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## Awards

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### General Excellence - National Newspaper

First Place: National Catholic Reporter

CPA: *Outstanding news selection presented in a creative design, The Reporter continues to be a leader in news reporting. The content reflects the fresh reporting approach and strong skills of reporters like Zoe Ryan and Jerry Filteau. Thoughtful news analysis brings the reader additional perspectives of experts. The special report from research on the Millennials was the kind of extra content which makes this an outstanding paper.*

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**Best Investigative News Writing**

First Place: [Coverage of Sr. Elizabeth Johnson](#) [2] by Thomas C. Fox and Joshua J. McElwee

CPA: A thorough, disciplined job on a complicated but central topic. Accountability angles were stressed throughout the reporting, with unflinching writing that described where decisions went awry.



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**Best Investigative News Writing**

Second Place: [Coverage of Bishop Robert Finn](#) [3] by Joshua J. McElwee

CPA: A close second. Very detailed account of a difficult story. Went beyond the surface in a measured, balanced manner.



**Best Analysis/Background Writing: The Gerard**

First Place: [Coverage](#) [4] by Jerry Filteau, Roberts, John L. Allen and Zoe Ryan.

CPA: Very thorough. The writing took a moment to laying out the key



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**Best Editorial**

First Place: "[Theologians, bishops called to dialogue, trust](#) [5]"

CPA: This is a great editorial/dissertation. The writing is elegant and engaging. The topic, though maybe appearing esoteric at first, is fresh and relevant. The ideas are big, but expressed simply. The call for reconciliation between theologians and bishops is persuasive.



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**Best Editorial**

Third Place: "[Timely note reflects Catholic vision](#) [6]"

CPA: This editorial is exceptionally lucid and has a neat wry tone when talking about critics of the Vatican's call for reforming the global financial system. The editorial is an effective rebuttal to those critics.



**Best Editorial Section**

First Place: Opinion

CPA: NCR covers it and a pleasing graph. Articles challenge our opinion pieces reflect thought. Editorials bring to the issues of the day. Scripture readings and the book reviews are



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**Best Feature Writing**

Honorable Mention: "[A safer world: Working toward a new peace culture](#) [7]" by Joshua J. McElwee



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**Best Feature Writing**

Honorable Mention: "[New faces of consecrated life in Latin America](#)" [8] by Barbara Fraser



**Best Personality Profile**

Second Place: "[A priest](#) [9]" by Joshua J. McElwee

CPA: This article tells the story of a priest who lives in extremes: first as a defendant of the state, then as a radical willing to serve as a model of disobedience. The au



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**Best Regular Column - Spiritual Life**

First Place: [Melissa Musick Nussbaum](#) [10]

CPA: These are top-notch well-written columns that teach, reflect and offer a loving critique. Nussbaum's sacramental awareness and sensitivity is evidenced in the captivating stories and well-crafted questions she pens.



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**Best Regular Column - Scripture**

Third Place: [Patricia Datchuck Sánchez](#) [11]




CPA: Datchuck Sánchez writes theological sound reflections on the weekly scriptures in rich prose full of explanation and context.



**Best Regular Column - Commentary**

First Place: [Heidi Schick](#)

CPA: Beautifully written and expressed moral lessons from everyday experience.

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| <p><b>Best Regular Column - Culture, the Arts and Leisure</b></p>  | <p><b>Best Regular Column - Culture, the Arts and Leisure</b></p>  | <p><b>Best Use of Art or Graphic</b></p>  | <p><b>Best Coverage of Immigration</b></p>   | <p><b>Best Coverage of Immigration</b></p>   |
| <p>First Place: <a href="http://ncronline.org/news/people/behind-peace-witness-prophetic-transforming-priest-journey">http://ncronline.org/news/people/behind-peace-witness-prophetic-transforming-priest-journey</a> by Sr. Rose Regatta [13]</p>   | <p>First Place: <a href="http://ncronline.org/news/people/behind-peace-witness-prophetic-transforming-priest-journey">http://ncronline.org/news/people/behind-peace-witness-prophetic-transforming-priest-journey</a> by Sr. Rose Regatta [13]</p> | <p>Second Place: "Lasallian cross-country journey" by Toni-Ann Ortiz and Joshua J. McElroy [14]</p>   | <p>First Place: <a href="http://ncronline.org/news/immigration-and-economy/economists-project-remittance-increase">http://ncronline.org/news/immigration-and-economy/economists-project-remittance-increase</a> [15]</p> | <p>First Place: <a href="http://ncronline.org/news/immigration-and-economy/economists-project-remittance-increase">http://ncronline.org/news/immigration-and-economy/economists-project-remittance-increase</a> [15]</p> |
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**Best Online Blog - Individual**

First Place: [Distinctly Catholic](http://ncronline.org/blogs/just-catholic) [16] by Michael Sean Winters

CPA: Impressive research. Seeks wide ranging topics and engages in meaningful and thought provoking commentary. Very lively. Demonstrates consideration for a broad range of opinions. Accomplished blogging!

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Second Place: [Just Catholic](http://ncronline.org/blogs/just-catholic) [17] by Phyllis Zagano

CPA: Thoughtful and thought provoking. Powerful voice for woman's perspective.

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Honorable Mention: [All Things Catholic](http://ncronline.org/blogs/all-things-catholic) [18] by John L. Allen Jr.