

**2018 Catholic Press Association Awards for publications
produced by TrueQuest Communications:
NRVC's HORIZON and VISION Vocation Guide and Vocation Network**

HORIZON

E27e: BEST MAGAZINE/NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR: Professional & Special-Interest Magazines, including Clergy & Religious

Third Place HORIZON: Journal of the National Religious Vocation Conference, "HORIZON" by Carol Schuck Scheiber, Editor Patrice Tuohy, Page Designer. From poetry to tips on thriving as a vocation minister to a guide to Catholic teaching on vocation, "Horizon" covers its topics and concerns greatly. The writing is high quality as are the authors. The publication would be greatly by moving into the world of color on its inside pages. The cover suffers --although they are nice pictures -- with simply landscapes. Also, putting the table of contents on the cover really doesn't serve the readers

M05e: BEST REGULAR COLUMN: Religious life

First Place HORIZON: Journal of the National Religious Vocation Conference, "'Feed Your Spirit" column" by Sister Juliet Mousseau, R.S.C.J. Jennifer Tomshack Pope Francis. Excellent, engaging writing.

M20: BEST REPORTING ON VOCATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD, RELIGIOUS LIFE OR DIACONATE

Second Place HORIZON: Journal of the National Religious Vocation Conference, "Why I value religious life" by Jennifer Tomshack. How the dedication to a spiritual life of others affects us is nicely laid out by the author who recounts her life long encounters with those willing to extend themselves to practice what is preached on Sundays, going out of our way to help. But rather than the all too often and rather boring chronological approach she begins toward the end - college life - because that impacted her, and later her entire family, the most. An easy to read affirmation of how our lives affect others in ways we may never know.

M52: BEST GUEST COLUMN/COMMENTARY

Second Place HORIZON: Journal of the National Religious Vocation Conference, "Feed Your Spirit column" by Sister Juliet Mousseau, R.S.C.J Jennifer Tomshack Pope Francis. The "Feed Your Spirit" column brings out dynamic viewpoints to feed the reader. Even in toughest times, the saints are all around us -- the value of religious life and keeping the fervor of ministry alive are addressed by the authors and bring the topics to life. The life in vocations work can often be long and tough, these columns supply spark.

VISION

E01: BEST ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Honorable mention VISION Vocation Guide, "E-Vocation Newsletter" by Alice Camille, Jennifer Tomshack, and Patrice Tuohy

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Honorable mention VISION Vocation Guide " by VISION Vocation Guide editors and contributors

M05e: BEST REGULAR COLUMN: Religious life

Honorable Mention VISION Vocation Guide, "Art of Discernment" by Patrice J. Tuohy, text. Sister Elaine Penrice, F.S.P., illustration.

M07b: BEST PHOTO STORY: Feature Photo Story

Second Place VISION Vocation Guide, "Proud family watches sister's first steps" by Photos by Noel Marcantel. Text by Carol Schuck Scheiber. This personal story of one sister's journey is clearly told through the order of presentation. From contemplation to pride and joy over a new beginning for Sister Marie Protectrice de la Foi, it can all be seen through the images selected.

AD08c: BEST BLOG: By Layperson

Third Place VISION Vocation Guide, "Questions Catholics Ask" by Alice Camille. I like that this blog keeps to a theme (answering questions about Catholicism) while also covering a diverse set of topics. The blog answers questions without being condescending or scolding its readers for not knowing the answers already. Even if readers did not think to ask these questions themselves, I am sure they would be left intrigued and enlightened by what they read.

AD33: BEST USE OF PHOTOS IN SOCIAL MEDIA

First Place VISION Vocation Guide, "facebook.com/VISION.Vocation.Guide: Proud family watches sister's first steps" by Photo by Noel Marcantel. This is one of the best pictures I've ever seen. The photographer captures such a beautiful, personal and emotional moment in the most respectful and meaningful way possible. A simple picture that speaks volumes about the importance of a first step in life. All of the photos convey the powerful emotion of service.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

108. SINGLE POSTING

Score: Award of Merit

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Proud family watches sister's first steps

Photo by Noel Marcantel; Text by Carol Schuck Scheiber

Judge's Comments: Compelling image, headline and summary made me want to click through and read/see the rest of this story. Impressive social reach and engagement.

REPORTING AND WRITING

037. THEME ISSUE, SECTION, OR SERIES: Blog or Social Media

Score: Honorable Mention

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Questions Catholics Ask

Alice Camille

Judge's Comments: Honest and descriptive answers to difficult questions of faith, and particularly Catholic faith. Readers will appreciate that answers are not "dumbed down" for mass consumption, but nuances are explored in light of Catholic teachings, history and biblical scholarship. Each post is an excellent read."