



## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Ascension Press 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 current product focus includes developing our *Great Adventure* Bible Study System, our Theology of the Body offerings, and our *Epic* Church History program, among other catechetical and faith formation resources.

We strategically publish only a limited number of books per year, focusing considerable marketing resources on each title. We generally seek the “most popular” ideas, i.e., titles that are being requested by the Catholic community rather than those that require us to “force the need.”

### Considerations

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

- We seek proposals and/or manuscripts that inform and inspire adult Catholics, works that bring Catholics to a deeper understanding of their faith and help them grow in their relationship with God. We seek to publish “popular” rather than scholarly or academic works, i.e., books and products that speak to average Catholic “in the pew.”
- Priority consideration is given to book and product proposals that can be integrated with our existing faith formation programs and systems. A proposal and/or manuscript is evaluated in light of its potential integration with our existing programs and our ability to develop and market it successfully.
- Like most royalty-paying publishers, Ascension Press seriously considers for publication only a small percentage of the unsolicited manuscripts that we receive. Our authors spend time studying our products and crafting a manuscript proposal that demonstrates a thorough knowledge of both industry standards and our corporate mission
- We only publish works that faithfully reflect the official teachings of the Church’s Magisterium.
- We generally do not publish works that are about (or include substantial portions connected with) private revelations.
- We do not publish works of fiction or poetry.

## What to Submit

Proposals and/manuscript submissions to Ascension Press should include the following:

- A brief cover letter summarizing the content of your work, along with its approximate length, intended audience, and any unique factors you believe set it apart from similar books/products currently on the market. Please include a one-paragraph biography that highlights your marketing “platform,” including previous books published and professional speaking experience
- A table of contents.
- At minimum, one to three sample chapters (assuming that an entire draft manuscript is not submitted).
- A brief biographical sketch or curriculum vitae.
- Any endorsements for your book or proposal.
- Your ideas for its promotion and marketing.

Upon receipt, our editorial committee will review your proposal and/or manuscript to determine whether it fits our publishing needs. Please allow **eight to twelve weeks** for a response.

## How to Send Us Your Proposal

We prefer to receive proposals via email, as this streamlines the review process by allowing us to easily forward materials to our entire editorial team. Email submissions should be sent to senior editor Michael Flickinger: [mflickinger@ascensionpress.com](mailto:mflickinger@ascensionpress.com). (Please include all of the components outlined above under *What to Submit*.)

Proposals may also be mailed to the following address:

Michael Flickinger, Senior Editor  
Ascension Press  
P.O. Box 1990  
West Chester, PA 19380

*Note:* If you send us your proposal via regular mail, please retain a copy of any materials you submit. Also, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope (SASE) if you would like us to return your manuscript following our review. (Manuscripts submitted without a SASE cannot be returned.)

Please feel free to contact Michael Flickinger with any questions regarding these guidelines via email: [mflickinger@ascensionpress.com](mailto:mflickinger@ascensionpress.com) or at (610) 696-7795, ext. 207. Please allow at least three days for a reply.

Thank you for your interest in Ascension Press.