more of her readers than the average writer. She encourages and inspires her readers via a call to action. Her conversational and balanced tone is perfect for the difficult and sensitive topics that she shares with her readers.

Second Place

Sally Rooney isn't just the 'Snapchat Generation's' Catholic novelist (but she is that).
America Magazine, James T. Keane

James Keane's enterprising ideas for his column are simply brilliant and make for enjoyable reading. His unique way of introducing you to topics you may not have heard of before speaks to his ability to engage the reader.
Keane's conversational tone becomes you to his topic and keeps you engaged through his well-written narrative.

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

Archbishop William E. Lori
Catholic Review, Archbishop William E. Lori Publisher

A standout because of the challenging and timely topics addressed. Clear, concise writing stood out.

Second Place

Encountering Christ through word, sacrament and charity
Northwest Catholic, Archbishop Paul D. Etienne

Challenging topics addressed head on with candor and compassion. Strong writing and editing.

Third Place

Honesty and closeness unlock the communion debate
Denver Catholic, Most Rev. Samuel J. Aquila, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Denver

Great topics, I thought the communion debate was explored particularly well.

Honorable Mention

From the Bishop
Vermont Catholic, Bishop Christopher J. Coyne

From the Bishop
FAITH Lansing, Bishop Earl Boyea

M513c: Best Regular Column - Family Life**First Place**

Home Faith: February, April, May, August, and December 2021
U.S. Catholic, Don Clemmer, Teresa Coda

Using personal, everyday stories to relate to his audience, Mr. Clemmer tells powerful stories of faith to this readers. The greatest strength of the author is his natural ability to tell powerful messages and lessons learned through his own experiences sometimes painful but always rooted in faith.

Second Place

Evangelization
Vermont Catholic, Deacon Phil Lawson

What makes this column stand out is the writer's relatable narrative. Each topic aligns with the writer's overall theme of faith and hope. The tone of each topic is rooted in the tenets of good character, but the writer uses encouraging and relevant examples of how to get there and stay present in faith.

Third Place

Fathers for Good

Columbia, Gerald Korson, Gabriel Somarriba, Philip Kosloski

“Fathers for Good” is a beautiful and complex character study of what it means to be a man of faith and a Dad. The column provides honest insight into a role that is constantly being redefined. The column uses real-life examples to ask some difficult yet important questions about fatherhood. Patience, understanding and prayer are the most common themes explored in this well-written, conversational series.

M513d: Best Regular Column - General Commentary**First Place**

Ad Rem

Angelus, Robert Brennan

A distinctive voice heavy on charm, but which also demonstrates range from profound to biting. Rich with allusion, rhetorical devices.

Second Place

Building Trust for Vaccine Rollout

Health Progress, Kathy Curran, and JD Darren M. Henson, Ph.D.

This entry stands out for its diverse and thorough coverage of a range of timely topics.

Third Place

Salt & Light: June, September, and December 2021

U.S. Catholic, Father Bryan Massingale

This entry stands out for its resonant coverage probing challenging but loving questions that strike at the heart of what it means to be the Church in America.

Honorable Mention

Along the Way

The Way of St. Francis, Dan Lackie, OFM

A Closer Look

The Catholic Telegraph, Dr. Kenneth Craycraft

M513e: Best Regular Column - Religious Life

First Place

The Josephite Harvest

The Josephite Harvest, Father Donald Fest, SSJ

Provokes hope.

Second Place

That All May Be One

The Priest, Bishop David J. Bonnar

Great analysis that provokes thought.

Third Place

Deacon to Deacon

The Deacon, Deacon Dominic Cerrato

Great tailoring to a niche audience.

M513f: Best Regular Column - Spiritual Life

First Place

“In the Know with Father Joe” column

FAITH Lansing, Father Joe Krupp

This entry took a fresh approach to the regular column. The topics were relatable and Fr. Joe’s approach to answering questions was engaging and informative. The artwork was a plus.

Second Place

“Theology 101” column

FAITH Lansing, Douglas Culp

Very insightful and well-researched material. The quiz and Did you Know section were an added bonus. Bravo.

Third Place

Journeying with the Saints

Parable Magazine, By Caitlin Sica

This entry was very well written and the subjects they showcased were so interesting and contemporary. I really enjoyed reading all of the stories about saints and soon-to-be saints.

Honorable Mention

Testaments: January, March, May, August, and December 2021

U.S. Catholic, Alice Camille

Shalom Tidings

Shalom Media USA INC., Fr. Joseph Gill, Columnist, Shalom Tidings

M513h: Best Regular Column - Pandemic**First Place**

Covid has brought two parallel worlds to L.A.: one hopeful, one overwhelmed by suffering
America Magazine, Jim McDermott, S.J.

Touching examination into suffering in its many forms.

Second Place

CHA Offers Resources on Care Provider Well-Being

Health Progress, Dennis Gonzales, PhD Carrie Meyer McGrath, MDiv, MS Brian P. Smith, MS, MA, MDiv
Kathy Armijo-Etre, PhD

At a time when so much was overwhelming, this was a great compilation of resources.

M521b: Best Coverage - Immigration**First Place**

Smiles and tears in São Paulo's Favelas, Families in Mission, Passion for People at the Border, Editorial
Winter Issue 2022, 'The Reason I Am Able To Do What I Do'

Maryknoll, Meinrad Scherer-Emunds, Alejandro Lopez-Cardinale, Deirdre Cornell, Lynn F. Monahan and
Barbara Escobar

Comprehensive coverage, excellent reporting.

Second Place

Joe Biden's \$4 billion plan to discourage Central American migration at its source

America Magazine, J.D. Long-García, Eduardo Campos Lima, Kevin Clarke, The Editors

Excellent variety of coverage.

Third Place

Father McGivney's Invitation to Immigrants
Columbia, Luis F. Guevera, Agnieszka Ruck, and Elisha Valladares-Cormier

Great, complex coverage on an important topic.

Honorable Mention

Caught between borders
Angelus, Ann Rodgers, Tom Hoffarth, and Angelus Staff

Immigration
Catholic Review, Priscila González de Doran Staff Writer, Catholic Review Staff

M521c: Best Coverage - Religious Liberty Issues**First Place**

What Joe Biden (and all American Catholics) owe Jesuit John Courtney Murray
America Magazine, Massimo Faggioli, Luke Janicki, Gloria Purvis, Luma Simms, and Jan-Albert Hootsen

Timely explanation of how politics and religion are intertwined.

Second Place

Faithful Citizenship
Columbia, Columbia staff, Tom Westcott, Elisha Valladares-Cormier

Beautiful photo to accompany a well written text.

M521e: Best Coverage – Disaster or Crises**First Place**

The Josephite Harvest
The Josephite Harvest, Kyle Taylor and Anna Jones

Hurricane Ida got lots of press in August 2021 as the second most powerful hurricane to pound the Gulf Coast, but this excellent collection of stories and pictures zeros in on churches and schools run by the Josephites, giving a detailed report on flooding, collapsed roofs, fallen trees and disrupted power, exactly what parish members needed. The stories also told parish members how church leaders and members not only helped in the cleanup but also offered emotional support so needed in such a crisis. A valuable addition to chronicling this disaster.

Second Place

Conflict in Ethiopia

ONE Magazine, Laura Ieraci, Maria Gerth-Niculescu & CNEWA staff; photos and video by Petterik Wiggers

Heart wrenching. Life saving efforts. Starvation. Violence. The need to pray. It's all here in Ethiopia's Tigray region and in this detailed account of the seemingly endless tragedy unfolding there. Quotes and excellent description guide the reader through this calamity that has become a way of life for those struggling for a normal life.

Third Place

Post-Blast Lebanon in Socioeconomic Crisis

ONE Magazine, Doreen Abi Raad, Rosabel Crean; photos and video by Raghida Skaff, Maroun Bassil, Michael La Civita and Riadd El Hajj

Lebanon has many problems and one school or one school system won't change that. But this detailed story reminds us that education can make inroads into those issues by not only teaching reading and math, but also acceptance and love. We learn the impact of Catholic schools and of those who administer and teach in those schools so this is a wonderful peek into the efforts of those who treasure the value of kids as well as the value of X.

M521f: Best Coverage – Political Issues**First Place**

A moment of great hope

Northwest Catholic, Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg, Northwest Catholic Staff, Jeffrey M. Barker, Jean Parietti, and Dougall Hewitt

How Catholic communities in North Washington State handled a year of different aspects of the COVID crisis. The articles are well-written and loosely tied together by outstanding photos and a design that makes the four articles easy to read.

