

Submission Guidelines for *Gulf Coast Catholic Magazine*

1. Identifying Possible Magazine Stories

Deciding if a story is suitable for the magazine is not a one size fits all rule. Instead, it involves a bit of reflecting on its impact on you. If you find yourself retelling the story or thinking about it often, chances are, you've found a gem. These are the stories that resonate and should be shared.

Submission Process: If you believe you have such a story, please submit your story idea to the *Gulf Coast Catholic Magazine* Managing Editor, Allison Munden at amunden@dosp.org. Once you've shared your idea, the managing editor, will evaluate the story and determine if it has the elements necessary for a compelling magazine article, and reach back out to you. When assessing a story's suitability for our magazine, we consider:

2. Elements for Magazine Articles

Photography: A magazine is a visual medium, and captivating images are important because they help tell the story. When deciding on a story, we take into consideration the potential for engaging and meaningful images that can accompany the narrative. Some of the ways we accomplish capturing the necessary photos is by scheduling a photoshoot, requesting courtesy or archival photos, or attending an event to take photos.

Relevance to our Catholic Faith: Stories ought to highlight our Catholic traditions and share inspiring accounts of individuals who are Courageously Living the Gospel. This can be through various aspects of family life, prayer life, and community life.

Inspirational and Educational: Articles should help Catholics know, live, and share their faith, offering resources that foster personal growth as disciples and facilitate the sharing of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

3. Our Goal: Content Evangelization

Our aim is for content evangelization, where we provide Catholics and others with the resources necessary for spiritual growth and effective evangelization. We seek stories that reflect this mission, offering depth, sincerity, and inspiration to our readers.

By focusing on these criteria, we create a magazine that is both spiritually enriching and visually engaging, serving as a valuable tool for Catholics and others in our diocese on their faith journey.