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Vermont Catholic magazine earns four awards at media conference

BURLINGTON-- The staff of *Vermont Catholic* earned four awards – including a coveted "Magazine of the Year" award – from the Catholic Press Association of the United States & Canada at its annual Catholic Media Conference June 21-23 in Quebec City.

The quarterly magazine is the official publication of the Diocese of Burlington.

In the "Magazine/Newsletter Of The Year" Diocesan Magazine category, *Vermont Catholic* staff took third place.

"My congratulations to the staff of *Vermont Catholic* magazine for being honored by the Catholic Press Association. These awards only confirm what I and the readers of *Vermont Catholic* already know: that the staff of the magazine are creative, faithfilled and hardworking people," commented Burlington Bishop Christopher J. Coyne.

Graphic designer Monica Koskiniemi garnered first place in the "Best Layout of an Article or Column" category for diocesan magazines, and Stephanie Clary, assistant editor and social media and mission outreach specialist, placed second for her article "The Cry of the Earth, The Cry of the Poor" in the "Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues: Care for God's Creation."

The staff earned a third-place award for "Best Redesign."

"You are only as good as your team, and Vermont Catholic magazine is blessed with a very talented team," said *Vermont Catholic* Editor Ellen Kane. "Even though we are a small team of four wearing many different hats at the Diocese, it is our strong commitment to the mission of the Catholic Church and spreading the Good News to households throughout Vermont that keeps us focused on producing a high quality magazine that connects Catholics around our common faith."

The Catholic Press Association has been uniting and serving the Catholic press for more than 100 years. It has nearly 250 publication members and 500 individual members. Member print publications reach 10 million households plus countless others through members' websites and social media outlets.

Vermont Catholic and its predecessor, the biweekly *Vermont Catholic Tribune*, have won numerous CPA awards throughout the years.