

## CWG Benefits

- Networking, prayer, and the support of other Catholic authors and publishing professionals who are faithful to the Church and her teachings
- Free advertising in the CWG Showcase
- Cooperative marketing opportunities at conferences, trade shows and more
- Educational opportunities (like conferences and critiquing)
- Opportunities to showcase your work with our Seal of Approval and Trade Show Booth programs

## How to Join

1. Go to the web site [www.catholicwritersguild.org](http://www.catholicwritersguild.org). Click "register" and fill out the registration form.
2. Pay dues: \$24 a year due on January 1st. You may use the PayPal link on the upper left corner of the web site. If you prefer to pay by check, please contact the guild at [info@catholicwritersguild.org](mailto:info@catholicwritersguild.org).



*The Holy Family,  
Patrons of The Catholic  
Writers' Guild*

## What our Members Say:

*I attended the online conference and had a ball! I learned much and met so many neat writers and Catholic friends. I joined the guild right after the conference and hope to be active in it and contribute, as well as become confident in my writings...*

—Elizabeth Weidner

<http://acatholicmumclimbingthepillars.blogspot.com>

*It's been good to meet other Catholic writers and to know others are out there, and it's been a big support in my marketing; in fact, the contacts I've made to my first bookstore sale.*

—Christopher Blunt, author of *Passport*,

<http://pelicancrossingpress.com>

*From sharing markets to sharing faith, the Guild covers all the bases—where else are you going to get that for twenty-four bucks?*

—Jane Lebak, author of *Seven Archangels:*

*Annihilation*, <http://www.janelebak.com>

*CWG has given me a sense that being a published Catholic writer is not an impossible dream, but an achievable reality. It is a community where I can receive encouragement. It helps me remain focused so that I can give back hundredfold what God in his kindness has given me.*

—Maria Rivera

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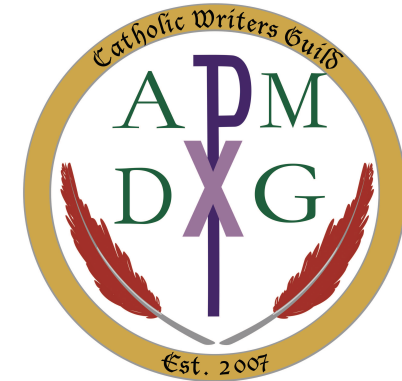
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## The Catholic Writers' Guild



Training our talents through Catholicism;  
glorifying God through our talents.

# The Catholic Writers' Guild

## Who We Are

The Catholic Writers' Guild is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a small but growing membership of writers, artists, editors, illustrators, and allies dedicated to building a vibrant Catholic literary culture.

### We work:

- with honesty, integrity, and justice
- to admit and correct mistakes promptly
- to meet all deadlines
- to present the truth without distortion
- to build and sustain human community through our economic, political, cultural, educational, and religious communications
- for the physical, intellectual, emotional, moral, and spiritual good of all people

### We refrain:

- from writing or promoting works which are libelous or slanderous; which seek to foster hatred or conflict among individuals or groups simply for the sake of conflict; or which contain excessive obscenity, pornography, or morbid depictions of violence
- from using others' proposals or ideas without permission
- from claiming the words or writings of others as our own

- from forming associations or participating in activities that may compromise integrity, damage credibility, or cause scandal
- from using the Guild's mailing list for commercial purposes
- from attempting to draw others away from the orthodox teachings of the Church

### We respect:

- the Catholic faith
- the values, ethics, goals, leadership, and other established guidelines of The Catholic Writers' Guild
- the confidential nature of all ideas shared within the group
- the reasonable privacy of others
- the dignity of the person

## Membership

There are two levels of membership in the Guild.

### Individual Members:

Catholics who write, illustrate, edit, or work as agents.

- These members get full benefits for the \$24 annual dues
- RCIA participants may become members, but cannot hold office.

### Institutional Members:

Publishers, agencies, bookstores, etc that support Catholic writing.

- These members get a link on the CWG homepage, an ad in the CWG marketplace and newsletter as well as full access to the website
- As institutions, these members cannot vote or hold office.

## Projects

Even as a fledgling organization, CWG has already involved in projects that promote Catholic writers and Catholic writing. Some of our projects include:



• *CWG Seal of Approval:* a program for getting your book evaluated and approved for its Catholicity. The Seal of Approval is a signal to Catholic bookstores that they can carry your book without concern about its content.

- *Marketing Newsletter Program:* a bi-monthly mailing to readers, bookstores and others in the publishing industry featuring member books with an Imprimatur or CWG Seal of Approval.
- *Critique and advice groups:* available through our website forums
- *Writing conferences:* We produce two writers conferences per year. The first is the Catholic Writers Conference Online, a free conference open to all writers Catholic and non-Catholic and the Catholic Writers Conference Live, held in conjunction with the Catholic Marketing Network (CMN) Trade Show.
- *Regular weekly chats:* open to the public, we pray, encourage each other and "listen" to engaging speakers on various topics related to our faith and writing.

These projects, as well as informational links, writing market information, etc., keep CWG focused on its goal of creating a vibrant Catholic literary culture.