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Sr. Nancy Usselmann, a Daughter of St. Paul and the director of the Pauline Center for Media Studies in Los Angeles, in an undated photo (OSV News photo/Courtesy of Nancy Usselmann)

The Christophers, a New York-based nonprofit Catholic communications organization, recently announced the appointment to its board of directors of Pauline Sr. Nancy Usselmann. Usselmann currently heads her order's Center for Media Studies in Los Angeles.

Founded in 1945 by Maryknoll Fr. James Keller, The Christophers are involved in publishing, radio programming and the recognition of outstanding writing and media activity through their prestigious annual awards program. An ancient Chinese proverb, "It's better to light one candle than to curse the darkness," serves as the inspiration of their apostolate.

A widely recognized expert on media literacy, Usselmann also is a theologian, author, speaker and critic. Additionally, her work as a journalist has been carried by numerous outlets, including OSV News and St. Anthony Messenger. Her film and television reviews can be found online at bemediamindful.org and catholicmom.com.

A member of SIGNIS (World Catholic Association for Communicators), Usselmann has degrees in communication arts and business management as well as a masters of theology from Fuller Theological Seminary. She is presently at work on her doctorate in ministry from the Catholic University of America with a concentration in liturgical catechesis.

Maryknoll Fr. Edward Dougherty, a current member of The Christophers' board of directors, described Usselmann's varied previous experience as "a perfect fit" for the group's "mission to share stories that highlight the power of faith, hope and love."

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