Catholic Review receives regional journalism honors

By Catholic Review Staff

The Catholic Review was honored with 10 journalism and advertising awards from the Maryland-Delaware-DC Press Association during the journalism group's April 19-20 conference at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Baltimore.

In the editorial contest, the Catholic Review won five first-place and two secondplace honors, while winning two second-place awards and one third-place nod in the advertising contest.

April Hornbeck, Catholic Review art director, received first place for best page design, first place for best feature page design and first place for a special section on Catholic Schools Week. The judges said they loved the use of white space in the headline of Hornbeck's layout of a feature profile of the retiring head of Catholic Relief Services.

Hornbeck also won second place for best print institutional ad promoting an Eastern European pilgrimage, second place for best innovative concept/wild card for a promotion of the Roman Missal and third place for best community service ad featuring the Catholic Review's gun buy-back program.

Paul McMullen, managing editor, won first place in the education category for a story about a Muslim student at Loyola University Maryland. The judges said the story was "interesting," "unique," "well written" and "easy to read."

George P. Matysek Jr., assistant managing editor, was awarded first place in the multimedia storytelling news category for a video he produced on the ordination of permanent deacons. The judges said the video offered an "excellent review." They added that the video commentary was "clear and concise" and the editing was "clean."

Matysek also won second place for best feature profile for a story on a formerly paralyzed priest and second place for best religion reporting for a special report on the state of Catholicism in Poland.

In the advertising division, the Catholic Review competed in the category for nondaily newspapers with circulation of 15,000 or more. In the editorial division, the Catholic Review competed in the category for non-daily newspapers with circulation of 20,000 or more.