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Journalist and book author Michael J. O'Loughlin, seen in an undated photo, has been named as the first executive director of Outreach, a ministry that seeks to serve Catholics with same-sex attraction or who identify as transgender. (OSV News/Courtesy of Michael O'Loughlin)



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