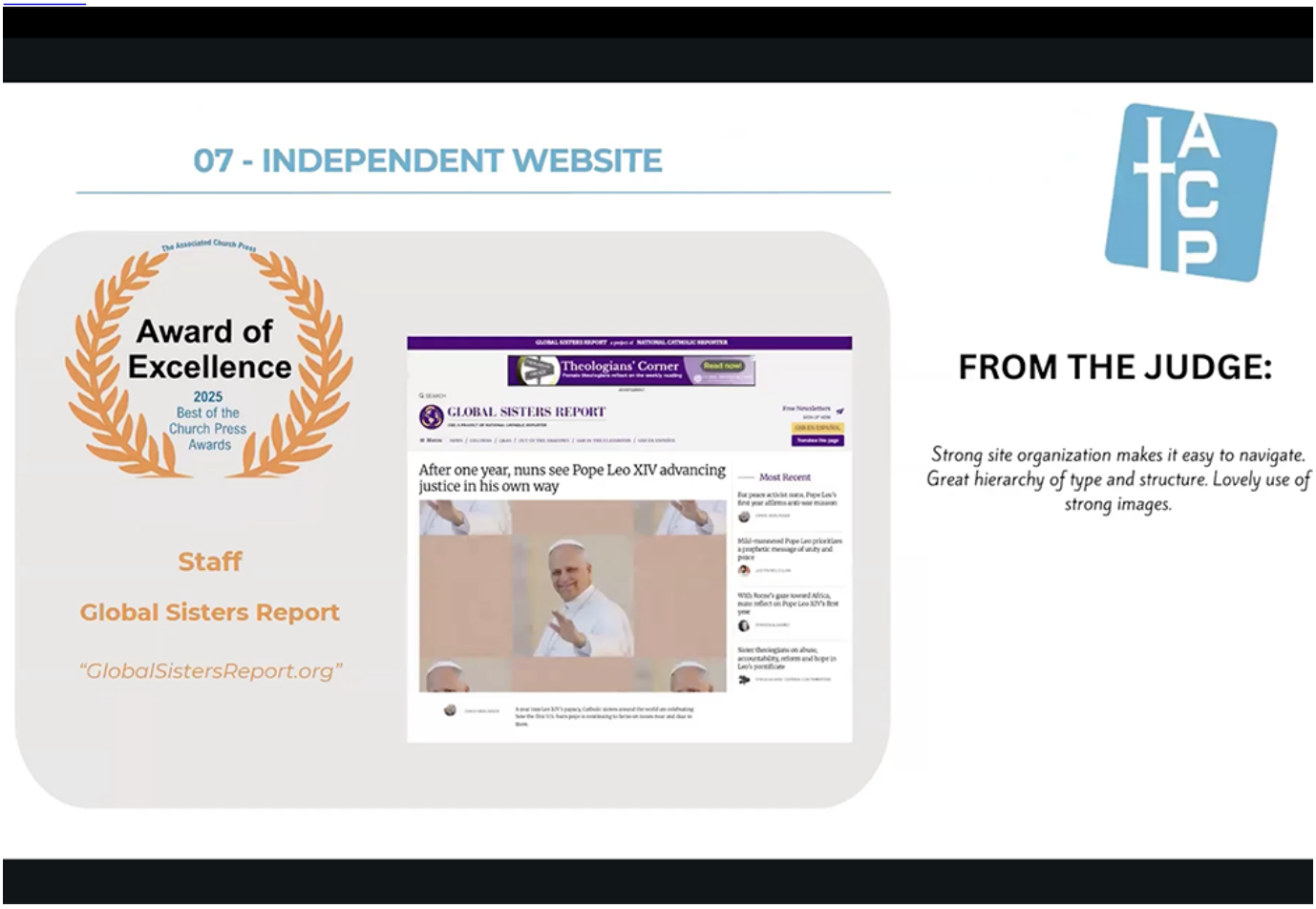
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Global Sisters Report won the award of excellence for best independent website by the Associated Church Press. (NCR screenshot/YouTube)

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Global Sisters Report and its staff have been recognized by the Associated Church Press for reporting and social media work in 2025, winning six awards.

Topping the list of awards was GSR winning the award of excellence for best independent website.

Latin American correspondent Rhina Guidos took home the award of excellence for news story, long format, for a piece on the ways repressive government policies affect the ministries of religious communities in El Salvador. She also won an honorable mention in the category of interview, short format, for an interview with Sr. María Celina Mota Campos.

For local reporting, short format, national correspondent Dan Stockman won the award of excellence for his piece on Sr. Julia Huiskamp.

For national reporting, long format, international correspondent Chris Herlinger won honorable mention for his reporting on sisters' activism on Apache lands in Oak Flat, Arizona.

For social media presence, Olivia Bardo, GSR's social and multimedia editor, won the award of excellence for her work on GSR's social media. The judge highlighted Bardo's "extremely impressive reach, engagement and growth starting from a small base," also noting her ability to extend the reach of GSR's audience to a broad age range.

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The Associated Church Press awards were announced during the conclusion of the ACP's annual convention, May 13-15 in Toronto, Ontario, which was held in conjunction with the meeting of the Canadian Christian Communicators. The Associated Church Press, founded in 1916, is a prominent professional Christian media organization.

Herlinger also won two DeRose-Hinkhouse Memorial Awards by the Religion Communicators Council for Middle East reporting and commentary on international-related issues, such as foreign aid cuts. Herlinger won category winner and award of excellence in the writing for periodicals category.

The awards were announced during the Religion Communicators Council's annual convention, held April 16-18 in Cincinnati.

The DeRose-Hinkhouse Memorial Awards are named in honor the late Victor DeRose and the late Paul M. Hinkhouse, long-time friends of the Religion Communicators Council and noted lithographers in New York. The Religion Communicators Council is an association of faith-based journalists and communications professionals.



During a May 15, 2026, ceremony in Nairobi, Kenya, GSR's Doreen Ajiambo was recognized by the Media Council of Kenya for her reporting in the category of gender and inclusivity reporting. (GSR photo/Doreen Ajiambo)

Finally, Africa/Middle East correspondent Doreen Ajiambo, who is based in Kenya, was named a finalist for the Media Council of Kenya's 2026 Annual Media Excellence Awards in the category of gender and inclusivity reporting.

This was Ajiambo's second consecutive year of recognition by the council. Ajiambo was recognized for her reporting focusing on African women who are on the frontlines of climate change demanding justice at the United Nations' COP30 climate change conference in November 2025.

Victor Bwire, deputy chief executive officer and director for media training and development at the Media Council told GSR the awards are important in giving voice to vulnerable communities, something which Ajiambo's reporting successfully did, praising her work for "being a voice for the voiceless."