

Catholic Review named newspaper of the year, wins 27 awards

By Catholic Review Staff

The Maryland, Delaware, D.C. Press Association named the Catholic Review its newspaper of the year for non-dailies with circulations of more than 20,000. The Catholic Review shared the title in a tie with The Aegis of Harford County.

The honor was announced May 17 at the annual awards convention for the MDDC, held at the Four Points by Sheraton BWI Hotel in Linthicum. An MDDC leader presented a plaque to Christopher Gunty, CEO of CRMedia.

The Catholic Review also received 10 second-place awards and 14 first-place honors, in addition to a best-of-show award for religion reporting.

"These awards are a great testimony from peers in the industry that telling stories well in verbal and visual ways can have a great impact on our readers, inspiring them to be more involved in their faith," Gunty said.

Maria Wiering, staff writer, earned first place for religion reporting for an article on child protection in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The same article won best-in-show for its category. The judges called it an "in-depth look at an important issue facing the church."

Wiering won first place for environmental reporting for a story on stewardship, and first place in the local feature or humor column category for a piece on Doomsday predictions.

Wiering was also honored with a first-place nod in the state government category for election coverage, second place in religion reporting for a story on a volunteer who ministers to the dying and second-place in the medical/science reporting category for a story on military chaplains and veteran suicides.

Tom McCarthy Jr., staff photographer, won first place for a photo series on Archbishop William E. Lori's first five days in Baltimore. He also won first place in the sports photo category for a photo of seniors playing basketball. He shared a first-place honor with Kyle Taylor, a freelance writer, for their multimedia coverage of Bill Cosby's visit to St. Frances Academy in Baltimore.

In addition, McCarthy won second place in the best web video category for his coverage of a religious freedom walk and second place in the best photo gallery category for coverage of a vigil for abuse survivors.

Elizabeth Lowe, staff writer, won first place in the education category for a story about a day in the life of St. Mary's Seminary, Roland Park. She won second place in the public service category for a story on human trafficking.

George P. Matysek Jr., assistant managing editor, shared a first-place award with Wiering in the election or ballot initiatives category for their coverage of the Maryland DREAM Act. Matysek also won second place for local feature or humor column for a column about answered prayers, and second place with Gunty in the best multimedia news storytelling category for their Rome video coverage of Cardinal Edwin F. O'Brien's elevation to cardinal.

Rita Buettner won first place for best online commentary or blog for "Open Window," her Catholic Review "Mom" blog.

Paul McMullen, managing editor, won first place for headline writing for his headline on an article on Pope Benedict's launch of a Twitter account: "Pontiff wades into social media pool."

The Catholic Review staff won first and second place in the special section category for coverage of Archbishop Lori's installation and Cardinal O'Brien's elevation to cardinal.

April Hornbeck, senior art director, and Gunty won first place for page one design for the inaugural issue of the redesigned Catholic Review. Hornbeck and McCarthy also won second place for feature page design for an article about Catholic sites on Charles Street.

Hornbeck and Carole Henaff won first place in the art or illustration category for an image supporting a story on human trafficking. Hornbeck and John Dykes won second place in the same category for an image that accompanied a story on marriage.

In a separate advertising competition, Hornbeck won an honor for best print promotion of the newspaper.

Following is a list of awards:

Division D: Non-dailies over 20,000

Category: Newspaper of the Year, non-dailies over 20,000 circulation

Place: Tie

Category: Local Column: Feature or Humor

Place: First

Author: Maria Wiering

Web

address: <https://www.catholicreview.org/article/commentary/doomsday-preppers-might-be-onto-something>

Category: Local Column: Feature or Humor

Place: Second

Author: George Matysek

Web

address: <https://www.catholicreview.org/article/commentary/amen/i-have-connections-in-heaven>

Category: State Government

Place: First

Author: Maria Wiering

Web address:

<https://www.catholicreview.org/article/home/on-the-edge-why-the-poor-are-players-in-the-elections-economic-debate>

<https://www.catholicreview.org/article/faith/archbishop-lori/religious-freedom-hhs-mandate-in-spotlight-as-election-draws-near>

<https://www.catholicreview.org/article/news/dream-act-about-fairness-for-taxpaying-immigrants-say-states-bishops>

<https://www.catholicreview.org/article/home/marriage-more-than-a-word-supporters-say-as-maryland-prepares-to-vote>

Category: Public Service

Place: Second

Author: Elizabeth Lowe

Web address:
www.catholicreview.org/article/home/trafficking-equates-to-modern-slavery

Category: Election or Ballot Initiatives

Place: First

Author: George Matysek, Maria Wiering

Web address:

<https://www.catholicreview.org/article/work/business-news/dream-act-provides-means-of-changing-lives>

<https://www.catholicreview.org/article/home/dream-act-about-fairness-for-taxpaying-immigrants-say-states-bishops>

Category: Photo Series

Place: First

Photographer: Tom McCarthy

For: First 5 Days

Category: Sports Photo

Place: First

Photographer: Tom McCarthy

For: Senior Basketball

Category: Medical/Science Reporting

Place: Second

Author: Maria Wiering

Web

address: <https://www.catholicreview.org/article/life/family-life/chaplains-help-combat-military-and-veteran-suicides>

Category: Education Reporting

Place: First

Author: Elizabeth Lowe

Web

address: <https://www.catholicreview.org/article/home/a-day-in-the-life-at-st-mary-s-seminary-and-university>

Category: Environmental Reporting

Place: First

Author: Maria Wiering

Web

address: <https://www.catholicreview.org/article/media-library/community-supported-agriculture-good-for-body-and-soul>

Category: Religion Reporting

Place: First and Best in Show

Author: Maria Wiering

Web

address: <https://www.catholicreview.org/article/news/political-news/special-report>

Category: Religion Reporting

Place: Second

Author: Maria Wiering

Web

address: <https://www.catholicreview.org/article/home/a-volunteers-disabilities-no-obstacle-in-helping-others-live-and-die-well>

Category: Special Section

Place: First

Author: Staff

For: Inspired to Lead

Category: Special Section

Place: Second

Author: Staff

For: Our Cardinal O'Brien

Category: Headline

Place: First

Author: Paul McMullen

For: Pontiff Wades into Social Media Pool

Category: Page 1 Design

Place: First

Author: April Hornbeck, Chris Gunty

For: Redesign Wrap

Category: Feature Page Design

Place: Second

Author: April Hornbeck, Tom McCarthy

For

: Charles Street

Category: Multimedia Storytelling (News)

Place: Second

Author: George Matysek, Chris Gunty

For: Rome Report – Consistory 11 videos

Category: Multimedia Storytelling (Feature)

Place: First

Author: Kyle Taylor, Tom McCarthy

Web

address: <https://www.catholicreview.org/article/home/st-frances-academy-welcomes-cosbys>

Category: Online Commentary or Blog

Place: First

Author: Rita Buettner

Blog: Open Window

Category: Best Photo Gallery

Place: Second

Photographer: Tom McCarthy

Web

address: <https://www.catholicreview.org/article/home/fearing-abusers-release-merz-bachers-victims-gather-for-prayer>

Category: Best Web Video

Place: Second

Photographer: Tom McCarthy

Web

address: <https://www.catholicreview.org/article/home/hancock-pilgrims-launch-100->

mile-trek-to-baltimore

Category: Best art or illustration

Place: First

Designers: April Hornbeck and Carole Henaff

For: “Modern Slavery”

Category: Best art or illustration

Place: Second

Designers: April Hornbeck and John Dykes

For: “Marriage Matters”

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