Code of Ethics

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

The basis of art is truth, both in matter and in mode.
—Flannery O’Connor
Who We Are

The Catholic Writers’ Guild is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization of faithful Catholic writers, artists, editors, illustrators, and allies whose mission is to help build a vibrant Catholic literary culture.

We do this by offering educational programs that teach Catholic writers about their craft as well as how to sell and market their work.

Our members agree to a code of ethics and faithfulness to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church.

What We Do

Writers conferences: both on-line and in person educate writers on their craft and how to sell their work. Information on these are available at www.catholicwritersconference.com

Writers retreats: encourage writers to grow in their spiritual holiness as well as their art.

CWG Seal of Approval: a program that evaluates books for Catholicity. It signifies to Catholic book stores a quality Catholic product.

Catholic Arts and Letters Award: an award that recognizes outstanding contributions to Catholic literature and individuals who perform significant lifelong service to the Catholic faith through the written word.

Catholic Book News: a bi-monthly e-mailing to 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

Also: weekly online chats, essay contests, a regular member email newsletter, networking and fellowship and prayer.

How to Join

Yearly dues are $40 a year.
Visit our Website: www.catholicwritersguild.com to register online, or send the following information with a check made payable to the Catholic Writers Guild to:

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☐ I agree to the Code of Ethics (on rear panel) and pledge faithfulness to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church.

Not all are called to be artists in the specific sense of the term. Yet, as Genesis has it, all men and women are entrusted with the task of crafting their own life: in a certain sense, they are to make of it a work of art, a masterpiece. —Blessed John Paul II, Letter to Artists