Second Place

This nun has tweeted a prayer for Trump every day for four years. It hasn't gotten any easier. America Magazine, Michael O'Loughlin, national correspondent

A nun reflects on her daily tweets to former President Trump during his four year's in office. Her changing attitudes during the four years make it worth reading.

M521g: Best Coverage – Pandemic

First Place

COVID-19 in India and Georgia

ONE Magazine, Paul Rimple, Anubha George, Sister Supriya Vazhappilly and CNEWA staff; photos and video by Sajeendran V.S., Justyna Mielnikiewicz, Nino Gambashidze and Saba Shengelia

“CNEWA and COVID in India” was a succinct and heartbreaking assessment. Good use of data to help tell the story. I really enjoyed the level of detail in the “Oasis for the Vulnerable” article. “Everything in His Hands’ is an intimate look at how COVID is impacting families, and the challenges of helping them. “A letter from India” was a really nice first-person account of the reaction to what is happening in India. I especially enjoyed the four attitudes, rooted in Christ, that contribute to the development and empowerment of the people in such hard times.

Second Place

The COVID Conundrum

Health Progress, Sally J. Altman, MPH Heather Schmidt, DO Nicole Dewitt, MA Tom Bushlack, Ph.D. and Alexander Garza, M.D.

“The COVID Conundrum” was an objective approach to a complicated topic. I liked the fact that the subject at the opening of this piece was a real person, with a real name. It adds credibility. Great use of data while still keeping a conversational tone.

Third Place

Pandemic

Catholic Review, Kevin J. Parks Visual Journalist, Christopher Gunty Associate Publisher and Editor, Paul McMullen Managing Editor, and George P. Matysek Jr., Web Editor

“Seafarers receive COVID vaccine while in Baltimore ports” is a unique angle and a great slice of life; really well done. “Archdiocese of Baltimore relaxes social distancing for Masses” is a thoroughly told incremental news update. “Chrism Mass in Holy Week helps with return to ‘normal’ “ is another well-told milestone story. “One year in: Families, institutions adjust to ongoing pandemic” is a nice collection of anecdotes, well told. “Archbishop Lori encourages vaccinations as ‘act of charity and love’” was another important news story

Honorable Mention

After Covid, Mass will never be the same. Maybe that’s a good thing.

America Magazine, Colleen Dulle, Michael J. O’Loughlin, Joe Hoover, S.J., Kevin Clarke, and Jim McDermott

A virus leaves its mark

Angelus, John L. Allen Jr., Pablo Kay, Angelus Staff, Charles C. Camosy and Angelus Staff

M521h: Best Coverage – Racial Inequities

First Place

The Jesuits have pledged to raise \$100 million to advance racial healing. But reconciliation is about more than money.

America Magazine, J.D. Long-García, Bruce Wilkinson, Patrick Saint-Jean, The Editors, and Alessandra Harris

Each article brought to light a different aspect of the same phenomenon. The balance between different aspect of the same whole was evident in the cohesion of the writing. Depth of thought balanced with appropriate details to allow the reader to reflect on how this struggle is present in one’s own life makes this submission the winner.

Second Place

“The Black exodus,” “Open minds, open hearts,” “Called to justice,” “The path forward,” “Critical race theory and Catholicism go hand in hand”

U.S. Catholic, Patrick Saint-Jean, S.J.; Nathaniel Hunter, Rebecca Bratten Weiss, Father Bryan Massingale, U.S. Catholic Editors

This author walks the line between exposing current realities and offering the readers tough questions in a rhetorical powerful way. The tone and style ebb and flow between objective and straight forward to personal and introspective that asks hard questions in a way that perhaps softens the blow felt by some readers. This duality makes the submission stand out.

Third Place

A Catholic Response to Racism

St. Anthony Messenger, “A Catholic Response to Racism” (Susan Hines-Brigger, SeShu Badrinath Photography); “The Sorrowful Mystery of Racism” (Herman Sutter); “Let Us Pray: My Mother’s Voice” (Deacon Art Miller); “Ask a Franciscan: What Is Systemic Racism?” (Pat McCloskey, OFM);

This submission wins for its direct, no sugar coating approach the the issues. The stance is supported by detailed explanations, examples, and context which is masterly tied together across articles. The straightforward solution based approach made this submission stand out.

Honorable Mention

Racial Inequities

Catholic Review, Catholic Review Staff: Priscila González de Doran, Staff Writer George P. Matysek Jr., Web Editor Kyle Taylor

Racial Justice Within Religious Orders

Horizon, Journal of the Natl. Religious Vocation Conference, Fr. Linh Hoang, O.F.M., writer Sr. Anita Baird, D.H.M., writer Sr. Sophia Park, S.N.J.M., writer Br. Patrick Winbush, O.S.B., contributor Sr. Gayle Lwanga Crumbley, R.G.S., contributor Sister Barbara Kraemer, O.S.F., writer Carol Schuck Scheiber, editor

M531: Best Editorial

First Place

The Blessing and Curse of Social Media
Linacre Quarterly, Barbara Golder

This editorial was timely and managed to weave the perils (and positives) of social media with the pandemic and the Catholic faith.

Second Place

Bioethics, Conscience, and Prudence in the Time of COVID
Linacre Quarterly, Barbara Golder

An excellent editorial on how to look at medicine, Catholicism, and politics. Insightful!

Third Place

Reverence for the Eucharist transcends politics
America Magazine, The Editors

This entry was well-written and researched. I appreciate the historical lessons that were included in this editorial.

Honorable Mention

The Catholic Church must come clean—completely—about what it did to Native Americans
America Magazine, The Editors

M533a: Best Essay - Diocesan Magazines

First Place

Walking without Shoes
North Texas Catholic, Walker Price, Writer

Walking without shoes is a beautiful narrative of self discovery and faith. The writer's strength is in his ability to take the reader along with him through a descriptive and deeply honest narrative. A wonderful self discovery for any reader who values the connection between nature, faith and discovery.

Second Place

Every Catholic's homeland
Angelus, Mike Aquilina

Every Catholic's Homeland is an informative and engaging study of Christianity and its roots. An enterprising story, the writer takes the reader on historical journey through Africa's ties to Christianity through a well-researched essay. The writer holds the reader's attention through a well-written narrative.

Third Place

“During the challenge of this pandemic year, where have you found God?”

FAITH Lansing, Annie Babiasz

An honest and powerful reflection about the spirit of humanity through one of our most challenging times as a society. Ms. Babiasz’s essay takes the reader through of transformation of faith and hope during the pandemic. Her greatest strength is the conversational tone and ability make her experiences relatable to her audience. This young writer’s voice has wonderful potential.

Honorable Mention

How confession & communion go hand in hand

Northwest Catholic, Father Thomas Aquinas Pickett, O.P.

Communion of Saints

Catholic San Francisco, John Gray

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

A Day in the Life of a Country Priest

Glenmary Challenge, Fr. Don Tranel

This is terrific. A really moving, clearly written piece on missionary work. I tend to think of missionary work as service, but this is truly a modern journey into a community to expand the Church.

Second Place

Catholicism: The One and the Many

ONE Magazine, Elias D. Mallon, S.A., Ph.D.

Really fascinating, well-researched, insightful piece.

Third Place

Tips for a Young Military Catholic Longing for Community

Salute, Thomas Aguilar, Writer, Jo Ann Redmond, Editor, and Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Publisher

Terrific piece. Helpful tips. Great personal insight.

Honorable Mention

Meet a Comboni Missionary: Fr. David Baltz

Comboni Missions Magazine, Fr. David Baltz, mcccj

Partners in Mission

Maryknoll, Sonia Otorola

M533c: Best Essay - National General Interest Magazines

First Place

The Sorrowful Mystery of Racism

St. Anthony Messenger, By: Herman Sutter, Design/Layout: Mary Catherine Kozusko

Herman Sutter prays the rosary. Nothing unusual. But he prays the rosary for an end to racism and not only that, he convincingly likens suffering from racism to the suffering Christ felt - agony in the garden, scourging, crown of thorns, carrying the cross and even the crucifixion. In this deeply thought out and troubling essay, Sutter doesn't just dwell on highly publicized events like shootings, but on less obvious, at least to the general white audience, emotional suffering caused by racism like the anxiety of who might knock on the door, stop them in the street or question them in a store. Or anytime a police officer walks by.

Second Place

How the women of the Bible helped me reimagine my barrenness

America Magazine, Kaya Oakes

Mother's Day. What a wonderful tribute to proud moms who walk out of church carrying a flower or other gift. But what do non-moms get? Agony. Sorrow. A feeling of being left out, ignored. This compelling essay by Kaya Oakes pleads for the church and members to stop reminding her of what she calls her barrenness. She, and other childless women, Oakes reminds us, have many other gifts to give to the church and points out prominent women mentioned in scripture without mention of any children. So, she pleads in this thoughtful piece, stop asking women how many children they have.

