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Welcome to the new edition of Catholic Rural Life, the magazine of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference. We have changed our publications to a more contemporary look. Our Magazine and our Newsletter both are called Catholic Rural Life. The magazine is published twice a year and the newsletter six times a year. The magazine tries to present some substantive articles on a variety of themes related to our ministry. The newsletter is more immediate, topical, informational in its focus. It is for the short term. The magazine tends to be more foundational and long term in its focus. In either case we hope you find the new formats, the new "look" interesting and dynamic. Please let us hear from you. Pass these materials around and invite comments from your friends. Use these materials to invite others to join in our mission. Thanks for your interest.

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