



SACRED WRITES

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP ON RELIGION

MEDIA PARTNERSHIP

National Catholic Reporter: 1 partnership available

Sacred Writes is now accepting applications from scholars for a funded writing fellowship with the *National Catholic Reporter*. Applicants must have graduate-level training in religious studies, theology, biblical studies, or a related field, and be interested in covering pop culture, including TV, books, music, and social media. All fellows will work under the guidance of NCR culture editor, Olga Segura.

This partnership is open to faculty, independent scholars, and graduate students who have not previously held a writing fellowship with one of Sacred Writes' media partners. The deadline for applications is **12 November 2021**.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC REPORTER

Since its beginning in 1964, readers have looked to NCR as a credible independent voice in Catholic journalism. NCR is accountable to an accomplished lay board of directors rather than a bishop or head of a religious order. Initially, NCR's audience was mostly national. NCR has now developed a global online audience, with readers in virtually every country on the planet.

Because of its independent status, NCR goes where other Catholic news sources cannot. In its early days, NCR reported on the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, including the secret findings and the dissenting opinions of Pope John XXIII's/Pope Paul VI's commission on birth control. We were the first, and for many years the only, publication to report the clergy sex abuse crisis and episcopal cover-up. We were the first Catholic publication to report extensively on the environment.

Throughout its history, NCR has been a voice for the marginalized, including women, LGBTQ+ communities, refugees, and immigrants.

SCOPE

The goal of this partnership is to develop, support, and amplify emerging, Black, Latinx, Indigenous, and Asian voices writing at the intersection of Catholicism and pop culture media. NCR will host one Sacred Writes fellow to write a minimum of four online essays (1500-2000 words) for NCR in the topic area of their fellowship from 1 December 2021 to 1 July 2022. Scholars will receive mentorship and support in creating, shaping, and editing essays and online pieces. **Sacred Writes will compensate the fellow \$2,000 for their time, labor, and expertise.**

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TO APPLY

Please submit the following materials through the online form, available at sacred-writes.org/apply.

- A 1- to 2-page cover letter explaining which topic or topics you would like to write about and how your scholarly expertise can help frame and inform a piece
- C.V. (include any relevant public scholarship experience, magazine articles, podcasts, videos etc.)
- Writing samples, including pieces written for general audiences (magazine articles, etc.)