Third Place

Latin Mass, women priests, celibacy? Climate change will make all the church's arguments pointless
America Magazine, Dorothy Fortenberry

Dorothy Fortenberry is blunt: Mess with nature and you don't just mess with people who are living now and will live in the future, you also mess with the past and our connection to it. How? Do you have fond memories of skating on the frozen pond with your grandfather? Well, that's out because of global warming. And we won't be able to take your grandchildren skating, either. So, climate intrudes on our past, our present and our future. The author expertly ties all this together in an untidy bundle of worrisome proportions. She hopes the world will react to save our memories and our lives. But she doesn't sound too optimistic.

Honorable Mention

The Crisis in Catholic Theology

America Magazine, Grant Kaplan

Taking off the armor

Living City Magazine, Nora Henschen

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

First Place

Jeanne's Hands

Health Progress, Lisa Picker

The motif of the "hands" worked wonderfully within this compelling nonfiction narrative essay. It's persuasive elements were by-products of excellent storytelling using the motive enough to focus the reader without becoming repetitive. From the hook until the end, this piece moved the reader.

Second Place

Catholic Environmental Ethics in a Franciscan Key

Ecumenical Trends - Graymoor, Dr. Dawn M. Nothwehr, OSF - Author James Loughran, SA - Editor Dr. Aaron Hollander- Associate Editor

The power of this essay comes from it's sequencing of examples to build an argument. The rhetoric, from diction to syntax is elevated but not pedantic, squaring well with the depth of the reflection, the value of the examples and the overall trajectory of thought.

Third Place

Parenting During a Pandemic - A View through an Autism Lens

Health Progress, Ann E. Guay

A very timely piece that spotlights a common plight during COVID with the uniqueness of an individual circumstance, this narrative essay speaks to a larger story through the lens of one person and his support system. This humanizing of an issue made this piece stand out.

Honorable Mention

How Can We Turn to the Healing Power of Nature?

Health Progress, Christina Leaña, MA

Mary's Role in the Incarnation through the Lens of Luke

Ecumenical Trends - Graymoor, Rev. Dr. George T. Montague, SM - Author James Loughran, SA - Editor Dr. Aaron Hollander - Associate Editor

M533f: Best Essay - Religious Order Magazines

First Place

"Reason for our hope: a testimony to our life, death, and resurrection in Christ Jesus"

Horizon, Journal of the Natl. Religious Vocation C, Sister Addie Lorraine Walker, S.S.N.D.

A well-polished and elegant combination of a biography, reflection on hope, and a personal story. Smooth writing with great rhythm. Well-organized and well assembled. The cover image is real great.

Second Place

Entering Lent From a Hermitage
The Way of St. Francis, Maureen K. Day

Just a really smooth personable writer, with a very, very timely column. Great concepts - QuarantEens and Blursday, being in Covid quarantine as a spiritual hermitage. Graceful writer, who really turns nice phrases with ease.

M533g: Best Essay - Scholarly Magazines**First Place**

Mission Reborn in the Covid Crisis
Linacre Quarterly, Michael Erdek MD MA

Gripping essay about a very important topic.

Second Place

Crossing Boundaries and Cultural Barriers: Catholic Sisters, Social Justice, and Transnationalism
American Catholic Studies, Carol K. Coburn

Well written examination of a complicated topic. Clearly told and well supported.

Third Place

Understand My Language, to Understand My Pain: Challenges of Neurological Evaluation Among
Refugees
Linacre Quarterly, Gentian Vyshka, MD, Dritan Ulqinaku, MD

Well written and interesting look into an important and timely topic.

Honorable Mention

Prudential Use of the Morally Controversial COVID-19 Vaccines
Linacre Quarterly, Nicanor Pier Giorgio Austriaco, OP, PhD, STD

Evolving Images of Women Religious in Nineteenth-Century American Art
American Catholic Studies, Kara M. French

M537a: Best Feature Article - Diocesan Magazines**First Place**

Lives Loved and Lost
Faith Erie Magazine, Mary Solberg, Editor/Writer

Heartbreaking tale of those who have remained faithful despite suffering the greatest loss a mother can experience.

Second Place

Frank and Lynn's faith endures after losing everything to wildfire
Catholic Herald, Julie Sly, Editor, Catholic Herald Magazine, Diocese of Sacramento

Touching tribute to people who remain faithful despite suffering.

Third Place

Foodie Fathers
Catholic San Francisco, Christina Gray, lead writer Dennis Callahan, photographer

Nourishment in its truest form.

Honorable Mention

Finding true happiness in a world trapped by despair
Denver Catholic, Aaron Lambert, Managing Editor

Honorable Mention

A restless farewell
Angelus, Ann Rodgers

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

Going the Extra Mile
Glenmary Challenge, John Feister and Omar Cabrera

Author John Feister paints the people, the place and the parishioners. Tells the story vividly of the people working in the seafood processing business and their need for faith. He delivers the people and the process and the scene to readers.

Second Place

Mission Work Never Grows Old
Comboni Missions Magazine, Kathleen M. Carroll

A wonderful telling of the life of Fr. Alberto Anichini's work in Uganda. We are treated to a vision of a man and his ministry and his dedication.

Third Place

Hope for a Country at War
ONE Magazine, Maria Gerth-Niculescu

A vibrant story of the struggles of young man. The writer brings great insight into the life of 21-year-old Ermias Mengeshaw and his journey as a student in Ethiopia.

Honorable Mention

Passion for People at the Border
Maryknoll, Deirdre Cornell

'We Are Not Fine'

ONE Magazine, Rosabel Crean

M537c: Best Feature Article - National General Interest Magazines**First Place**

Women are rising to new heights at the Vatican. Could they change the church forever?
America Magazine, Colleen Dulle

This story skillfully weaves together interviews with high-ranking women at the Vatican with a broader exploration of whether the culture and mindset of the institutional Church are truly changing. The writer clearly has deep knowledge of the inner workings of the Vatican and communicates her understanding in clear and insightful ways.

Second Place

Meet the Millennial Nuns
America Magazine, John Rosengren

This story uses great descriptive writing to take readers inside the lives of millennial women religious, who describe their surprise and joy at being called to life as nuns. The author places their narratives in the larger context of millennials' with organized religion.

Third Place

9/11 at 20: A Tale of Two Friars
St. Anthony Messenger, By: Susan Hines-Brigger, Design/Layout: Mary Catherine Kozusko

This moving, detailed feature tells the stories of two Franciscans whose lives and ministries were deeply affected by 9/11. Both were close to Father Mychal Judge, who was killed at the World Trade Center that day. The piece is a carefully reported narrative filled with emotion and significance.

Honorable Mention

In search of healing, one story at a time
VISION Catholic Religious Vocation Discernment Guide, Fr. Dave Kelly, C.P.P.S.

Service and Sacrifice

Columbia, Paul Kerchum, Tom Rossi and Louis Graziano, with Columbia staff

M537f: Best Feature Article - Professional and Special-Interest, Including Clergy and Religious

First Place

Sponsors and the Crisis in Long-Term Care: Is This a 'Man from Macedonia' Moment?
Health Progress, Charles F. Bouchard, OP Alec Arnold, PhD(c)

The challenges of Elder Care, from an national organizational leader. Very, very well informed. Incredibly timely, with Covid. I learned a great deal. Solid writing structure. Presents an issue, covers it thoroughly and informs throughout.

Second Place

A zigzagging road to the convent
VISION Catholic Religious Vocation Discernment Guide, Susan Flansburg

One woman's wild path to discernment. The raw storytelling is what separates this piece. It is breezy and conversational, but also deep and personal.

Third Place

What attracted me to religious life
Horizon, Journal of the Natl. Religious Vocation Conference, Nate Tinner-Williams Sister Clara Johnson, Tucker Redding, SJ, and Sister Jessica Vitente, SP

Nice column on Black Catholicism and vocations. Really a good writer. Very thoughtful and clear. The piece has depth and a natural progression. There is a lot of nice history here.

Honorable Mention

Combating Racism in Parish Life
The Priest, Fr. Josh Johnson

Slowly But Surely, Schools for Health Professions Teach about Climate Change
Health Progress, Laura Petrecca

M537g: Best Feature Article - Religious Order Magazines

First Place

Going for the Gold
Jesuits Midwest Magazine, Michael Austin

This story about Olympic athletes who draw on lessons from their Jesuit education had a creative approach to a timely subject. The writer created a short narrative about a gold-medal pole vaulter that inspired excitement and communicated meaning, and added several other memorable examples.

