

# Rhonda Ortiz

is an award-winning novelist, nonfiction writer, publicist, and graphic designer with over twenty years' experience in both print and web design. She is a founding editor of Chrism Press, WhiteFire Publishing's imprint for Catholic and Orthodox Christian voices. Prior to her work for Chrism, Rhonda was director of communications for the Saint Benedict Institute, and she has served as art director and webmaster of *Dappled Things*. 🌿

## SKILLS

Print & Marketing Design  
Book Design & Typesetting  
Branding  
Web Design  
Developmental & Line Editing  
Project Management  
Social Media & Newsletters  
Publicity Campaigns  
Event Planning  
Speaking & Presenting

## TECH

Photoshop, InDesign,  
Illustrator & Acrobat Pro  
SquareSpace & WordPress  
Basic HTML5 & CSS  
ConvertKit, Brevo & MailChimp

## EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts  
St. John's College, Annapolis, 2004

## PUBLICATIONS

THE MOLLY CHASE SERIES: *In Pieces* (2021), *Adrift* (2023),  
& *Keeper of the Keys* (forthcoming 2025). Published by  
Chrism Press.

CONTRIBUTOR, *The Catholic Mom's Prayer Companion: A  
Book of Daily Reflections*, ed. Lisa Hendey and Sarah  
Reinhard. Ave Maria Press, 2016.

FREELANCE ARTICLES on spirituality, family life, and arts  
and culture published by a variety of media outlets,  
including *Catholic World Report*, CatholicMom.com,  
Aleteia, and elsewhere.

## RECOGNITION

WINNER, 2020 ACFW Genesis Award  
WINNER, 2019 ACFW-VA Crown Award  
FINALIST, 2022 Oregon Christian Writers Cascade Award  
FINALIST, 2022 Catholic Media Association Book Awards  
CATHOLIC WRITERS GUILD Seal of Approval  
CATHOLICMOM.COM Fall 2023 Book Club Selection

## EMPLOYMENT

### IN ADDITION TO ONGOING FREELANCE WORK

DAPPLED THINGS MAGAZINE  
Art Director, 2014-2018  
Webmaster, 2017-2018, 2020-present

CHRISM PRESS, an imprint of WhiteFire Publishing Group  
Founding Editor, 2020-present

SAINT BENEDICT INSTITUTE  
Director of Communications, 2015-2018

CAFFE PRONTO, now Ceremony Coffee Roasters  
Administrative Assistant & Wholesale Education  
Coordinator, 2004-2006

TEACHER  
Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., 2006-2010

ENTEK MANUFACTURING  
Marketing Design, 2000-2001

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References available upon request.*

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