

NATIONAL CATHOLIC REPORTER

VALUES

We are called to:

JUSTICE

bringing light to darkness,
hope to the marginalized
of the world

RENEWAL

operating out of the spirit
of the Second Vatican Council

COMPASSION

making forgiveness and love
foundational in our actions

HUMAN DIGNITY

respect and honor for all
members of the human family

INCLUSIVENESS

embracing the global
family, its rich diversity and
sacredness of all creation

EXCELLENCE

striving to achieve the highest
quality of journalism

MISSION STATEMENT

The National Catholic Reporter Publishing Company seeks to cooperate in the activity of God's Spirit in history. As a company, we are committed in our publishing efforts to the Roman Catholic tradition and people. We identify with those trying to live by Christ's life-affirming teachings of justice and compassion.

Having developed through the inspiration of the Second Vatican Council, our spirit is independent, our management lay, our vision ecumenical. We attempt to contribute to the Catholic community by supporting freedom, honesty, openness and shared responsibility within the *NCR* community, the communities in which we live, in the church and by promoting the vision of a pilgrim church intimately linked with humanity and its history. We affirm our unique responsibilities as North American Catholic publishers, both in our own society and in the worldwide faith community.

From these perspectives, our newspaper reports and comments on the Church in the modern world. Our various publishing efforts foster an active, engaged spirituality in support of human dignity, social justice, environmental responsibility and world peace. These tasks require of us integrity, sensitivity and dialogue in addressing the Catholic community and beyond. This calls for an editorial vision both prophetic and reconciling, discerning God's Spirit and aware of human limitations.

We try, in all our management and publishing decisions, to evaluate carefully the well being of our *NCR* community and the needs of the faith community we serve and to respond effectively to those needs.

"National Catholic Reporter is a brave little newspaper"

—The New York Times

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ABOUT NCR

The *National Catholic Reporter* is the independent Catholic Newspaper that has covered events related to the church in the world since 1964! Inspired by the Second Vatican Council, *NCR* continues to meet the need for aggressive reporting of the religious dimension of the news and provides an open forum for reader discussion. Timely, insightful articles challenge our readership of over 120,000 who want to know the facts; yet want to form their own opinions as free thinkers in today's church.

NCR is a frequent winner of the *Catholic Press Association's Award for General Excellence* – with an editorial staff of leading authors & Pulitzer Prize nominees. Our staff includes former writers for *Time Magazine*, *Forbes Magazine*, *RNS*, and the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. Our Vatican Bureau Chief has been named “Author of the Year” and is a leader of the FOX News Network's coverage of the next papal conclave. *The New York Times* has called *NCR* “a brave newspaper.” A Kansas City magazine referred to *NCR* as “the gutsiest newspaper in the U.S. – and maybe the world.”

The Kansas City based, lay edited *NCR* is proud of its editors, writers and of its 41-year-old history. *NCR* first went to press in October of 1964 during the Second Vatican Council. It was very much the “godchild” of the council – and was, indeed, part of the needed fresh air of which Pope John XXIII spoke when he announced the council a few years earlier. From *NCR's* energetic beginnings, through its adolescence – it has now settled into adulthood with new confidence and purpose.

Shortly before he died, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin told *NCR's* publisher that he viewed *NCR* as a “candle providing light during a long dark night.” He added that it was our responsibility to make certain that the *NCR* candle would stay lit until the dawn. This is a responsibility that we feel blessed to take seriously.