



## **Guidelines for writers**

### **Purpose**

HORIZON is published four times a year for members of the National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC) and those who care about the future of religious life. It is a resource to assist, inform, and inspire vocation directors and their communities in promoting religious life and accompanying those seeking deeper faith/vocation commitments.

HORIZON provides timely, contemporary articles about vocation ministry and themes affecting vocation ministers, including ethics, spirituality, religious life, vows, young adults, cultural diversity, community life, discernment, and more.

### **Audience**

HORIZON readers are primarily vocation directors for Catholic religious communities. Readers also include members and leaders of religious communities, diocesan vocation ministers, the USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, vicars for religious, and leaders of various national conferences and church bodies in the U.S. and other English-speaking countries.

### **Length**

Feature articles are approximately 2,000–3,000 words (around 5 single-spaced pages). Sidebars and resource lists are also welcome. Narrower topics can be covered in articles of 1,000–1,500 words.

### **Book and film reviews**

Book and film reviews are 1,000 words. The focus of the review should be a reflection on the book or film's ideas as they relate to vocation ministry and issues related to the church,

youth culture, religious life, etc. It's helpful for a review to also weigh in on whether the work is worth reading or viewing.

### **Article submission, payment, and rights**

Articles (along with an author ID and photo) can be sent to [jleyva@nrvc.net](mailto:jleyva@nrvc.net). Author IDs should tell who the authors are, where they live, and their credentials for writing on a given topic. It's acceptable to mention books, websites, etc., in the author ID.

The NRVC pays a stipend of \$100 to \$300 upon publication, depending on length and complexity. The NRVC commissions on a work-for-hire basis and retains all rights to articles that have been purchased. The NRVC is committed to working fairly with writers who wish to reuse work written for HORIZON.

### **Page proofs, style, Scripture, footnotes, etc.**

HORIZON primarily uses Associated Press style. All work must be original and adhere to professional journalism standards, with quotes and contributing ideas given appropriate credit. Biblical quotes should be based on the New American Bible Revised Edition ([NABRE](#)).

Footnotes are discouraged. Writers are instead encouraged to incorporate footnote information into the text itself.

Before HORIZON is published, authors will be invited to review a proof of their article.

### **Photos**

We ask authors to submit a photo of themselves. If authors have photos or graphics that illustrate an article, those are very much welcomed.

### **Online sample and information**

<https://nrvc.net/publication/4459/article/7959-nrvc-periodicals>

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