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## Catholic Writers Guild, Catholic Marketing Network Hold Writers' Conference

Somerset, NJ--The Catholic Writers' Guild, in conjunction with the Catholic Marketing Network, will host its first-ever **Catholic Writers' Conference LIVE!** at the Doubletree Hotel & Executive Meeting Center, Somerset, NJ, from Aug 5-7, 2009. The conference will host publishers, editors and authors from all aspects of the Catholic writing world, including magazines and devotionals, novels and educational materials. The panel discussions, presentations and workshops will cover all aspects of writing including generating query letters, crafting a good story, world-building, marketing finished works and more. In addition, editors from several Catholic publishers will be on-hand to share their wisdom and hear authors propose their works.

The Catholic Marketing Network's International Trade Show, held at the neighboring Garden State Exhibition Center (<http://www.gsec.com>), will serve as the exhibition floor for the writers' conference, giving writers a chance to browse the booths, meet with publishing companies, pitch their books to publishers, have their work critiqued at a private critique session and chat with the published authors at book signings at the Catholic Writers' Guild booth. CMN will also be hosting daily Masses and rosaries at the Doubletree Hotel, and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the exhibition center. Other CMN events including the seminars and inspirational talks scheduled for Tuesday, August 4 will be held at the Doubletree.

Presenters for the writers' conference include: author/Sophia Press submissions editor **Regina Doman** (*Angel in the Waters*); Pauline Books and Media Editor Sister Maria Grace, CEO of Ignatius Press Mark Brumley (*How Not to Share Your Faith*), Susan Brinkmann editor of *Canticle Magazine*, Lisa Wheeler, Executive Vice President of the Maximus Group (PR and marketing firm for *The Passion of the Christ*), author/Ascension Press publisher Matt Pinto (*Do Adam and Eve Have Belly Buttons?*), Claudia Volkman, General Manager of Circle Press, Tom Hoopes, Executive Editor of the *National Catholic Register*, and mystery author John Desjarlais (*Bleeder*) among others.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for both writers and publishers to connect," said science fiction writer and Catholic Writer's Guild President, Karina Fabian. "The CMN has been especially generous in offering to share its facilities and programs with us, which really enhances the quality of the conference for attendee and presenter."

Conference Coordinator and CWG Vice President Ann Lewis adds “There will be a lot of good information, encouragement and learning opportunities for Catholic authors at our live conference. Our goal is to help good Catholic writers to get published. The world needs their words.”

The Catholic Writers’ Guild has hosted two highly successful on-line conferences.

To register or for more information, go to [www.catholicwritersconference.com](http://www.catholicwritersconference.com).  
Registration is \$80 through June 1st, \$99 through July 31st and \$110 at the door.