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Date: June 26, 2017

To: Priests, Deacons, Brothers, Sisters, Parish, School and Chancery Staff

From: Paula Gwynn Grant, Director, Office of Communications;
Mary Anne Castranio, Executive Editor, The Georgia Bulletin

Re: 2017 Catholic Press Association Awards

The Georgia Bulletin and the Office of Communications was honored with 14 awards from the Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada at the 2017 Catholic Media Conference. The conference was held in Québec City June 20-23, in conjunction with the SIGNIS World Congress.

The Georgia Bulletin was honored with a second-place award for newspaper of the year (circulation 25,001 or more), the first time the newspaper has placed in this category.

Allen Kinzly, videographer for the archdiocesan Office of Communications, received a first-place award for his news video, "[UGA Action Plan in Response to Laudato Si](#)," and a second-place award for his feature video, "[Central Night Shelter - Living Out the Year of Mercy](#)." He also received an honorable mention as videographer/video producer of the year.

Georgia Bulletin columnist Lorraine V. Murray received a first-place award for her regular columns on family life.

The Georgia Bulletin staff received a third-place award for best seasonal issue for their special issue, "Eucharistic Congress 2016: The Heart of Mercy."

Kinzly, Georgia Bulletin staff reporter Andrew Nelson, and Georgia Bulletin staff photographer Michael Alexander earned a first-place award for best multimedia news package for their story, "[Detainee families find comfort and support at El Refugio](#)."

The El Refugio story, which described the work of a Christian hospitality house near Fort Stewart for families of undocumented immigrants held at the nearby detention center, brought an honorable mention to these three reports and

graphic designer Tom Schulte, for best in-depth news/special reporting. Nelson also won a first-place award in best reporting of social justice issues, on the life and dignity of the human person, for the El Refugio article.

Staff reporter Nichole Golden earned a first-place award for best investigative/analysis news writing; best analysis/background/round-up news writing: The Gerard E. Sherry Award for Diocesan Newspapers for a series of articles on refugees in the Atlanta Archdiocese. Articles included: "[Deacons from archdiocese view refugee crisis in Greece](#)"; "[Plight of refugees touches hearts at Holy Trinity Church](#)"; and "[Many hands build support for Myanmar refugees](#)."

Golden also received a third-place award for her feature story on a St. Jude School's teacher, "[Teacher marries beau with second-graders in the front row](#)." She and freelance photographer Thomas Spink received an honorable mention for best reporting on the celebration of a sacrament with their story, "[Special needs youth ministry is 'a gift from God' for families](#)."

Nelson, Golden and Alexander earned an honorable mention for best coverage of the Year of Mercy for a series of three articles, including: "[With dental drills, Mercy Care Clinic extends healing](#)"; "[Two women find friendship is their common language](#)"; and "[Once a week the people don't have to worry about hunger](#)."

Alexander and Golden also received an honorable mention for best story and photo package with their work, "[New Georgia priests hail from around the world](#)."