

## News Release

### Joseph Sinasac honoured by ARCCC for contributions to Catholic communications

**Toronto, June 19, 2017** – The Association of Roman Catholic Communicators of Canada is pleased to bestow this year’s ARCCC Award in recognition for distinguished contribution to communications in the Catholic Church in Canada to Joseph Sinasac, whose inspiring career has spanned almost 40 years.

Sinasac began his career as a reporter and editor for daily newspapers. From 1995-2009 he served as Publisher and Editor of *The Catholic Register*. During this time, he covered many historic events, including the funeral of Mother Teresa in 1997 in Calcutta, the visit of Pope John Paul II to Toronto for World Youth Day in 2002, his funeral in Rome in 2005, and the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the United States in 2008.

He also served as volunteer chair of Canadian Catholic News, a news-gathering cooperative for Catholic newspapers in Canada, and was a member of the Catholic Press Association-Catholic News Service Liaison Committee. He is currently a member of the CPA Board of Directors, the ARCCC Executive and is a member of the organizing committee for the Catholic Media Conference 2017 in Quebec City, Canada.

Since February 2009, Sinasac has been Publishing Director of Novalis, Canada’s largest Catholic publisher. He oversees the publication of *Living with Christ*, a monthly missalette, and the *Sunday Missal*, along with an English-language publishing program of more than 40 new titles each year.

As President of ARCCC, Pam Aleman is honoured to recognize the calibre of professionalism and dedication of the award winner. “As Canada celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> year, ARCCC is delighted to celebrate the accomplishments of someone devoted to furthering the role of faith in the public square. With his great passion for Catholic communications, Joe plays an essential role in ensuring the Gospel message and Catholic culture and history remain an important part of the Canadian public discourse.”

The award will be presented on Wednesday, June 21 at 3:15 p.m., at the association’s annual meeting, being held in conjunction with the Catholic Media Conference in Quebec City.

The Association of Roman Catholic Communicators of Canada represents faith-based women and men across Canada working in the area of Church communications, including diocesan personnel, members of religious communities, those working in Church media, Catholic school boards, healthcare institutions or other Church-related organizations and associations.

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