Catholic Review wins eight regional journalism awards

The Maryland Delaware D.C. Press Association recently recognized The Catholic Review for excellence in journalism during recent editorial and advertising awards conventions April 17-18 at the Turf Valley Country Club in Ellicott City.

Competing against weekly newspapers from throughout the Mid-Atlantic, The Catholic Review garnered two first-place honors, a best in category award, five second-place honors and one third-place honor.

The editorial and production staff received a first-place award in the "special section" category for a special section on Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien's appointment to the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The special section also garnered a first-place award for the advertising department in a "special section" category. The advertising also received the coveted "best of category" award in the same category – beating out first-place winners from larger newspapers.

George P. Matysek Jr., staff correspondent, received two second-place honors. His ongoing coverage of the death penalty debate, which included an extensive profile of former death-row inmate Kirk Bloodsworth, received second place in the "continuing coverage" category.

Mr. Matysek's coverage of a proposed tax credit benefiting nonpublic schools received a second-place award in the "education category."

The creative services department was awarded second place in the "page one design" category for the cover of the Jan. 18 issue, which featured a photograph by Owen Sweeney III.

Chaz Muth, former staff correspondent, won second place in the "sports feature" category for a profile of a Baltimore priest who enjoys karate.

The advertising staff won second place in the "niche publication" category for ads appearing in a specially produced magazine about Cardinal William H. Keeler.

Marian Moser, former advertising representative, won third place in the "house promotion ads" category for an ad promoting The Catholic Review.