

Changes at America magazine

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America magazine, the venerable Jesuit periodical, has fewer SJs on its masthead. In its August 31 issue, Editor in Chief Drew Christiansen announced that five Jesuit editors are moving on to new assignments, while two new lay editors are joining the staff.

For years, the only lay editor was its part-time literary editor. Now the magazine seems to be making an effort to increase lay input, including adding three new lay members of the board of directors.

Kevin Clarke, formerly of *U.S. Catholic* [1] magazine (where he and I were colleagues), has moved back to his native New York to become an associate editor at *America*. In his 20 years at Claretian Publications, Kevin worked on *Salt of the Earth* (as both a print and online publication), *U.S. Catholic* and as online editor. His expertise in social justice and international reporting will be an asset to *America*.

A second lay *America* editor is expected to be announced soon, according to Christiansen.

Leaving are Father Joseph A. O'Hare, Father Dennis M. Linehan, Jim McDermott, Jim Keane and Matt Malone--all Jesuits. Don't worry: seven SJs still remain on the masthead.

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