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Nearly 200-year-old newspaper to become a magazine

After 189 years as a newspaper, *The Catholic Telegraph* will become a magazine. The May 2020 newspaper is the last newspaper edition of the publication. Beginning in June 2020, a magazine will arrive in the homes of each registered family in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

The Catholic Telegraph newspaper was one of the first Catholic newspapers in the United States. It was established in 1831 by the first bishop of the then-diocese of Cincinnati, Bishop Fenwick. Today *The Catholic Telegraph* is published under the direction of Archbishop Dennis Schnurr, while the publication's daily operations are managed by the editor-in-chief, Jessica Rinaudo.

"Over the course of its long history, the publication has adapted to meet the needs of the faithful of the day. The new *Catholic Telegraph* magazine is the next big step in the periodical's journey. Its design and feel are modern and relevant to the faithful of all ages. It's exciting to lead the charge on such a big step for a publication with a long-standing history," said Rinaudo.

The Catholic Telegraph magazine will remain a monthly publication and it will maintain the current columnists and freelance writers, but the look, design and feel will be a noticeable change. Three main components were kept in mind while designing the magazine: goodness, beauty and truth. "The Catholic Church has so many beautiful components – from its architecture and stained-glass windows, to its charitable outreach and the faith itself. The magazine format allows us to elevate and share those things in an inviting and attractive way," said Rinaudo.

The transition to a magazine has been a work in progress for nearly a year. The completion of this transition comes at an especially opportune moment, when Catholic families are working to foster faith in their homes in new ways during this time of social distancing. Interestingly, *The Catholic Telegraph* began in a time of another major health crisis. In the year 1832, just one year into the production of the newspaper, it was placed on a short hiatus amid the outbreak of the cholera pandemic. Indeed, since its inception, *The Catholic Telegraph* has brought the goodness, beauty, and truth of the Catholic faith into the homes of the faithful throughout the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. This new format will enable it to carry on that important mission even more effectively in our world today.

RADIATE CHRIST

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Cincinnati is the 44th largest Catholic diocese in the country, with more than 450,000 Catholics, and has the fifth largest Catholic school system in terms of enrollment with more than 40,000 students. The 19-county territory includes 211 parishes and 111 Catholic primary and secondary schools.

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