

# PARABLE 2017 Catholic Press Association Awards



"Once again, I have the opportunity to say 'Congratulations' to the contributors and staff of Parable. This year, Parable won 12 national awards! This is a record for us!"

Bishop Peter A. Libasci is the Tenth Bishop of the Diocese of Manchester.

**BEST COVER - BLACK AND WHITE: SECOND PLACE**

*The Comfort of a [Canine] Touch*

By Matthew Lomanno

"An authentic capturing of a tender and beautiful moment."

**BEST ESSAY: SECOND PLACE**

*Dear Father Kerper: Do Christians, Jews and Muslims All Pray to the Same God?*

By Father Michael Kerper

"A fine, articulate response to often asked questions. An important issue, clearly and straightforwardly addressed. Inspiring."

**BEST ESSAY: THIRD PLACE**

*The Rest of the Week: Friday, 2 a.m.*

By Father Andrew Nelson

"Well written personal story that catches the reader with its honest simplicity. Always inspiring to know a priest as human."

**BEST ESSAY: HONORABLE MENTION**

*The Prayer a Poem Can Make: A Lenten Journey*

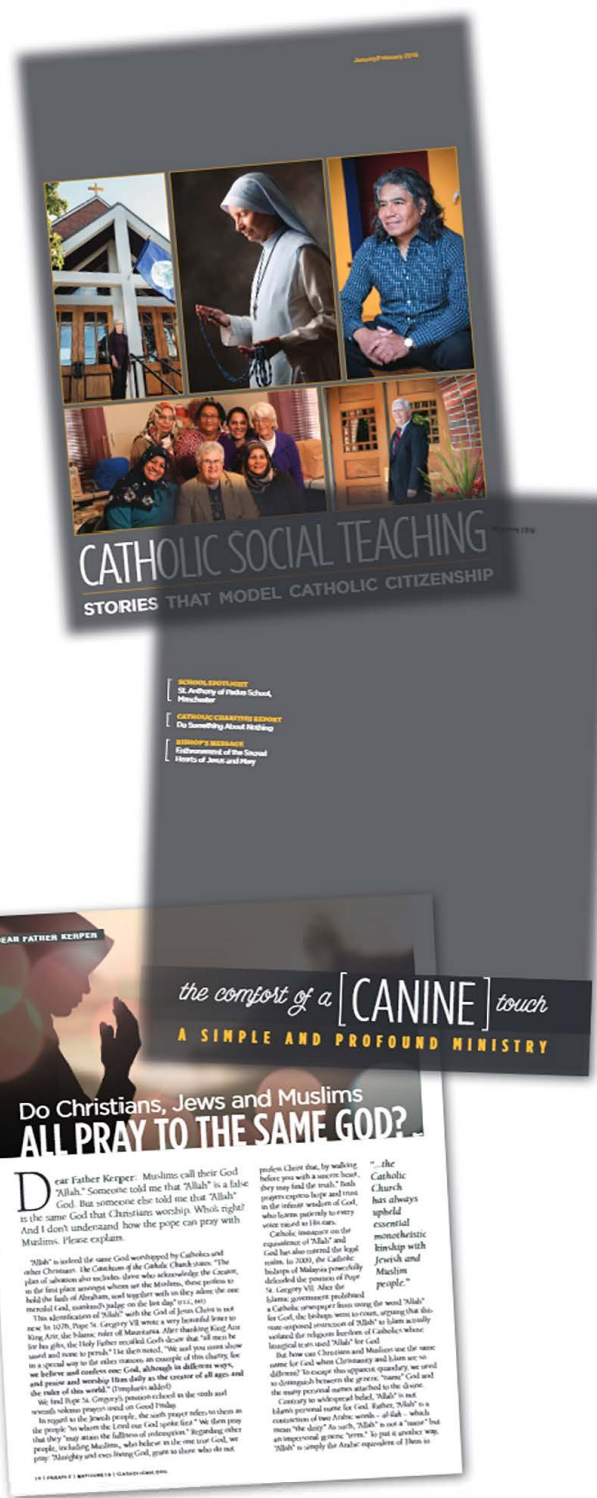
By Gary Bouchard, Ph.D.

**BEST SINGLE PHOTO - BLACK AND WHITE: SECOND PLACE**

*The Comfort of a [Canine] Touch*

By Matthew Lomanno

"The image has great composition. It's symmetric in both the side-by-side comparison of human and dog as well as the bowing of both subjects' heads. The staging of the image is also both a unique, and yet recognizable, showing of the relationship between people and dogs."



• **BEST SINGLE PHOTO: THIRD PLACE**

*“Orla and Kate”*

By Matthew Lomanno

“Again, the image alone could tell the story of the impact comfort dogs have. The composition of the image also draws the eye in on the dog, which is the focus of this story, as well as shows the connection between all three subjects simultaneously.”

• **BEST SINGLE PHOTO:  
HONORABLE MENTION**

*“Orla Comforts the Sick”*

By Matthew Lomanno

• **BEST MULTIPLE PHOTO PACKAGE:  
HONORABLE MENTION**

*The Comfort of a [Canine] Touch*

By Matthew Lomanno

• **BEST ILLUSTRATION: HONORABLE MENTION**

*“Diocese of Manchester Patron Saints  
Reading”*

By Matthew Alderman

• **BEST SPECIAL ISSUE, SECTION, OR  
SUPPLEMENT: FIRST PLACE**

*Catholic Social Teaching: Stories That Model  
Catholic Citizenship*

By Katie Fiermonti, Paul McAvoy and Bridget Martin

“While going through entries it's easy to lose sight of why faith matters. The stories and lessons shared in this section about Catholics coming to the aid of others is at the core of Jesus' message.”

• **BEST SPECIAL ISSUE, SECTION, OF  
SUPPLEMENT: SECOND PLACE**

*We Can't Let Our Voices Be Lost*

By Bishop Peter Libasci and Abby Feldpausch

“This section helps Catholics make informed voting decisions based on religious teaching. It is well-researched and clearly explained.”

• **BEST COVERAGE OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY  
ISSUES: SECOND PLACE**

*Catholic Social Teaching: Stories That Model  
Catholic Citizenship*

By Bishop Peter Libasci, Katie Fiermonti, Paul McAvoy and Bridget Martin

“This piece blends helpful guidance with individual accounts of faith and hope, informing and inspiring the reader at once.”