

Religion Communicators Council

An Interfaith Association of Religion Communicators since 1929

Wilbur Awards

2005 Wilbur Award Winners for work completed in 2004

Newspapers, top markets: *The Boston Globe*, Boston, Massachusetts, "Closing Parishes," Michael Paulson, writer.

Newspapers, other markets: *The Courier-Journal*, Louisville, Kentucky, "Empty Pulpits," Peter Smith, writer

Newspaper columns, *The Kansas City Star*, Kansas City, Missouri, Bill Tammeus, columnist.

Newspaper religion sections: *The Dallas Morning News*, Dallas, Texas, Bruce Tomaso, religion editor.

Magazines, national: *LIFE Magazine*, New York, New York, "Where We Pray," Frank McCourt, writer, Robert Sullivan, editor.

Magazines, specialized: *Hispanic Magazine*, Coral Gables, Florida, "Home on Father's Day," Tim A. Chavez, writer.

Editorial cartoons/comics: *Frazz* by Jef Mallett, United Media, New York, New York.

Photography: *The Des Moines Register*, Des Moines, Iowa, "Young men answer call to be priests," David Peterson, photographer.

Books: *To the Mountaintop* by Stewart Burns, HarperCollins Publishers, New York, New York.

Television drama: *Jack & Bobby* "A Man of Faith," Berlanti/Liddell and Shoe Money Productions in association with Warner Brothers Television Production, Burbank, California.

Television for children: *Samantha: An American Girl Holiday*, Revolutions Studios, Red Om Films and American Girl in association with Warner Brothers Television Production, Burbank, California.

Television news, national: *Religion & Ethics Newsweekly*, "Father Joe - Slum Priest," Thirteen/WNET Television, New York, New York, Phil Jones, correspondent, Bob Abernethy, host, Arnold Labaton, executive producer, and Phil O'Connor, producer.



The council has presented Wilbur Awards annually since 1949.

They honor excellence by individuals in secular media – print and online journalism, book publishing, broadcasting, and motion pictures – in communicating religious issues, values and themes.
Winners receive a stained-glass trophy.

The award is named for the late **Marvin C**. **Wilbur**, a pioneer in religious public relations and longtime council leader.



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Television news, local: "Before They Ask: Sex Education in the Church," WTSP-TV, St. Petersburg, Florida, Dave Bohman, reporter, Theresa Moore, producer, and Tim Kania, videojournalist.

Television documentary, national: *Seeking Salvation*, VisionTV, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Travesty Productions, Phillip Daniels, director and producer, S. Wyeth Clarkson, producer, and Lawrence Hill, writer.

Television documentary, local: *The Dead Sea Scrolls*, KTRK TV, Houston, Texas, Shara Fryer, executive producer, writer and host, John Mubarak, video editor and producer, and Ben Lutman, photographer.

Radio: *Speaking of Faith*, "Beyond the God Gap," American Public Media, St. Paul, Minnesota, Marge Ostroushko, managing producer, and Krista Tippett, host

Film documentary: *America's Heart & Soul*, Blacklight Films, Studio City, California and Walt Disney Pictures, produced and directed by Louis Schwartzberg, Vincent Ueber, associate producer.

Film comedy: "Raising Helen," Beacon Pictures and Touchstone Pictures, directed by Garry Marshall, produced by Ashok Amritraj, starring Kate Hudson, John Corbett, and Joan Cusack.