

Gulf Coast Catholic Online – Guidelines for Submitted Stories

All stories MUST have the following to be considered:

- Minimum of 200 words, maximum of 600 words
- Submitted as a Word document
- All formatting on text removed
- Single-spaced text
- Only one space after each period
- Must be written as an article or Q&A - no press releases, no sales pitches, etc.
- Suggested title or headline included in document
- Author of article included after suggested title or headline
- No hyperlinks within the article. All links to be included should be documented in a list following the article.
- A high-quality photo (1000 X 600 pixels) must be uploaded in the proper location on the submission page
- Caption for photo must be provided
- Name of photographer must be included

Submitted stories must fall into one or more of the following categories based on content, keeping in mind we reserve the right to post a story under the category we believe it fits best:

Courageously Living - features content that shows examples of those who are *Courageously Living the Gospel* and doing great things in service of the Lord.

Culture - features content about diverse cultures and the intersection between culture and faith.

Marriage - features the integration of the Catholic faith and marriage.

Media Technology - features content regarding use of technology in today's culture, Catholic media such movies and television, and ways in which media is used to spread the Gospel.

Parenting - features content leading children and the family closer to Christ.

Relationships - features content navigating relationships of all kinds through a Catholic lens.

Vocations - features content about vocations to priesthood, religious, and consecrated life.

Catholic 101 - features content that teaches about prayer or the Church.

Grow as a Disciple - features content that gives practical steps to deepen the reader's faith and prayer life.

Local News - features content that showcases an event that is newsworthy.

National - features content that impacts the Church in the greater United States.