Second Place

Close Encounters of the Global Kind: Lessons from Abroad
Jesuits Midwest Magazine, Amy Korpi

This story surveying how Midwest Jesuits think and act globally includes engaging interviews from a wide range of countries and perspectives, incorporating news events such as the COVID-19 pandemic and the port explosion in Beirut.

Third Place

From Worldly Cavalier to Limping Pilgrim to Spiritual Leader
Jesuits Midwest Magazine, Amy Korpi

This profile of St. Ignatius used metaphor effectively to encourage readers to reflect on how recognizing epiphanies might transform their own lives.

M537h: Best Feature Article - Scholarly Magazines**First Place**

Why the CDF 'Note on the Morality of Using Some Anti-Covid-19 Vaccines' Suggests a Moral Obligation to Receive SARS-CoV-2 Vaccines
Health Care Ethics USA, Peter J. Cataldo, Ph.D.

The abundance of detail in following the logic of a timely and relevant topic coupled with the straight forward, matter-of-fact tone helped the author connect with an audience that may not accept the conclusion on its face otherwise. It was this attention to detail and appropriate rhetorical approach that made this piece stand out.

Second Place

Four Ways to Approach Equity and the Opening to Justice
Health Care Ethics USA, Darren M. Henson, Ph.D.

The depth of analysis is made easier to digest by the composition structure allowing the reader to dive into scholarly thought while also picking up pragmatic insights. This balance made this piece stand out.

Third Place

Students Beyond Borders: American Catholics and the Work of Pax Romana, 1937–1947
American Catholic Studies, Kevin Ahern

While the topic is not timely, it is timeless. And with current social political world, very relevant. The author is able to highlight the intricacies while also keeping the reader engaged through the sequence of events selected and the intelligent yet narrative tone.

Honorable Mention

Vatican II Goes to Hollywood: Cinema, Conscience, and Ecumenism in the 1960s
American Catholic Studies, Paul G. Monson

Montezuma's Children: Seminary Exiles and the Transformation of Catholicism in Postrevolutionary Mexico, 1937-1965
Catholic Southwest, Matthew Butler, Associate Professor of History, University of Texas in Austin

Magazine > M541: Best Title and Lead-In**First Place**

Catholic tricks for a heavenly treat: a guide to navigating Halloween
Vermont Catholic, Alayna Masker

"Catholic tricks for a heavenly a treat"- has dramatic design and a great message - celebrate Halloween as a Catholic. Advice ranges from "playful and fun costumes vs. dark and demonic" to "praying in the cemetery vs. playing in the cemetery." We guarantee you will read this one.

Second Place

"Lab" Assistants
Catholic Review, Kevin J. Parks Visual Journalist

An irresistible cover photo of a Black Labrador Retriever and a young patient moves the reader to a quickly-developed story of a troubled boy quieted by a dog. "A dog's purpose" becomes clear in this finely written and designed article.

Third Place

Visions That Dance in Their Heads
ONE Magazine, the ONE Editorial Board

A beautiful cover showing a child in need of mental health care. The story moves smoothly and quickly to the work of the Gaza YMCA to provide treatment for children and families with sometimes disturbing visions of the world around them.

Honorable Mention

Foodie Fathers
Catholic San Francisco, Christina Gray

"'When all seems lost, don't give up': With Angels Outreach, Deacon Tony and Susan provide a safe place for Flint kids"
FAITH Lansing, FAITH Lansing Magazine Staff

M545: Best Interview

First Place

A Friar for Broken People

St. Anthony Messenger, By: Joyce Duriga, Photography by Karen Callaway, and Design/Layout: Mary Catherine Kozusko

Ex heroin addict becomes a priest in Chicago. Really great story with superb reporting.

Second Place

‘Making sure nothing catches fire in these little lives’: As a school counselor, Marshall works to earn trust.”

FAITH Lansing, Nancy Rosebush Schertzing

This story was heartbreaking but had many lessons woven into the writing. A riveting read.

Third Place

Good Samaritans: Ron and Jane Brown: St. Cloud couple opens their door and hearts to more than 100 babies through 43 years of foster parenting

The Central Minnesota Catholic, Kristi Anderson

This interview was moving and well written. The photography and design of the piece also made this a pleasure to read.

Honorable Mention

“We thank God every day for bringing him to us.”

FAITH Lansing, Nancy Rosebush Schertzing

‘When all seems lost, don’t give up’: With Angels Outreach, Deacon Tony and Susan provide a safe place for Flint kids.”

FAITH Lansing, Nancy Rosebush Schertzing

M551: Best Explanation of Marriage

First Place

“The joy of love?”, “Holy families”

U.S. Catholic, Don Clemmer

This is a very smart, kaleidoscopic look at marriage that deals with a number of difficult questions soberly and realistically.

Second Place

Faith: The Magazine of the Diocese of Salina

Faith Salina, Most Reverend Gerald L. Vincke, Publisher, Katie Greenwood, Creative Editor, Matea Gregg, Assistant Editor and Jenny Pomicter, Graphic Designer

A thoughtful exploration of marriage within the Catholic tradition with a clear-eyed and sobering article about a couple's struggle to save their marriage.

Third Place

Love, again

Parable Magazine, By Father Michael Kerper and Paul McAvoy

A charming story about a second chance at love enlivens this thoughtful look at the sacrament of marriage.

M571b: Personality Profiles - Laity**First Place**

DefIANt and Inspired

Faith Erie Magazine, Mary Solberg, Editor/Writer

Gripping profile, very well written.

Second Place

Smiles and tears in São Paulo's Favelas

Maryknoll, Meinrad Scherer-Emunds

Interesting profile, very well written.

Third Place

Angels lead struggling mom from darkness to light

Catholic San Francisco, Lidia Wasowicz, writer

Really interesting profile that resonates.

Honorable Mention

Renaissance Knight

Columbia, Patti Maguire Armstrong

The psychology of an atheist

Catholic Times, Diane Schlindwein, Managing Editor Carole Flaherty, Graphic Designer

M571c: Personality Profiles - Religious Leader

First Place

A deacon in demand
Angelus, Steve Lowery

A heartwarming story about a deacon's lifetime of service and he's still going! The writer introduces us to 99 year old Emile Adams through interviews with his family, and the community he has diligently served for decades.

Second Place

From Convert to Cardinal: The Journey of Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory
St. Anthony Messenger, By: Christopher Gunty, Design/Layout: Mary Catherine Kozusko

A thorough and well written profile of the first black U.S. Cardinal Wilton Gregory. The writer's attention to detail is noticeable throughout the story; with memorable moments from the Cardinal's early years as a student in the catholic school system to one of the greatest challenges of his tenure - the sex abuse crisis. The writer walks the reader through important and formative moments in the Cardinal's life with a clear and concise narrative.

Third Place

Primate of the Millennium
Columbia, George Weigel

Primate of the Millennium is a historical overview of Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński. The profile is a fascinating read into Cardinal Wyszynski's contributions to Catholicism between the second world war and his subsequent creation of the Great Novena. The writer doesn't assume anything of the reader and instead navigates an inspirational and historical narrative that teaches the reader valuable lessons of deep faith and service during an unpredictable time in history.

Honorable Mention

Msgr. Richard Lavalley: a priest for 57 years 'I love it'
Vermont Catholic, Mary Morrell

A Priest with the Smell of Coffee
Glenmary Challenge, Omar Cabrera

M574: Best Original Poetry

First Place

Advent Dawns at the Sacred Cafe
America Magazine, Joe Hoover, S.J.

Joe Hoover skillfully pulls us along in his quest for holiness without being, well, really holy. Filling his Sunday restaurant with sacred onion bread and sanctified juice and piped in church music works until the nonchurch world crashes his mass and he realizes that what he really wants is a sacred kitchen table filled with food religiously cooked for his son. Delicate yet forceful and certainly thoughtful reminder of the struggle to discover that the path to inner peace may require some wandering about.

Second Place

Community of Sinners, Community of Saints
Maryknoll, Joseph R. Veneroso, M.M.

Alone and afraid, convinced that it was right to be wrong - after all, others were worse. And then enters Christ whose compassion dissolves the self pity and shame and extends his understanding to the confused. And that understanding not only heals but emboldens the lonely to reach out to others. Outstanding imagery and wonderful use of language we all understand but perhaps not fully comprehend, Joseph Veneroso reminds us of not only our weaknesses but of the strength we gain by allowing Christ into our lives and, through us, the lives of others.

