

Godspeed: A fond farewell to Catholic Review web editor Jennifer Williams



Jennifer Williams

This week *The Catholic Review* is saying goodbye and best wishes to web editor Jennifer Williams. And I am offering my own Kudos for a job well done to this former student turned friend.

Since 1999, Jenn has been part of *The Catholic Review* team that brings news of the Archdiocese of Baltimore to our community and to the world. But I knew Jenn before she had an inkling that journalism was going to be part of her future vocational calling.

A 1995 graduate of The John Carroll School where I served for many years in the Religion Department and as Campus Minister, Jennifer first experienced the thrill of seeing her writings published while in high school. She worked on the staff of the literary magazine *Pinnacle* during her sophomore, junior, and senior years. (Also contributing to this magazine was her 1995 classmate Father John Rapisarda.)

Jenn moved into journalism during her junior and senior years, working on the newspaper staff of the *Patriot* while remaining a staff member of *Pinnacle*. It's hard to believe that she also found time to run cross country and track all four years, attain academic membership in the National Honor Society, all while achieving perfect attendance for those four years. That's a real accomplishment!!

After graduating from John Carroll, Jenn attended the former College of Notre Dame of Maryland, majoring in Communication Arts. A summer internship after her sophomore year with *The Aegis* in Bel Air led to a full-time position there as a staff reporter. And a post-graduate internship with *Baltimore Sun* features editor Mary Corey was a career highlight. Jenn later wrote about the impact of this successful editor as a mentor and a professional role model when Corey died at age 49 from breast cancer in 2013.

Joining the staff of *The Catholic Review* in 1999, Jenn rose through the journalistic ranks from staff writer to news editor to web editor, learning and implementing the latest technologies as the field of journalism changed to adapt to the culture of the times. She has received awards from a number of press associations along the way. During her years on the *CR* staff, Jenn has written literally hundreds and hundreds

of articles.

Among her favorites are: