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Mission and Values

Approximately 23 percent of the U.S. population identifies itself as Catholic, the largest religious body in this country. The *National Catholic Reporter* is the only significant alternative Catholic voice that provides avenues for expression of diverse perspectives, promoting tolerance and respect for differing ideas.

NCR is a religious news source with worldly interests, and though a large amount of its reporting deals with issues of the Catholic church, an equal amount of its coverage is a marriage of the religious, political and social forces shaping public policies and institutions. We are concerned for all people and we are committed to shaping a world that recognizes the dignity of every human being, regardless of religious belief, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or other characteristics. Throughout our history, we have been a voice for the disadvantaged and the marginalized, and we have told the stories of injustice that others simply will not print.

Our Mission:
NCR connects Catholics to church, faith and the common good with independent news, analysis and spiritual reflection.

Our Core Values:
Operating out of the spirit of the Second Vatican Council, we are called to:

- Social justice: Shining a light on stories of injustice and inequality, especially for the disadvantaged and marginalized
- Human dignity: Promoting respect and honor for all members of the human family
- Inclusiveness: Embracing the global family, its rich diversity and the sacredness of all creation
- Excellence: Striving to achieve the highest quality of journalism

Our Vision:
We see a church alive with the Spirit, its members working around the world to embody and spread the message of the Gospels while relying on NCR as a trusted provider of information and a source of inspiration.

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 conversation by supporting freedom, honesty, openness and shared responsibility within the *NCR* reader community, the communities in which we live and the church, and by promoting the vision of a pilgrim church intimately linked with humanity and its history. We realize our unique responsibilities as North American Catholic publishers, both in our own society and in the worldwide faith community.

From these perspectives, our biweekly newspaper reports and comments on the church in the modern world. Both our print and Web publishing efforts foster an active, engaged spirituality in support of human dignity, social justice, environmental responsibility and world peace. As we dialogue within the Catholic community and with those beyond, we balance integrity and sensitivity, keeping an editorial vision that is both prophetic and reconciling ? discerning the work of God?s Spirit and also aware of human limitations.

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

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