Third Place

Raising Mothers
America Magazine, Preeti Vangani

Though gone, she is everywhere. Keeping the mother alive and close is simple when we see her presence and influence in everything we experience. Preeti Vangani walks us along that path of remembrance pointing out the markers that remind us of someone or something special, concluding with her purpose in a powerful ending, made even stronger because it is not only just the third sentence in her poetry but the shortest, becoming both a summary and a statement: "And to try, mother, to have you returned to me." Outstanding reminder that those people or things that we love linger near no matter how far away they may be.

Honorable Mention

Breaking Of The Bread
Maryknoll, Joseph R. Veneroso, M.M.

A Christmas Reflection: Can You See What I See?
Cross Roads, Douglas Culp

M575: Best Reporting on a Special Age Group

First Place

Faith on Fire: Profiles of NH Youth

Parable Magazine, By Simcha Fisher, Photography by Matthew Lomanno

An inspirational and well conceived series that profiles Catholic youth and the importance and power of faith. All of the profiles are created and based on a compelling theme. The writers did a good job selecting youth from various backgrounds, some of their stories are humbling and painful to read, but all of their lessons are inspirational and powerful.

Second Place

As Schooling Shifts, What Works to Educate Kids and Keep Them Healthy?

Health Progress, David Lewellen Mary M. Doyle Roche, Ph.D., and Ann M. Garrido

This informative and well-written story educates the reader about the covid pandemic's impact both inside and outside the classroom — and how we can move forward as a community.

The amount of detail that is present throughout the article is award worthy as well as the variety of voices (families, practitioners and scientists) for a balanced, compelling and informed story.

Third Place

Creating Community: Young adult ministry gathers for spiritual formation, service, and social activities
North Texas Catholic, Joan Kurkowski Gillen/Reporter

Creating Community is an article that introduces the reader to the challenges and rewards of the young adult ministry. The article is a fascinating look into how various youth communities across the country are working to create a life of service. Readers can also learn more about the topic through interactive elements. An excellent article.

Honorable Mention

“Young Disciples - Young people living their faith” - August 2022

The Monitor, Rose O'Connor - associate editor Mary Stadnyk - associate editor EmmaLee Italia - contributing editor Matthew Greeley - special contributor Joe Moore - photographer Rich Hundley - photographer

Danny & Frankie: Sandy Heinisch didn't set out to be a grief minister, but two young men showed her the way

The Catholic Voice-Oakland, By Michele Jurich, editor

M576: Best Reporting on Catholic Education

First Place

“An incomplete legacy”

U.S. Catholic, Damian Costello

This outstanding piece on Native American Catholic schools handles a sensitive topic with grace. The richly descriptive writing and strong reporting helps readers understand the complicated and often tragic history here, and how it’s shaping the present.

Second Place

Schools of Promise

ONE Magazine, Magdy Samaan, photos and video by Hanaa Habib

Strong storytelling makes this article shine. The story of one family who has gone through heartbreaking experiences — and the Catholic schools trying to help — will stick with readers long after reading the article.

Third Place

Building faith through grit, prayer and tar

FAITH Grand Rapids, Author: Sara Davies Aldworth Photographer: Rob Schumaker

A well-written article on a new Catholic trade school that explores key concepts on the dignity of work.

Honorable Mention

Learning the power of prayer and community

Northwest Catholic, Jean Parietti

How an 11-month school year and 10-hour days help prepare boys in Phoenix to be men for others
America Magazine, J.D. Long-García

M577: Best Reporting of the Celebration of a Sacrament

First Place

Discovering the beauty of the Mass

Faith Salina, Katie Greenwood, author and editor

What is the Mass all about? This beautifully illustrated and confidently written article tells Catholics (and others) just what the Mass is about. It should be required reading for anyone who calls himself or herself a Catholic .

Second Place

A Sense of Belonging - Addressing the Concerns of those with Special Needs in Church
The Catholic Telegraph, Patricia McGeever

An article about how important it is for the Church to address the concerns of those with special needs. Finely focused on one such person. Good photos. Careful, simple, straight-forward writing keeps it a positive picture throughout. Good anecdote brings the story to life.

Third Place

My mom's saving medicine
Angelus, Elise Italiano Ureneck

A touching story of a Mother's struggle to teach her daughter the importance of the Eucharist. Careful writing to prevent emotion overtaking the story.

Honorable Mention

Like daughter, like mother
The Central Minnesota Catholic, Story by Kristi Anderson and Photos by Dianne Towalski

With the Eyes of Faith
North Texas Catholic, Susan Moses, Associate Editor, Juan Guajardo, Editor, Photographer and Photo Retoucher, Jillian Brearley

M579a: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues - Call to Family, Community and Participation**First Place**

Sharing the love: Welcoming foster children completes Petersburg family
Catholic Times, Diane Schlindwein, Managing Editor Carole Flaherty, Graphic Designer

There are many inspirational stories of faith in daily life. This one vibrantly illustrates matching your faith and your everyday life. Diane Schlindwein shows us the Sullivan Family and shines a light on them and the need for foster care, especially the needs of pregnant teens.

Second Place

Being Family to Each Other
ONE Magazine, Magdy Samaan

Creating a home for children and adults with special needs in Cairo is an exciting and inspiring article. "Being Family to Each Other" brings readers into a world that is seldom seen.

Third Place

“When all seems lost, don’t give up’: With Angels Outreach, Deacon Tony and Susan provide a safe place for Flint kids.”

FAITH Lansing, Nancy Rosebush Schertzing

The story of Susan and Deacon Tony Verdun is painted vividly as is their love and work in Flint, Mich. A wonderful read.

Honorable Mention

Charity, Unity and Fraternidad

Columbia, Elisha Valladares-Cormier

Oasis for the Vulnerable

ONE Magazine, Paul Rimple

M579b: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues - Care for God’s Creation**First Place**

Is it time for Catholics to stop eating meat?

America Magazine, John W. Miller

Excellent piece; top to bottom. An important issue socially and globally. Clearly presented, with a solid point of view. Well-researched and thorough. Everyone can learn something from it.

Second Place

“Mitchell helps people see God’s creation: Free eye clinic is ‘true labor of love.’”

FAITH Lansing, Nancy Rosebush Schertzing

This piece is really nice - just a simple story, very well told. It is built on a basic personality profile, but the story is unique and has a touching angle. What makes it most effective though, is how well-structured the larger narrative is.

Third Place

Rediscovering Tribal ‘Earth Wisdom’

Maryknoll, Maria-Pia Negro Chin

An excellent piece on eco-education in Southeast Asia. It really hops across cultures with ease; making this a very good global portrait. It adeptly weaves several stories together - including the local farmers, the missionary priest, and the outreach program.

Honorable Mention

Explainer: What are Pope Francis and the Vatican doing to fight climate change?
America Magazine, Ricardo da Silva, S.J.

Stewards of the Forest

Faith Erie Magazine, Mary Solberg, Editor/Writer

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

Food For Life

Catholic Review, Paul McMullen Managing Editor

Good writing, good photos and a strong design bringing it all together for the reader. Multiple sources provide interesting quotations. A very worthy cover story with a fine cover leading readers to it.

Second Place

Pope Francis agrees: Equal pay for women is long (long) overdue

America Magazine, John W. Miller

A well-done-essay by a writer targeting a demanding if perhaps narrow audience. Very strong on research with consistently fine writing as the writer steadily builds the argument. Important and varied sources yield good quotations that enliven the article.

Third Place

Standing up for the Workers: A Matter of Faith

Catholic San Francisco, John Gray, writer

Innovative use of small photos and graphics pull the reader through a primarily historical article.

Honorable Mention

“I love that my life is for me to contemplate the face of Jesus in my brothers and sisters’: Sister Maria’s work with migrants.”

FAITH Lansing, Mary Gates

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

First Place

How the Catholic Worker Movement inspired one couple to open their doors to people with AIDS
America Magazine, Michael J. O'Loughlin

The writing is immersive and powerful in this feature about a couple who, inspired by Dorothy Day's Catholic Worker movement, opened their home to people dying from AIDS in the 1990s. The piece not only describes their experiences and motivations in detail, but also incorporates nuanced context about Day's stance toward homosexuality and explains why many LGBT Catholics have been inspired by her work.

Second Place

Being Family to Each Other
ONE Magazine, Magdy Samaan

This deeply reported feature opens with an unforgettable question from a parent: What will happen to children with special needs when their parents die? The rest of the story provides an answer, taking readers inside a center in Cairo that gives orphans, as well as children and adults from the community with physical and developmental challenges, a sense of family. The writing is compassionate and respectful.

