## How to Avoid Unwanted Characters in Post Copy: HTML vs Plain Text

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To ensure your copy shows up exactly how you expect, we recommend putting it into a plain text editor like Notepad, then copy/pasting it into Catholic Social Media.

Sometimes when text is copied from other sources like websites, it picks up HTML formatting, which results in unwanted characters and copy when it's published to the social media platform.

HTML text has advanced characters and styling options that can't display on social media networks while plain text will give you the bare bones.

If you experience unwanted characters on a post, you can edit the post within the platform.