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Joshua J. McElwee is *NCR's* Vatican correspondent. His reporting and feature writing have earned [numerous awards](#) [1] from the Catholic Press Association of the U.S. and Canada and have been featured in *Vatican Insider*, *The Huffington Post*, *The Irish Catholic*, *The Official Catholic Directory* (The Kenedy Directory), and other outlets.

He was the first journalist to break the news of Pope Francis' decision in 2016 to create a commission to study the possibility of ordaining women to the Catholic diaconate, for which the Catholic Press Association awarded him and two other *NCR* writers its "best newswriting on a national or international news event" honor that year.

He was also awarded third-place for the Religion Newswriters Association's prize for Magazine Religion News Report of the Year [in 2013](#) [2], for which he was also a finalist [in 2015](#) [3] and [in 2012](#) [4]. He was also a finalist for that organization's 2013 award for Religion Feature Writer of the Year and [2014 award](#) [5] for Multiple Media.

In 2014 the Catholic Press Association lauded a piece of his [spiritual writing](#) [6] following a trip to Assisi, Italy, saying it "conveyed the humble nature of St. Francis, and took us there."

McElwee is the author of *10 Things Pope Francis Wants You to Know About the Family* for Liguori Publications and is co-editor alongside Cindy Wooden of the forthcoming *A Pope Francis Lexicon* for Liturgical Press.

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