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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](#) [3] 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.*

Best Investigative News Writing

Second Place: [Coverage of Bishop Robert Finn](#) [4] 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 of](#) [5] by Jerry Filteau, Joseph Roberts, John L. Allen J. and Zoe Ryan.

CPA: *Very thorough job. The writing took a measured approach to laying out the key issues.*



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Best Editorial

First Place: "[Theologians, bishops called to dialogue, trust](#) [6]"

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.*

Best Editorial

Third Place: "[Timely note reflects Catholic vision](#) [7]"

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 & A

CPA: *NCR covers it all and a pleasing graphics. The articles challenge one's opinion pieces reflect a thoughtful. Editorials bring to the issues of the day. scripture readings are p the book reviews are co*



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Best Feature Writing

Honorable Mention: "[A safer world: Working toward a new peace culture](#) [8]" by Joshua J. McElwee

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Honorable Mention: "[New faces of consecrated life in Latin America](#)" [9] by Barbara Fraser

Best Personality Profile

Second Place: "[A prophetic priest](#) [10]" by Joshua J. McElwee

CPA: This article tells of a priest who lives in extremes: first a defendant of the status quo, then a radical willing to serve, and finally a man of disobedience. The author



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Best Regular Column - Spiritual Life

First Place: [Melissa Musick Nussbaum](#) [11]

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.

Best Regular Column - Scripture

Third Place: [Patricia Datchuck Sánchez](#) [12]

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

Best Regular Column - Commentary

First Place: [Heidi Schlus](#)

CPA: Beautifully written commentary expressed moral lessons from everyday experiences



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Best Regular Column - Culture, the Arts and Leisure

First Place: [Sr. Rose Pacatte](#) [14]

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Best Use of Art or Graphic

Second Place: "Lasallian cross-country journey" by Toni-Ann Ortiz and Joshua J. McElwee

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Best Coverage of Immigration

First Place: "Staking the lives" by Barbara Fraser and "Economic remittance increase" [16]

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Best Online Blog - Individual

First Place: [Distinctly Catholic](#) [17] by Michael Sean Winters

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CPA: *Impressive research. Seeks wide ranging*

CPA: *topics and engages in meaningful and thought*

CPA: *provoking commentary. Very lively.*

CPA: *Demonstrates consideration for a broad range*

CPA: *of opinions. Accomplished blogging.*

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Second Place: [Just Catholic](#) [18] by Phyllis Zagano

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Honorable Mention: [All Things Catholic](#) [19] by John L. Allen Jr.

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