

ACP Excellence in Publishing Awards

Submission Form and Instructions



Thank you for supporting the Association of Catholic Publishers' *Excellence in Publishing Awards*.

The goal of these awards is to recognize the best in Catholic publishing in six categories—General Interest, Inspirational, Prayer and Spirituality, Scripture, Theology, and Resources for Ministry. (See the attached for a description of each category.) In addition, a “Book of the Year” will be named from among the first place finishers in these six categories.

Here is the basic information that you will need in order to submit your 2011 titles.

Cost: \$195 per entry. Publishers may submit multiple books. Publishers who are Foundation Members at the time of submission will receive one free submission for every paid submission.

Deadline for Submission: Books must be submitted to the ACP by **January 25, 2012**.

Eligibility Requirements: Books and resources must have a 2011 copyright date to be eligible for submission.

Award Announcement: Winners will be announced at the 2012 Religious Booksellers Trade Exhibit (RBTE) in late May/early June. A first, second, and third place award will be given in each of the six categories.

Submission Instructions

The attached submission form contains four duplicate sections. Please complete all four sections of the submission form for each title. (Three of them will go to the judges; the fourth will stay in ACP files.) **DO NOT CUT** the page into fourths. Please be sure to complete all lines of the form including the intended audience.

Send three copies of each book you are submitting along with a completed submission form to the following address by **January 25, 2012**.

Association of Catholic Publishers
Attn: Book Awards
4725 Dorsey Hall Drive, Suite A, PMB #709
Ellicott City, MD 21042

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the ACP office by email at tbrown@cbpa.org or by phone at 410-988-2926. This information will also be available online at the ACP website at www.cbpa.org.

Category Descriptions

General Interest

Books in this category include biographies, Church history, collections of essays by theologians or important Catholic thinkers; books related to papal encyclicals or other Church documents; books that instruct readers on specific aspects of the faith or provide general information about the Catholic faith, the Church, or other aspects of Catholicism; books that connect an element or theme from popular culture to prayer or faith; and books on a wide-ranging variety of topics, rooted in faith, such as books on death and dying from a Catholic perspective, parenting books, and so forth.

Inspirational

This category includes devotional, spiritual, and meditation books and books on saints, holy people, and stories related to people living their faith. Unlike books on similar subjects in the general interest category, books in this group are intended to provide readers with guidance and inspiration that can compel them to make positive changes in their lives that will draw them closer to their faith and to God.

Prayer and Spirituality

These books are centered on prayer or spiritual reflection, and include any theme for organizing and presenting such content. Examples include praying with Scripture, 365 days of prayers, praying with the saints, books on *lectio divina*, spiritual reflections based on the writings of a saint(s), as well as books that encourage journaling as a way to pray, reflect, and grow in faith.

Scripture

This category includes books about Scripture, whether scholarly treatments of particular books or collections of books of the Bible, in the vein of Raymond Brown's *An Introduction to the New Testament* or Daniel Harrington's *Interpreting the New Testament*. Books that provide guided meditations using Scripture or that follow a "praying with Scripture" format are excluded, as these would be a part of the prayer and spirituality category. Bibles are excluded from this category.

Theology

This category includes books on the topic of Catholic theology, whether scholarly monographs or more popular treatments of theological aspects of Catholic teaching on, for example, the sacraments, the nature of the Church, etc. Books that are more specifically catechetical in nature belong more properly in the "Resources for Ministry" category (or in the basal curriculum category, which will be added in 2013).

Resources for Ministry

This category includes any book that serves as a faith formation tool in parish ministry for sacrament preparation, catechesis (other than basal programs), adult faith formation, and for use in enrichment programs. Also included are resources for parish ministers. Examples of books and products in this category include Liturgy Training Publications' *Guide for Cantors*, Loyola's *The Catechist's Toolbox*, OSV's *Faith Fusion*, and RCL's *Foundations in Faith* RCIA program. Basal religion programs are excluded from this category.

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