



How does your ministry “Love Your Neighbor”?

Here’s how your organization or Order could be featured in Catholic Digest

Each month, *Catholic Digest* features a story called **Love Your Neighbor**, which highlights, through the story of one person (usually a young person), the good work an organization, center, or Order is doing in the United States or in any country in the world. *Catholic Digest* is seeking dramatic story ideas for 2011 and beyond, and invites your organization to contact us with your best proposals (see further information below). Please note that most ministries we feature are Catholic and have a national or international reach.

These stories are staff-written; however, we are open to considering reprints or original submissions provided that they are written in a format consistent with the department. For samples, visit these links:

http://www.catholicdigest.com/articles/good_works/love_your_neighbor/2006/10-01/ginging-and-the-kidnapped-priest

http://www.catholicdigest.com/articles/good_works/love_your_neighbor/2007/07-01/my-mother-my-hero

http://www.catholicdigest.com/articles/good_works/love_your_neighbor/2009/10-01/the-call-that-changed-alexrsquo-s-life

http://www.catholicdigest.com/articles/good_works/love_your_neighbor/2008/04-01/an-open-door-for-peter

http://www.catholicdigest.com/articles/good_works/love_your_neighbor/2010/01-17/how-guest-house-saved-my-life

http://www.catholicdigest.com/articles/good_works/love_your_neighbor/2010/01-17/how-guest-house-saved-my-life-part-2

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Because we take a very narrative approach to these stories, using scene-setting and dialogue, it is often indicated that the story is “based on the story of” this young person. Occasionally, a first-person perspective is used. Each story includes a sidebar featuring information (including contact information) on the featured organization.

Here is what the process of creating an original **Love Your Neighbor** story entails:

- **Locating someone to feature**

We look for someone (preferably a young person) with a dramatic, compelling story whose personal journey shows how the organization or group in question has changed his/her life for the better.

- **Conducting an interview**

This person could be a someone who works with the person featured, a parent, or possibly him/herself. Such an interview would require about an hour to an hour and a half by phone.

- **Obtaining one or more photos**

We will need at least one print-quality photo of the person to be featured, so that we may publish it alongside the article. In cases where the individual, for important privacy reasons, wishes to use an alias and not have his/her photo featured, we would need photos related to the story that do not include him/her.

- **Writing the story** based on info from the interview

When the story is completed, our editorial staff will send it to the featured person and/or other responsible party to ensure accuracy.

If you believe your organization has a compelling story, send your proposal to loveyourneighbor@catholicdigest.com. Due to the large number of emails we receive, we are not able to respond to every inquiry. No phone calls, please.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

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