Third Place

Epiphany Center: Fortifying family life through recovery
Catholic San Francisco, Christina Gray, lead writer

This story about an addiction treatment center for women in San Francisco stands out by centering the experiences of the women who sought help, and it shows how the care they received transformed their lives. The piece opens with following a formerly addicted woman who now tries to navigate others toward support services, and ends with another who completed the program and has built a new life and family. The details they were willing to share about their journeys demonstrated the ability of the writer to earn their trust.

Honorable Mention

Schools of Promise
ONE Magazine, Magdy Samaan

Oasis for the Vulnerable
ONE Magazine, Paul Rimple

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

First Place

Being Family to Each Other
ONE Magazine, Magdy Samaan

Amazing photography and inspiring true life tale from a far corner of the world.

Second Place

Breath of Life
Columbia, Columbia staff

Inspiring tale from far away from Western media.

Third Place

“Social service agencies rise to meet pandemic’s cascading effects
The Monitor, Mary Clifford Morrell, contributing editor

Amazing expose about the hardships of helping the homeless, and the hardships of being homeless.

Honorable Mention

Serving the homeless with more dignity, security
Northwest Catholic, Jean Parietti

Oasis for the Vulnerable
ONE Magazine, Paul Rimple

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

First Place

Talitha Koum: The Catholic Church continues its millennia-long battle against the scourge of human trafficking
North Texas Catholic, Jenny Manrique, Reporter

Talitha Koum is a detailed overview of the continuing human trafficking epidemic. The writer walks the reader through the gravity of the problem and how the Catholic community is trying to bring more awareness to the issue. The writer developed and executed the story well through relevant voices, research and helpful resources to continue the conversation.

M579g: Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues - Solidarity

First Place

Finding hope in reconciliation

Horizon, Journal of the Natl. Religious Vocation Conference, Father David Kelly, C.P.P.S.

In the second paragraph of this insightful yet in some ways unsettling piece Father David Kelly reminds us that as a parish priest on Chicago's south side "I end up doing a lot of funerals for young people." But he also does a lot of jail visits and that combination, rather than hardening him to life, pushes him further into pleading for reconciliation, insisting this is the path Christ followed.

Second Place

A World of Good: Led by their faith, local Catholics tackle global issues

North Texas Catholic, Susan Moses, Associate Editor

Amid hunger, persecution, illness and poverty can Catholics make a difference? YES shouts this informative and extensive piece that then highlights those who are making a difference through medical care in remote villages, working to ease prejudice against Christians in the non-Christian world, helping the needy in this country, teaching the importance of caring for the planet, adopting an entire village in Malawi and aiding refugees coming into this country. It is a world of good and we are all invited to become a citizen.

Third Place

Keeping their stories alive: Four local Benedictine sisters provide humanitarian support at the U.S.-Mexico border

The Central Minnesota Catholic, Kristi Anderson

Catholic Charities has opened five new centers along the US-Mexico border and this story welcomes us into the world of those who utilize the shelters and the spectrum of those who make visitors feel welcome. So we find a toddler happily singing and twirling and a husband eagerly awaiting a wife and two sons who never show up. Seen through the eyes of the workers this account opens the readers' eyes. It is, as one sister put it, a place to "recognize the oneness of our humanity."

Honorable Mention

'We Are Not Fine'

ONE Magazine, Rosabel Crean

Hope for a Country at War

ONE Magazine, Maria Gerth-Niculescu

M581: Best Sports Reporting

First Place

The baseball manager who gave God a jersey
Angelus, Tom Hoffarth

Detailed and well-sourced account of one of the all-time great characters in baseball and his dedication to his Catholic faith. Interesting read.

Second Place

Finding joy amid grief: RBC's Alex Brown shares his emotional journey to the state title
The Monitor, Rich Fisher, contributing editor

Well-written story focusing on sports and how it helped a young man negotiate the tragic death of his mother. Good use of multiple sources to tell the story.

Third Place

Going for the Gold
Jesuits Midwest Magazine, Michael Austin

Tidy and interesting account of athletes raised in the Jesuit faith and their Olympic aspirations and successes. Fun read.

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

First Place

A tale of two brothers: Trummer brothers are both priests for Springfield diocese
Catholic Times, Diane Schlindwein, Managing Editor, and Carole Flaherty, Graphic Designer

The layout of this article is gorgeous and ties into the theme of duality which manifests from the title to the syntax. The playful tone works with the images and narrative. Overall, this unified effect of all the components of this piece make it stand above the rest.

Second Place

A Call within the Call
Maryknoll, Gregg Brekke

The narrative techniques of this author created a compelling story from the choice of details to the sprinkling of direct quotes, the story comes to life and is aided by thoughtful and colorful images.

Third Place

Brothers Walking Together

The Way of St. Francis, Joe Ledbetter, Director of Development, John Feister, Editor, and Cassie Magnotta, Art/Design

The hook of this story really does its job. But the author through sequence of events and descriptive language keeps the reader engaged through the entire narrative. The hook wins the reader over and the quality of the writing keeps the reader going.

Honorable Mention

Answering a new call

Parable Magazine, By Paul McAvoy, and Photography by Charlene Graham

Shalom Tidings

Shalom Media USA INC., Genevieve Swan, Contributing Editor, Shalom Tidings

M587: Best Book Review Section**First Place**

Spring 2021 Literary Issue

America Magazine, James Keane, senior editor

These book reviews are extremely thorough and detailed. They go beyond a plot summary and dive into the author's intent and deeper meaning of the text. This literary review piece is very well-designed and visually interesting. Photographs and other elements break up the text and add dimension.

Second Place

Book notes

Horizon, Journal of the Natl. Religious Vocation Conference, Sister Amy Taylor, F.S.P.A.; Sister Barbara Kraemer, O.S.F.; Amy Potthast; Sister Graciela Colon, S.C.C.

This book review section is well-organized with consistent and easy-to-read formatting. There are pictures of book covers and reviewers to give a visual element to the piece. Each of the reviews is cleverly written by a different writer, giving the piece a variety of voices and perspectives.

Third Place

Book Review Section, Vol. 132, No. 2 (Summer 2021)

American Catholic Studies, Book Review Contributors include: Michael Pasquier, Barbara E. Mattick, Anita Specht, Jack Downey, Sandra Yocum, Karen E. Park, Gabrielle M. Girgis, Paul Lakeland, and Marcus Mescher

These reviews are well-written and thorough. The inclusion of the book covers adds visual appeal and helps us relate the content with the book being reviewed. Each book reviewer has an interesting perspective and writes with passion about their topics.

Honorable Mention

Catholic Southwest: a journal of history and culture, Volume 32

Catholic Southwest, Thomas W. Jodziewicz, History Professor Emeritus, University of Dallas

M588: Best Review

First Place

A lover of God, surrounded by geniuses

America Magazine, Mary Gordon

Absolutely engaging review.

Second Place

Secular sermons

Angelus, John J. Miller

Insightful perspective on calculated, extraordinary messages to millions communicated via ads for ordinary products.

Third Place

In search of a savior

Angelus, Msgr. Richard Antall

Engaging review that reveals depth of understanding and challenges of movie/book premise. Helpful, and fun, final tip.

Honorable Mention

Book Review: Reagan's Gun-Toting Nuns: The Catholic Conflict over Cold War Human Rights Policy in Central America, By Theresa Keeley.

American Catholic Studies, Reviewed by Phillip Berryman

M591: Best Seasonal Issue or Section

First Place

Lent

The Central Minnesota Catholic, Staff

Fun, inventive, resourceful and useful issue. Presentation is solid, with writing and art.

Second Place

Christmas Gift Guide

Denver Catholic, Michael O’Neill, Advertising and Business Manager Aaron Lambert, Managing Editor Filippo Piccone, Senior Graphics Specialist

Pleasant presentation and excellent supporting art of gifts for all ages that align with editorial theme of magazine.

Third Place

Easter 2021 Edition

Salute, Jo Ann Redmond, Editor Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Publisher

Feature story, ‘That Great Man,’ carries issue with its storytelling, art and presentation.

M596: Best Special Issue**First Place**

Celebrating Saints: Guides on our Faith Journey

St. Anthony Messenger, “Blessed Carlo: The First Millennial Saint?” (Natalie Ryan); “The Wisdom of the Saints” (Mary Ann Getty, STD); “Saint Francis: Giving Comfort to Weary Soldiers” (Katie Rudder); “St. Joseph: Man of Virtue” (John R. Barker, OFM, Artwork by: Jessie Wagnon);

Really great, timely and interesting topic. Overall design is great, wonderful articles with good insight. Very well done.

