

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Our Second Century

A Letter from the Editor

Dear Commonweal Associates,

Welcome to *Commonweal's* second century! In 2024, we celebrated our 100th anniversary—a celebration that culminated in the largest ever Commonweal gala, a party attended by more than five hundred friends of the magazine at New York's Chelsea Piers in October. That followed shortly on the heels of the release of our special centennial issue: a 100-page edition of *Commonweal* featuring writers who've long been a part of the magazine, as well as new voices who we think will inspire and influence the next generation of readers. Though these were unquestionably the highlights of the year, I'd be remiss in not mentioning others—plus some of the good things we've been up to in 2025. But first, a word of thanks to you, our Associates: Without your continued support and generosity, none of what we do would be possible.

Fittingly in a year dedicated to celebrating a century of *Commonweal's* integral place in American Catholicism, we made our entire archive of articles available on our website as of last October. That's 100 years worth of analysis and opinion, theology and spirituality, reflections and reviews, and more. The yeoman's work fell mostly to special projects editor Miles Doyle, who guided the collaboration with our website developer to bring this long-envisioned plan to fruition, at a most fortuitous time. Click the "Archives" link on our website to see issues dating all the way back to 1924, including our debut, in which the founders describe "the high task" to which this "independent, personal product" run by laypeople would be dedicated.

Of course, we didn't spend all of our time looking back. Throughout 2024, *Commonweal* kept a close eye on global and domestic affairs, with commentary on the violence in Gaza, immigration, the U.S. presidential campaign, and the election of Donald Trump. We featured symposia on women's ordination and *Dignitas Infinita*, the declaration on human dignity released in April by the Vatican's Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith. Our podcast featured conversations on Genesis, the ethics of having children, Opus Dei, and the importance of the humanities, along with guests like Marilynne Robinson, Christian Wiman, and Gareth Gore. Meanwhile, *Commonweal* editors and staff hosted and participated in events, panels, and other gatherings across the country.

The pace has only quickened in the first half of 2025, with the passing of Francis and election of Leo XIV, the first U.S.-born pope. In April, we featured daily "interregnum" and conclave commentary on our website, along with remembrances and analyses of Francis's pontificate; soon, we were posting pieces on what a Leo papacy might promise. Our papal coverage carried over into the June 2025 print issue—which also featured a symposium on the "obsolescence" of religion, and an urgent piece from El Paso bishop Mark J. Seitz on the American Church's prophetic role in an era of anti-immigrant scapegoating. Not to be overlooked: an April symposium on nuclear disarmament, as well as extensive coverage since January on the depredations of the second Trump administration. On the podcast, we've hosted Chicago cardinal Blase Cupich and Kerry Robinson, president and CEO of Catholic Charities, and have featured conversations on the legacy of Pope Francis and the early days of Leo's papacy. *Commonweal* staff and contributors were also in high demand for media appearances on local and national public radio, cable, and broadcast television to talk about the news from Rome. (Maybe you heard or saw some of us.) And the year is far from over.

What we've been doing—and what we're yet to try—is possible only thanks to the help of our Associates. You'll see in this annual report that seventy-nine percent of our revenue in 2024 came from individual supporters like you, a higher-than-usual percentage due in large part to the overwhelming success of our Centennial dinner. With your continued generosity and support, we now embark together on the next 100 years, committed to the essential task to which this independent, lay-run organization is dedicated.

Again, our thanks,



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Editor, *Commonweal*

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COMMONWEAL
at a Glance

Founded 1924



11 print issues
a year

Roughly 14,000 current
print and digital subscribers



More than 1.7 million page
views on our website in 2024

75,000 podcast downloads in 2024



35,000 email
newsletter readers

Nearly 45,000 followers
across various social media



Nearly 50 Commonweal Local
Communities gathering since 2013

Live and Virtual Events



12-person staff based throughout
the United States

Headquartered in New York City

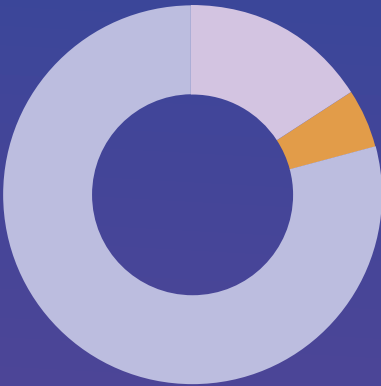
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Features Editor, Managing Editor,
Special Projects Editor, Editorial Assistant

Executive Director, Business Manager,
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