

Editorial

FIRST THINGS is America's premier journal of religion and public life. It begins with the premise that to understand American society—and where it is headed—it is necessary to understand its religious life and values. **FIRST THINGS'** broad coverage of religious and cultural issues

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— *National Catholic Register*

encompasses politics, economics, ethics, education, science, and literature and the arts. Though concerned with issues of great seriousness, **FIRST THINGS** is lively, readable, and entertaining.

FIRST THINGS is for Catholics, Protestants, Jews, Muslims, and more. We make a point of being ecumenical and interreligious, engaging all the questions pertinent to “religion, culture, and public life.”

Principals

The founding editor in chief of **FIRST THINGS** was Richard John Neuhaus, theologian, celebrated public intellectual, and author of many books, including the groundbreaking *The Naked Public Square*. Father Neuhaus died in January 2009 leaving a legacy of reinvigorated religious debate in our public life.

The editor of **FIRST THINGS** is essayist, poet, and commentator Joseph Bottum, whose books include *The Fall & Other Poems* and *The Pious War*. The former literary editor of the *Weekly Standard* and professor of medieval philosophy, Bottum has written essays, reviews, and poetry for the *Atlantic Monthly*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Washington Post*, and many other newspapers, magazines, and journals. For three years the host of the nationally syndicated radio show *Book Talk*, he has been featured on television programs from C-SPAN and CNN to PBS and the BBC.

FIRST THINGS' editorial board is composed of some of the most distinguished names involved in the world of values and public life: Claudia Anderson, Midge Decter, Jean Bethke Elshtain, Robert P. George, Timothy George, Mary Ann Glendon, Glenn Loury, Wilfred M. McClay, David Novak, Michael Novak, and George Weigel.

Features

- A readership of the most influential opinion leaders in America.
- The largest subscriber base of any ecumenical journal of ideas in the country.
- An unprecedented journal that puts its readers in the center of the critical debates about the role of religion in America.
- The most authoritative editors, editorial board, and contributors of any magazine concerned with religion and its public impact.
- Serious, involved readership interested in a broad spectrum of books, magazines, and journals.
- Puts your products before a unique audience of widely educated and active readers.

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March 2010	1/15/2010	1/18	2/4
April	2/12	2/15	3/4
May	3/12	3/15	4/1
June/July	4/16	4/19	5/6
Aug/Sept	6/11	6/14	7/1
October	8/13	8/16	9/2
November	9/17	9/20	10/7
December	10/15	10/18	11/4
January 2011	11/5	11/10	12/2
February	12/10	12/13	1/6/2011

Ad Sizes

Full page (non-bleed)	7" x 10" deep
2/3 page (3 columns).....	6.9375" x 6.5" deep
2/3 page (2 columns).....	4.5625" x 8.9375" deep
1/2 page (3 columns).....	6.9375" x 4.875" deep
1/2 page (2 columns).....	4.5625" x 7.9375" deep
1/3 page (3 columns).....	6.9375" x 3.375" deep
1/3 page (2 columns).....	4.5625" x 4.5" deep
1/3 page (1 column)	2.1875" x 8.9375" deep
1/4 page (2 columns).....	4.5625" x 3.625" deep
1/4 page (1 column)	2.1875" x 7.3125" deep
1/6 page (2 columns).....	4.5625" x 2.5" deep
1/6 page (1 column)	2.1875" x 4.875" deep
1/12 page (1 column)	2.1875" x 2.5" deep

Bleed background: 8.5" x 11.25"
Magazine trim size: 8.125" x 10.875"

Printing Specifications

- Printed web offset, 50# body stock, 80# cover stock
- Perfect binding
- Recommended screen: 120-line

Preferred Materials

- Common electronic formats, e.g., PDF, InDesign and Quark Xpress. FTP site available for file upload. Image resolution must be a minimum of 300dpi. Text and grayscale minimum of 600dpi. Pantone spot colors only for two-color ads. Please verify that files intended to be black & white or spot color(s) are converted to that specification, and not four-color process (CMYK).

2010 Rates

Black & White	1x	3x	5x	10x
Full Page	\$1,850	\$1,760	\$1,665	\$1,575
2/3 Page	\$1,480	\$1,405	\$1,330	\$1,260
1/2 Page	\$1,210	\$1,150	\$1,090	\$1,030
1/3 Page	\$ 845	\$ 800	\$ 760	\$ 715
1/4 Page	\$ 620	\$ 585	\$ 555	\$ 525
1/6 Page	\$ 490	\$ 465	\$ 445	\$ 420
1/12 Page	\$ 290	\$ 280	\$ 265	\$ 250
Cover 2-3	\$2,265	\$2,150	\$2,035	\$1,925
Cover 4	\$2,675	\$2,540	\$2,405	\$2,270
Two Color				
Full Page	\$2,170	\$2,060	\$1,955	\$1,845
2/3 Page	\$1,735	\$1,650	\$1,565	\$1,475
1/2 Page	\$1,420	\$1,350	\$1,280	\$1,210
1/3 Page	\$ 990	\$ 940	\$ 890	\$ 840
1/4 Page	\$ 725	\$ 690	\$ 650	\$ 615
1/6 Page	\$ 575	\$ 550	\$ 520	\$ 490
1/12 Page	\$ 345	\$ 325	\$ 310	\$ 290
Cover 2-3	\$2,655	\$2,520	\$2,389	\$2,255
Cover 4	\$3,135	\$2,980	\$2,820	\$2,665
Four Color				
Full Page	\$2,830	\$2,690	\$2,545	\$2,405
2/3 Page	\$2,265	\$2,150	\$2,040	\$1,925
1/2 Page	\$1,855	\$1,760	\$1,670	\$1,575
1/3 Page	\$1,290	\$1,225	\$1,160	\$1,095
1/4 Page	\$ 945	\$ 900	\$ 850	\$ 805
1/6 Page	\$ 755	\$ 715	\$ 680	\$ 640
Cover 2-3	\$3,460	\$3,290	\$3,115	\$2,940
Cover 4	\$4,090	\$3,885	\$3,680	\$3,475

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Agency commission: 15% of gross billing to recognized agencies, provided account is paid within 30 days of invoice date. 2% cash discount if paid within 10 days of invoice date. 1.5% per month interest charge on past due accounts. **First-time advertisers must pre-pay with order.**

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3. The publisher is not responsible for errors in key numbers.
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Readership

Well educated, well read, well off, and religiously engaged, **FIRST THINGS** readers share a singular interest in the issues at the crossroads of religion, ethics, and public life.

- *College-educated readers*
98% have attended college
67% have completed post-graduate work
26% have Ph.D.s
- *Professionals with influence*
35% belong to professions that bear directly on the education of others: clergy, teachers, professors, editors, and writers
- *Reading is favorite leisure activity*
Reading is top leisure activity among subscribers:
— read an average of 2.7 books per month
— buy an average of 16.2 books per year
— spend an average of 3.2 hours with each issue
— 64% of subscribers read all 10 issues last year
- *High-income households*
38% have average income of \$100,000 or more
76% have average income of \$50,000 or more
- *Leaders who have impact*
50% have leadership roles in their churches or religious communities
- *Active consumers*
Bought an average of 37 items by catalog or internet in 2007

FIRST THINGS readership survey was conducted in 2007.

Comments

“The most serious and best”

“The most serious and best religious publication in the entire English-speaking world.”

—Michael Novak, American Enterprise Institute

“Exploring the tangled web”

“The most important vehicle for exploring the tangled web of religion and society.”

—Newsweek

Publishing Information

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