Second Place

Health Care and the Environment

Health Progress, Betsy Taylor, Editor, Charlotte Kelley, Managing Editor, and Les Stock, Graphic Designer

Strong and timely theme. Good articles. Great design. Beautiful art!

Third Place

Faith and Food: A Clergy Cookbook

The Catholic Accent, John Zylka, Visual Communications Director, Jennifer Miele, Chief Communications Officer, and The Catholic Accent Team

How fun! Very creative design too. Enjoyed the recipes and articles. Great theme. AND it’s a keeper — long shelf life!

Honorable Mention

FAITH Lansing Young Catholics issue

FAITH Catholic Publishing and Communications, FAITH Lansing Magazine Staff

Confession: A sacrament which is exactly what you need

Catholic Times, Andrew Hansen, Editor Various Contributing Priests Bill Callan, Graphic Designer Carole Flaherty: Cover Design

M597: Best Special Section**First Place**

Caring for our 'Common Home' | Laudato Si Special Anniversary Year | 2015-2021

Parable Magazine, By Katie Fiermonti, John E. Carroll, Matthew Lomanno, Kathryn Marchocki, Abby Feldpausch, Lorna Colquhoun

Concise, poignant and relevant lifting a subject requiring attention and action. Excellent usage of Pope Francis first encyclical interconnected with relationships specifically our connection to creation and the need for constant growth in ourselves and gratitude which also leads to slowing down to foster improvement in our nature surroundings.

Second Place

100 Years of Columbia

Columbia, Columbia staff

Thorough, designed artistically showcasing covers over the years. Eye-catching, action shots capture emotions, fantastic visual history homage speaks to the quality of 100 years in print.

Third Place

Works of Mercy

Vermont Catholic, Vermont Catholic staff

Heart-warming and encouraging stories. Articles utilize charitable sketches and photographs that highlight giving theme and heart/hand graphic ties special section cohesively.

Honorable Mention

The Josephite Harvest

The Josephite Harvest, Junno Arocho Esteves Father Thomas Frank, SSJ George P. Matysek Jr. Erik Zygmunt Father Robert Zawacki, SSJ Patricia Zapor Dr. T.J. Wray Lisa Harlow Anna Jones Kurt Jensen Sharon Crews Hare

Young Catholics section

FAITH Lansing, FAITH Lansing Magazine Staff

M598a: Best Writing - Analysis

First Place

Caring for the Poor and Vulnerable: A Virtue Analysis of Mandated Health Insurance Compared with Healthcare Sharing Ministries
Linacre Quarterly, Ezra Sullivan OP

The pure depth of the research coupled with the amount of outside sources used to synthesize a logical conclusion on a complex topic that in the post-COVID area is very timely made this piece stand out.

Second Place

Does Medicine Have Common Goals? An Analysis of US Medical Organizations' Ethics Statements
Linacre Quarterly, Christopher Lisanti MD FACR

Primary research even if somewhat meta is difficult for a lay person to digest, but this piece ameliorates that common issue without sacrificing nuance through clear diction and succinct writing.

Third Place

Covid Pulls Back the Curtain on Societal Plight
Health Progress, Alexander Garza, MD

The quality of the interpretation of a very timely event in our lives is superb. The insightful perspective and amount of detail as well as contribution of expert sources made this piece stand out.

Honorable Mention

St. Ignatius was against women Jesuits. Do his arguments still hold up?
America Magazine, Barton T. Geger, S.J.

There's more than one way to be a Catholic feminist
America Magazine, Serena Sigillito

M598b: Best Writing - In-Depth**First Place**

Conversion therapy is still happening in Catholic spaces—and its effects on L.G.B.T. people can be devastating
America Magazine, Eve Tushnet

The author interviews nine people who received so-called conversion therapy purported to change their sexual orientation in a Catholic setting, explaining what they were told and how the experience affected their relationships and faith. The writing is detailed, thought-provoking and compassionate, providing a wide-ranging exploration of a complex and significant subject.

Second Place

Protected by Providence
Angelus, Ann Rodgers

This riveting narrative immerses readers in the story of a Ventura, California, priest who was ambushed, shot and nearly killed while visiting family in Nigeria. It's impossible to stop reading as the author recounts through vivid scenes how bystanders and doctors raced to save Father Al Ezeonyeka's life.

Third Place

The COVID Conundrum
Health Progress, Sally J. Altman, MPH

This carefully researched story includes testimonials from numerous people who are skeptical of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, exploring through their own words why Black Americans may be particularly mistrusting of the U.S. health-care system, often having been poorly treated by it. The well-structured piece weaves together these interviews with public-health statistics to consider how health-care workers can better reach out to communities that are disproportionately at risk of being harmed by the virus.

Honorable Mention

'We Are Not Fine'
ONE Magazine, Rosabel Crean; photos and video by Raghida Skaff

An inside look at Dorothy Day's contested canonization process
America Magazine, Colleen Dulle

M811a: Best Multiple Picture Package - Feature**First Place**

'We Are Not Fine'
ONE Magazine, Raghida Skaff

The photographer does a stellar job capturing the health care crisis in Lebanon. What makes this entry stand out is the photographer's ability to visualize the pain and grief of the moment. Each picture is framed to capture a memorable and tragic time that stays with the reader.

Second Place

Hope for a Country at War
ONE Magazine, Petterik Wiggers

A compelling series of photographs that documents the continuing civil conflict in Ethiopia. The most powerful photo is a picture of a young man studying with a sword at his bedside. The photographer does a wonderful job showing the audience the juxtaposition of two realities.

Third Place

St Augustine Cathedral: Diocesan Mother Church Rededicated
Southwest Michigan Catholic, Victoria Cessna, Executive Editor John Grap, photographer John Lacko, photographer Robert Humphries, photographer, and Jenny Pomicter, Graphic Designer

The photographer does a wonderful job capturing a rededication at St. Augustine Cathedral. With more than 20 photographs from various points of view, the attention to detail makes this entry stand out.

Honorable Mention

Beauty Born Of Pain
Catholic Review, Kevin J. Parks Visual Journalist

Learning the power of prayer and community
Northwest Catholic, Creative Studio-Joan Patterson

M811b: Best Multiple Picture Package - News**First Place**

An Abundant Harvest
North Texas Catholic, Jayme Donahue, Photographer Juan Guajardo, Photographer, Rodger Mallison, Photographer, Ben Torres, Photographer, Kevin Bartram, Photographer, and Matt Redden, Photographer

Well composed pictures that balanced the importance of the occasion and let the personalities shine through. Nice use of lighting

Second Place

“Ordination 2021”
FAITH Lansing, Tom Gennara and Pat Dally

Nice work; the main image in particular was a real winner. Well composed and gave a nice close and animated look at the subjects.

Third Place

“Diocese of Lansing Catholics participate in local March for Life.”

FAITH Lansing, Thomas Dion and Pat Dally

Tough lighting and chilly temperatures created some challenges, but the event was well covered by these images. Lots of faces and indications of the size and spirit of the crowd.

Honorable Mention

“FaithFest 2021”

FAITH Lansing: Joshua Hamilton and Pat Dally

M821b: Best Photo Story - News**First Place**

Building Bridges

Comboni Missions Magazine, Kathleen M. Carroll

Unique imagery capturing powerful community service. Positive and engaging photography leverages dramatic leading lines and light to convey a story.

Second Place

“Giving thanks for selfless service”

FAITH Lansing, Communications, Rey del Rio and Pat Dally

Dramatic imagery of solemn event. Dynamic use of color and composition.

Third Place

“Deacon Ordination 2021”

FAITH Lansing, Tom Gennara and Pat Dally

Compelling and engaging visual interest. Powerful use of color and light. Well done!

Honorable Mention

We March On

Columbia, Jeffrey Bruno and Spirit Juice Studios

Order Celebrates Blessed Michael McGivney’s Inaugural Feast Day

Columbia, Spirit Juice Studios, Aaron Joseph, Maciej Maziarka, Cristian Salvatierra

M831a: Best Story and Photo Package - By an individual

First Place

A Call within the Call

Maryknoll, Gregg Brekke Joseph Thaler

Creative and impactful look at a powerful calling. Exceptional work!

Second Place

When You See Me Think of Jesus

Glenmary Challenge, John Feister

Engaging interest piece capturing an important religious event.

Third Place

“Lab” Assistants

Catholic Review, Kevin J. Parks Visual Journalist

Unique look at the important connection between humans and animals. Solid use of composition and light to drive emphasis on subjects. Well done!

