



Submission Guidelines

Ascension is committed to publishing popular Catholic books, Bible studies, and faith-formation resources that speak to the needs—and touch the hearts—of today’s Catholics. Our mission is to present the truth and beauty of the Catholic Faith as the path to a fulfilled life and authentic happiness. We share valuable resources, create powerful media, and build communities to answer the longings of the human heart with the transformative power of the Gospel. We seek manuscripts that inform, inspire, and transform the reader.

We seek to publish books and resources that speak to the average Catholic in the pew rather than scholarly or academic works. We generally seek the most “popular” ideas, i.e., titles that are being requested by the Catholic community. Manuscripts should be approachable, engaging, and well-researched.

Considerations

Authors who wish to submit a proposal or manuscript to Ascension should keep the following points in mind:

- Ascension seeks proposals and manuscripts that inform and inspire Catholics—works that bring people to a deeper understanding of their faith and help them grow in their relationship with God.
- A proposal or manuscript will be evaluated in light of our ability to develop and market it successfully. Authors are encouraged to review our current product offerings and craft a proposal that demonstrates a thorough knowledge of both industry standards and the mission of Ascension.
- An author may submit a proposal, along with a sample chapter, for a book or program that will be developed with the guidance of Ascension’s editors to fit Ascension’s mission and goals. Alternatively, an author may submit a completed manuscript.
- Ascension only publishes works that faithfully reflect the official teachings of the Catholic Church’s Magisterium.

- Ascension does not consider works whose subject matter deals exclusively or primarily with private revelations, such as visions.
- Ascension does not publish works of fiction or poetry.

What to Submit

Proposals and manuscript submissions to Ascension should include the following:

- A brief summary of your book's content, purpose, and intended audience
- A description of your book's marketability and any unique factors you believe set it apart from similar books or products currently on the market
- A table of contents and your book's approximate length
- One sample chapter, at minimum, or a complete manuscript
- A brief biographical sketch or curriculum vitae
- Your ideas for promotion and marketing
- Any endorsements you may have received for your book

Upon receipt, our editorial committee will review your submission to determine whether it fits our publishing needs. Please allow eight to twelve weeks for a final decision.

How to Send Us Your Submission

We encourage you to email us your submission, as this expedites our review. Please send to submissions@ascensionpress.com. Subject line should include the title of your manuscript. In your email, be sure to include all of the components outlined above under "What to Submit."

Submissions may also be mailed to the following address:

Submissions Editor
Ascension
PO Box 1990
West Chester, PA 19380

Note: If you send us your submission via regular mail, please retain a copy of any materials you submit. Unsolicited manuscripts cannot be returned.

Thank you for your interest in submitting a proposal to Ascension.