



OVERVIEW

The mission of the Joseph A. O'Hare, S.J., Postgraduate Media Fellowship is to support the next generation of writers for the Catholic media and other forms of professional journalism—print, video and audio. The fellowship offers three recent graduates of colleges or universities in the United States or Canada the opportunity to develop their literary skills and professional relationships while living and working in the capital of global communications, New York City.

O'Hare fellows spend 11 months working at the offices of America Media, where they will generate content for *America's* multiple platforms: print, web, digital, social media and events. O'Hare fellows enjoy a rich personal and professional experience through ongoing mentoring and other opportunities. Fellows meet regularly with *America's* editorial staff, including James Martin, S.J., editor at large of *America* and a New York Times best-selling author, in order to cultivate their skills and professional networks. At the conclusion of the program, O'Hare fellows are uniquely suited to pursue successful careers in the Catholic media or other forms of professional journalism.

O'Hare fellows receive housing at Fordham University's Lincoln Center Campus, health care coverage and a monthly stipend for living expenses during the 11 months of the program.



The Joseph A. O'Hare, S.J., Postgraduate Media Fellowship is made possible through the generosity of William J. Loschert, Fordham University's Gabelli School of Business, Class of 1961, and a former member of America Media's board of directors.

Photo Caption: The 2021-22 O'Hare Fellows: Sarah Vincent (Loyola University Chicago), Douglas Girardot (Boston College) and Keara Hanlon (Boston College).

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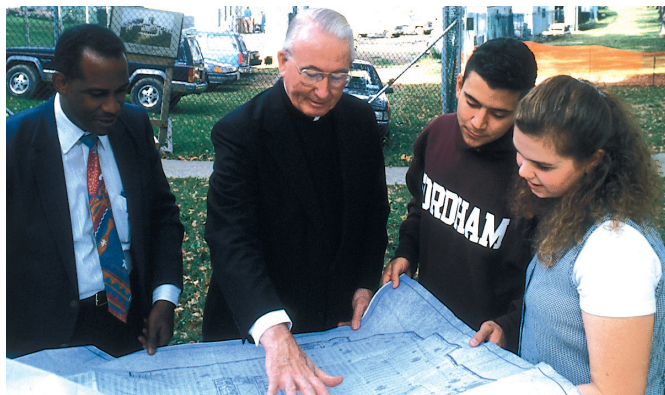
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A Program of America Media



ABOUT JOSEPH A. O'HARE, S.J.

The O'Hare Fellowship is a program of America Media, co-sponsored by Fordham University. The fellowship is named in honor of Joseph A. O'Hare, S.J., who was editor in chief of *America* (1975-84) and president of Fordham University (1984-2003).

Born in the Bronx in 1931, Joseph A. O'Hare attended Regis High School in New York City prior to entering the Society of Jesus in 1949. He trained for the priesthood primarily while stationed at Ateneo de Manila University, where he was ordained in 1961.

He returned to the Ateneo and served as a professor there from 1967 to 1972, earning a doctorate from Fordham University in 1968. In 1972, Father O'Hare was named associate editor of *America* and assumed the role of editor in chief in 1975. Father O'Hare served at *America* until 1984, when he was appointed the 32nd president of Fordham University.

While president of Fordham, Father O'Hare served on a number of civic boards, including Edward I. Koch's Mayor's Committee on Appointments, and was the first chairman of the city's Campaign Finance Board, a role he filled from 1988 to 2003.

After serving 19 years as president of Fordham, the longest tenure in the institution's history, Joseph A. O'Hare, S.J., retired in 2003 and became once again an associate editor of *America*. After his retirement from Fordham and in addition to his work at America, Father O'Hare also served one year as president of his alma mater, Regis High School. Father O'Hare passed away in March, 2020 at the age of 89.



ELIGIBILITY

- ▶ Applicants must be graduating seniors from an accredited, North American College or University within the geographical confines of the United States or Canada
- ▶ Applicants must have a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.0 or the equivalent.
- ▶ Applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States or Canada.
- ▶ Applicants should be familiar with the Roman Catholic tradition and have some appreciation for the role of the Catholic media in the United States and Canada.
- ▶ Applicants must be willing to make an 11-month commitment to the program.

TIMELINE

2021	
September 1	Applications open
November 30	Priority deadline
December	Online interviews with finalists
2022	
January 1	Final application deadline
February	Fellows announced
August 15	Fellows move in to Fordham University at Lincoln Center
2023	
June 30	Fellowship concludes

APPLICATION DETAILS

Applications for the O'Hare Fellowships will be accepted between September 1 and January 1. There is no application fee. Applications should be submitted through our webpage at www.oharefellows.org. All questions and inquiries should be directed to fellowships@americamedia.org. All applications should include the following:

- ▶ A letter of introduction and a résumé.
- ▶ Four content samples. Samples can include newspaper and magazine clips, academic papers, blog posts, film pieces, podcasts and unpublished pieces. At least two content samples should be written samples not exceeding 1,500 words each.
- ▶ An unofficial academic transcript issued by the applicant's undergraduate institution.
- ▶ Two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a faculty member or a professional journalist who is familiar with the applicant's media talents.
- ▶ A description of three story ideas for *America*: 1) a reported feature or essay; 2) an article on an important debate from the world of politics, policy or ideas; 3) a multimedia story. The description of each of these ideas should not be longer than one paragraph.

Photo Caption: Joseph A. O'Hare, S.J., tenth editor in chief of *America* and 32nd president of Fordham University, has had a storied career as a priest, community leader and global voice for good.