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

First Place

Going the Extra Mile

Glenmary Challenge, John Feister and Omar Cabrera

Just as the title states, this package went the extra mile (and then some) to provide intimate and in-depth portraits and coverage of “faraway spots, both geographic and societal.”

Second Place

Divine Inspiration: Gifted Catholics share stories of how God touches their souls, sparks their creativity
North Texas Catholic, Jerry Circelli, Reporter, and Juan Guajardo, Photographer

Absolutely stunning photography and coverage of spiritual-inspired creativity. Divine inspiration is a fitting headline for this package.

Third Place

A Friar for Broken People

St. Anthony Messenger, By: Joyce Duriga, Photography by Karen Callaway, Design/Layout: Mary Catherine Kozusko

Powerful and moving story that demonstrates the evolution from addiction to healing.

Honorable Mention

'We Are Not Fine'

ONE Magazine, Rosabel Crean and photos by Raghida Skaff

Hope for a Country at War

ONE Magazine, Maria Gerth-Niculescu and photos by Petterik Wiggers

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

"Young man studying on his bed in Emdibir, Ethiopia"

ONE Magazine, Petterik Wiggers

The photographer did a great job capturing their subject at a memorable moment. The use of natural light in the photo sets a intimate tone with the reader. The juxtaposition of the sword and the subject calmly writing are powerful and captures the idea behind the headline - hope in the midst of war.

Second Place

Bailando con Significado

North Texas Catholic, Ben Torres, Photographer

The photograph does a wonderful job at capturing a beautiful ballet in motion. The photographer visualizes one dancer in the forefront of the photograph while the other dancers are around her, capturing the energy and beauty of the dance.

Third Place

Sun Dance Celebration

The Way of St. Francis, Bradley Tuel, OFM

The photographer does a wonderful job capturing a memorable moment. The main subjects are at the forefront of the picture, leading the way in their honor.

Honorable Mention

"Mother and daughter outside of domik"

ONE Magazine, Nazik Armenakyan

Training Program for Deprived Women in the Bardiya District of Nepal

Maryknoll, Gregg Brekke

M841: Best Photograph – Spot News

First Place

Chaplain Commends U.S. Service Members Killed in Kabul
Salute, Jo Ann Redmond, Editor, Fr. Daniel Swartz, Chaplain

Outstanding, moving photo. Well-cropped for the cover. I appreciated seeing the full frame of the photo as well. Captures the somber moment of a tragic event. I would imagine this photo gives comfort to the families of the fallen service members.

Second Place

“Ordination 2021”
FAITH Lansing, Tom Gennara

Effectively captures a truly solemn moment.

M842: Best Photograph – General News Photo

First Place

Chaplain Commends U.S. Service Members Killed in Kabul
Salute, Jo Ann Redmond, Editor, Fr. Daniel Swartz, Chaplain

This is a moving image that utilizes leading lines, foreground interest and focus. The surrounding darkness of the plane’s interior contributes to the overall emotion of the image.

Second Place

Supreme Convention Business Session
Columbia, Jeffrey Bruno

Use of the low, wide angle and inclusion of the bright lights creates a dynamic image that creates interest for its contrasts of light and dark. The photograph’s composition compliments the subject/event.

Third Place

KoC Vocations night (main image)
FAITH Lansing, Rey Del Rio

The repetition, shadows and use of foreground middleground and background creates an interesting image.

M843: Best Photograph – Photo-illustration

First Place

Eyes of Faith

North Texas Catholic, Jillian Brearley, Photo Retoucher, and Juan Guajardo, Photographer

The detail in this illustration is amazing. The artist creates a photo-like illustration down to the fine details of eyelashes and flecks of color in an iris. The viewer is immediately drawn to the image of the Eucharist reflected in the eye, a creative choice that works well with the accompanying article.

Second Place

“Saint of the month column: Saint Cecilia”

FAITH Lansing, Matt Watters

What draws the eye in in this illustration is the emotion on the subject’s face. The use of shadow, light and color choice are excellent to give St. Cecelia an ethereal look. Contrasting colors of light blue, the gold and red make for a clean, eye-appealing image.

Third Place

“Saint of the month column: St. Finnian”

FAITH Lansing, Matt Watters

The artist is expertly able to capture a moment of emotional complexity on the subject’s face. The illustration of the subject’s clothing is intricate and life-like. The Celtic cross and the wear and tear on the Bible are excellent small details.

M844: Best Photograph – Portrait

First Place

“Senior outreach services...”

FAITH Lansing, Tom Gennara

This portrait is more dynamic due to the inclusion of his surroundings that provide a depth of feeling and sense of place. The crispness, clarity and moodiness of the image are striking.

Second Place

Anthony Coniglio

Columbia, Onur Pinar

This image captures the essence of the subject and his musical interest and talent. The surrounding shadows enhance and draw the viewer’s eye to the subject and create more depth in the image.

Third Place

“Deacons serve God and the faithful...”

FAITH Lansing, Jim Luning

This is a classic portrait that reveals a genuine sense of knowing the person and looking into his eyes. The use of black and white helps to simplify the portrait while making it even more interesting.

Honorable Mention

“Senior outreach services...”

FAITH Lansing, Tom Gennara

Santonio Hill

Columbia, Joe Appel

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

Quiet Man

Catholic Review, Kevin J. Parks Visual Journalist

St. Joseph wearing snow like a cloak. Brilliant and beautiful and timely too. The composition is perfect. The lines are strong. The detail is soft and smooth.

Second Place

Culture Column: “Dare to be different”

FAITH Lansing, Shane Folkertsma

An excellent piece of art. Geometric shapes and delicious chaos. The captured texture is fantastic and the light is good.

Third Place

Snapshot: Sonoran Desert Gila

The Way of St. Francis, Bradley Tuel, OFM

Awesome blend of an in-motion action pose, with clear sharp detail. The color is subtle but vivid and the composition is excellent. The strongest lines are placed right on the thirds.

Honorable Mention

Cover of 2021 Catholic Missions In Canada Magazine Winter Issue

Catholic Missions In Canada Magazine, Rev. David Reilander, President

What’s in a life?

Catholic Review, George P. Matysek Jr. Web Editor

M847: Best Photograph – Sacramental

First Place

“Ordination 2021”

FAITH Lansing, Tom Gennara

I appreciated seeing both the cropped photo and the full frame photo. Lots of interesting things going on in the full frame!

Second Place

Eucharistic adoration

Columbia, Joe Najera

I really like the intimacy and expression in this photo.

Third Place

Real Presence

Glenmary Challenge, John Feister

I liked the cropped version of this photo, but I wanted to be even closer to the faces.

Honorable Mention

Sacramental photo: John Siyumbu

Maryknoll, Nile Sprague

M848: Best Photograph – Vocations to the Priesthood, religious life or Diaconate

First Place

Sister Mary Gianna Casino

Columbia, Art Meripol

This photo is a great composition. Contrasting warm/cool colors, effective focus, and good background all combine to make this very effective in promoting vocations.

Second Place

Father Bryan Kassa

Columbia, Jonathan Francis

Another great composition with good balance between the subject and the background. Effective use of focus and natural light.

Third Place

Ordination

The Catholic Miscellany, Photo by Doug Deas

This photo is a good portrait, and its inclusion in the larger piece was effective. Good use of natural light.

Honorable Mention

Ordination 2021

FAITH Lansing, Tom Gennara

M851: Best Photograph – Catholic Education**First Place**

“Director of Our Lady of Lebanon School chats with students”

ONE Magazine, Raghida Skaff

The picture captures a lovely teacher-student relationship, spontaneous and full of charm.

Second Place

Faith in Action

Northwest Catholic, Creative Studio-Ellen-Nakean/Fulcrum

The photo has great energy and eloquently captures the energy of children at play.

Third Place

“Nicole and Taylor tutor at-risk students”

FAITH Lansing, Rey Del Rio

Nicely focused and efficient in content presentation.

M853: Best Photograph – National/International Event**First Place**

Chaplain Commends U.S. Service Members Killed in Kabul

Salute, Jo Ann Redmond, Editor, Fr. Daniel Swartz, Chaplain

It is the hand on the flag -draped military casket, the hand of a living soldier reaching to one no longer living. So delicate. So moving. So perfect. Snapped at just the right second.

Second Place

“Lebanese sisters at memorial service”

ONE Magazine, Maroun Bassil

This cover picture, along with a few words, becomes a powerful story. The magazine is One and the pictured health workers, standing arms folded, certainly show one purpose above the words that tell us how they will accomplish their work: Resilient, Courageous, Resolute.