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I am thrilled to let you know that veteran journalist Carol Zimmermann will be joining NCR as our News Editor.

Carol is based in the Washington, D.C. area and comes to NCR after a stellar career as a reporter and editor at Catholic News Service (CNS). Many of you probably [recognize her name](#) from stories she's covered involving the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and a wide range of other key Catholic issues, events and institutions. Hers is one of the most familiar and trusted bylines in Catholic news.

When most of CNS was [closed down by the bishops in 2022](#), Carol moved over to DeSales Media, the communications group at the Diocese of Brooklyn, New York. She remained in Washington as the senior national correspondent for the Brooklyn diocese's newspaper and website, [The Tablet](#).

Carol has excellent connections and contacts in Washington's Catholic world. That's especially important during this election year, in a town where key power players from the White House to Capitol Hill and the Supreme Court are Catholic. It is also a place, as NCR has long reported, where many influential people operating behind-the-scenes are also Catholic.

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Carol is a board member of the [Catholic Media Association](#). She and her husband, Mark, [editor of the Catholic Standard](#) newspaper of the Archdiocese of Washington, have two adult children and a high schooler. They attend St. Rose of Lima Parish in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

Carol will formally join us on Aug. 5, after finishing up projects for The Tablet.

She steps into the position most recently held by another very familiar name to our readers, Joshua McElwee. Joshua worked out of Washington as NCR's News Editor for the last three years — and before that as our Vatican correspondent for seven years in Rome. He will [soon be joining Reuters](#) as their Vatican correspondent.

At this crucial time for our politics and our church, it is a real pleasure to welcome Carol to NCR and for us to maintain an important presence in Washington.