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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 Gerards

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

CPA: Very thorough. The writing took a measured approach 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. The 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 Scriver](#)

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

				
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<p>Best Regular Column - Culture, the Arts and Leisure</p>	<p>Best Regular Column - Culture, the Arts and Leisure</p>	<p>Best Use of Art or Graphic</p>	<p>Best Coverage of Immigration</p>	<p>Best Coverage of Immigration</p>
<p>First Place: http://ncronline.org/news/women/religious/new-faces-considered-in-latin-america</p>	<p>First Place: http://ncronline.org/news/people/behind-peace-witness-prophetic-transforming-pilgrimage</p>	<p>Second Place: "Lasallian cross-country journey" by Toni-Ann Ortiz and Joshua J. McElroy</p>	<p>First Place: http://ncronline.org/blogs/my-table-is-spread</p>	<p>First Place: http://ncronline.org/blogs/remittance-increase</p>
<p>[11] http://ncronline.org/users/patricia-datchuck</p>	<p>[12] http://ncronline.org/users/sr-rose-pacatte</p>	<p>CPA: This graphic helps the reader to join the riders on their cross-country journey and have an idea of what each day will be like. The background wheel graphic in the piece is quite nice and adds tremendously to the graphic.</p>	<p>CPA: The National Geographic face on the immigration and photos. This second pew in every church.</p>	<p>CPA: The National Geographic face on the immigration and photos. This second pew in every church.</p>
<p>[13] http://ncronline.org/users/sr-rose-pacatte</p> <p>[14] http://ncronline.org/news/global/making-the-reflection-of-life-can-teach-about-the-most-profound-spiritual-realities-gracing-our-world</p>	<p>[15] http://ncronline.org/blogs/distinctly-catholic</p>	<p>[16] http://ncronline.org/blogs/just-catholic</p>	<p>[17] http://ncronline.org/blogs/all-things-catholic</p>	<p>[18] http://ncronline.org/blogs/all-things-catholic</p>



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Best Online Blog - Individual
First Place: [Distinctly Catholic](http://ncronline.org/blogs/distinctly-catholic) [16] by Michael Sean Winters

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

Best Online Blog - Individual
Honorable Mention: [Remittance Increase](http://ncronline.org/blogs/remittance-increase) by John L. Allen Jr.

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!

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