



TEKTON MINISTRIES ARTICLE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

ABOUT TEKTON MINISTRIES

Tekton Ministries provides authentically Catholic pilgrimages which build relationships with Christ and community. We work primarily with priests to build parish-focused pilgrimages to locations including the Holy Land, Italy, Marian Shrines, and Medjugorje. We have a strong focus on the spirituality and Catholicity of every pilgrimage and provide prayerful support for all of our pilgrims.

Tekton Ministries' sister company, Thriving Parish, is committed to helping Catholic parishes flourish through the use of technology to improve community participation and engagement. We do this by providing parishes and other Catholic non-profits with beautiful branding, effective, easy-to-use websites, and smart, targeted communications solutions.

ARTICLES WE PUBLISH:

Tekton Ministries publishes articles to Tekton Ministries and Thriving Parish websites, as well as to Thriving Parish's clients' sites. Obviously, articles must be the original writing of the submitting author and free from any copyright restrictions. They should not have been published on any other media – whether online or in print.

Currently, we are accepting articles for the Tekton Ministries blog. [Visit the blog](#) for examples of past articles and to gain an understanding of our tone of voice. Please view our "[Favorite Destinations](#)" page to see pilgrimage destinations that are of interest to Tekton's readers.

We are specifically seeking these topics:

- **True stories of pilgrimage experiences**, especially those exhibiting how pilgrimage brings us to encounter Christ more fully. This can be the author's personal experience, or based upon an interview of someone who has made a pilgrimage. The story must be non-fictional. Word count: 500 to 1000 words, though exceptionally interesting stories may warrant greater length.
- **Informational articles about pilgrimage destinations.** From the Vatican to Lourdes, the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem to Cross Mountain in Medjugorje, Catholics have a wealth of amazing, holy places that help us encounter Christ and his saints in new ways. Word count: 300 to 800 words.
- **Articles about Catholic devotions that relate to a place of pilgrimage.** For instance, an article about the miraculous medal which references the Chapel of the Miraculous Medal in Paris, where the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Catherine Labouré. Word count: 300 to 800 words.
- **Reflections that relate to pilgrimage.** This might be a reflection upon a pilgrimage in the Bible, a reflection written during or after a pilgrimage, etc. All reflections must be faithful to the Magisterial teachings of the Catholic Church. Word count: 300 to 800 words.

OUR SELECTION AND PUBLICATION PROCESS:

Submissions will be reviewed by one of our on-staff communications team members. They will determine whether the article is well-written, suited to our audience, and timely in regards to our current marketing objectives. Authors will be notified within three months if their article is chosen for publication. The article will be published using the author's chosen byline.

We reserve the right to edit articles. All edits will be submitted to the author for review prior to publication.

Articles will be published to the applicable blog (Tekton's, Thriving Parish's, or a Thriving Parish client's) and promoted via Facebook and Twitter. If desired, we will include the author's Twitter and Facebook handles. We hope that the author will share the articles to their social media as well and include a link to the original article on their blog(s), if applicable.

PAYMENT:

Tekton Ministries will pay \$50 to \$150 per article. The amount of payment will be based upon length and quality. Submissions that include at least one or more high-quality photographs will receive a higher payout. Photographs must be relevant to the article and free from copyrights. Photographs of places of pilgrimage are preferred.

ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Authors should not submit more than one article in a three-month period, unless specifically requested by Tekton Ministries.