



Guidelines for writers

Purpose

HORIZON is published four times a year for members of the National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC), as well as for others 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, as well as articles on themes that affect vocation ministers--such as ethics, spirituality, religious life, the vows, young adults, cultural diversity, community life, discernment, etc.

Audience

HORIZON readers are primarily vocation directors for Catholic religious communities; but because of the communal nature of this ministry, readers also include members and leaders of religious communities, diocesan vocation ministers, the USCCB committee on vocations, vicars for religious, and leaders of various national conferences and church bodies in the U.S. and other English-speaking countries.

Length, and etc.

Feature articles are approximately 2000 to 3000 words (around 5 single-spaced pages). Sidebars and resource lists are also welcome. Narrower topics can be covered in articles of 1000-1500 words.

Book and film reviews

Book and film reviews are 1000 words. The primary focus of the review should be reflection on the book or film's ideas as they relate to vocation ministry and related issues in 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 for our target audience.

Article submission, payment, and rights

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

NRVC pays a stipend of up to \$300 upon publication depending on length and complexity. NRVC commissions on a work-for-hire basis and retains all rights to articles that have been purchased. That said, NRVC is committed to working fairly with writers who wish to re-use work done for NRVC or who wish to be compensated for commercial reuse of their work. In the rare instance that a commercial publisher requests permission to use a HORIZON article, the NRVC will refer said publisher to the author.

Page proofs, style, Scripture, footnotes, etc.

HORIZON uses Associated Press style for the most part. As writers would expect, all work must be original in accord with normal journalism standards, with quotes and contributing ideas given appropriate credit. Biblical quotes should be based on New American Bible Revised Edition (NABRE), easily found at www.biblegateway.com/.

Footnotes are discouraged; instead writers are urged to incorporate footnote information into the text itself. Before HORIZON is published, writers will be invited to review a proof of their article.

Photos

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

Online sample and information

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

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