



Books That Build Faith and Family

Author Submission Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in submitting your work to Perpetua Press. We are a Catholic/Christian publishing house dedicated to producing books that build faith and family.

Publishing is a ministry. We prayerfully consider each submission and look forward to reviewing your work.

1. Our Mission

Perpetua Press publishes works that:

- Strengthen Christian faith within the family
- Supports parents and parishes
- Align with Catholic teaching (when applicable)
- Reflect spiritual depth and literary excellence

We are currently accepting submissions in:

- Spiritual formation & devotional works
- Christian family life
- Catholic/Christian living
- Biographies of faith
- Faith-based children's books
- History of Saints
- Parish resources

We do not accept:

- Explicit or graphic content
- Material contrary to Christian moral teaching
- Politically partisan works
- AI-generated manuscripts submitted without significant human authorship and theological oversight
- Previously published works (unless rights have reverted)
- We will consider republishing self-published works

2. Before You Submit

We ask that authors submit only work that:

- Has been written to the highest standard you are capable of producing
- Has been reviewed by thoughtful beta readers

- Has incorporated substantive feedback prior to submission
- Has been carefully proofread

We are a small press and are not able to function as a first-round developmental editor. We are looking for manuscripts that are already mature, refined, and prayerfully prepared.

3. What to Submit

A. Query Letter (1 page maximum)

- Title and genre
- Target audience
- Word count
- Brief description (150–250 words)
- How this book helps build faith and family
- Short author bio (ministry experience, credentials, writing background, platform if applicable)

B. Proposal (Required for Nonfiction)

- Table of contents
- Chapter summaries (1 paragraph per chapter)
- Comparable titles
- Intended readership
- Marketing ideas
- Estimated completion date (if unfinished)

C. Sample Chapters

- Full Manuscript
- 1.15 spaced
- 11-point Garmond
- mirror margins
- Page numbers included
- Google Doc or Microsoft Word (.docx) format

For children's books, also include:

- Full manuscript
- Target age range
- Illustration samples (if available)

4. Theological Integrity

- Be consistent with the Nicene Creed
- Respect the authority of Sacred Scripture
- For explicitly Catholic works: align with the Catechism of the Catholic Church
- Avoid theological novelty not grounded in Scripture and Tradition

Where appropriate, authors may be asked to provide:

- Pastoral endorsement
- Nihil obstat or Imprimatur (for doctrinal works)

5. Review Process

- Confirmation of receipt within 7–10 business days
- Initial review typically takes 6–10 weeks or longer depending on backlog.
- Due to submission volume, detailed feedback may not be provided on declined manuscripts

If selected for further consideration, we will send a contract to review.

6. Rights & Simultaneous Submissions

- Simultaneous submissions are permitted; please notify us immediately if accepted elsewhere
- Do not submit work under contract with another publisher unless rights have reverted

7. Submission Address

Email submissions to:

- murralice@gmail.com

Subject line format: Submission – [Book Title] – [Author Last Name]

A Final Word

At Perpetua Press, we believe writing is more than a creative endeavor — it is often a calling.

The books we publish enter homes. They sit on bedside tables. They are read aloud to children. They are turned to in moments of doubt, grief, growth, and hope. Because of this, we approach publishing not merely as a business, but as a ministry. Our aim is to create more love, joy and hope in the world.

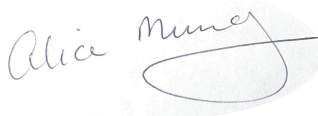
If you are considering submitting your work, we encourage you to pause and pray over it first.

- Has this manuscript been shaped with care?
- Have you invited wise and trusted readers to review it?
- Have you revised it until you have given it your very best?

Offering your strongest, most thoughtful work honors the Lord, your future readers, and the shared mission we carry: to publish books that build faith and family.

Whether or not your manuscript is ultimately a fit for Perpetua Press, we pray that your writing will bear fruit and grow His Kingdom here on earth.

With gratitude and hope,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alice Murray". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Alice Murray

The Perpetua Press Editorial Team