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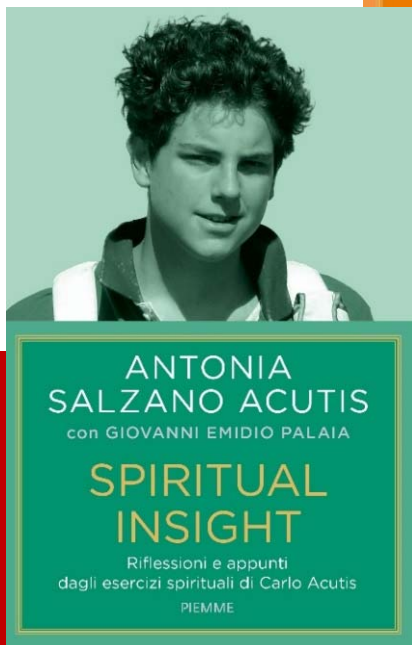
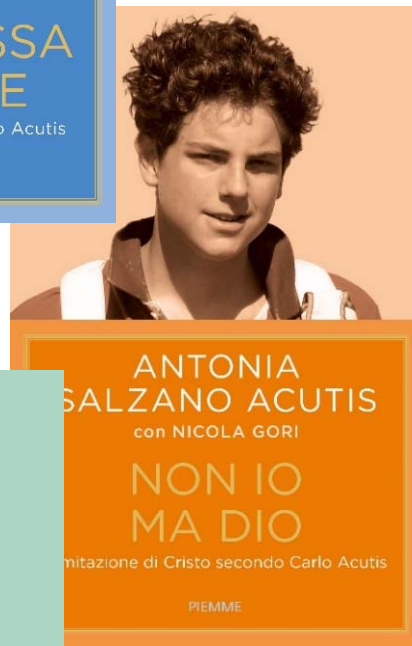
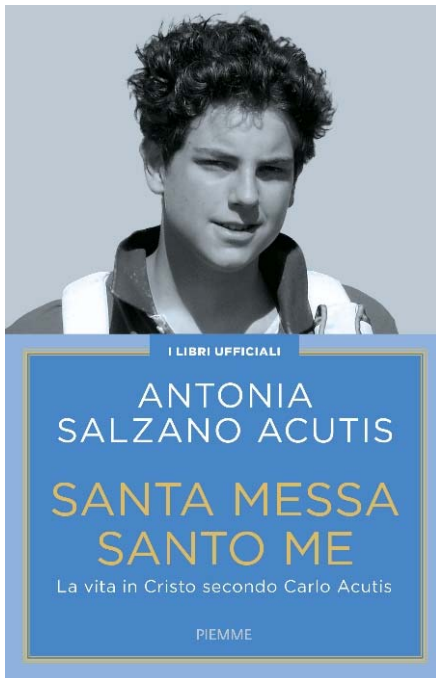


CARLO ACUTIS – THE OFFICIAL BOOKS (2025)

A three-book series collecting the unpublished writings of young Carlo Acutis, who will be proclaimed a saint by Pope Francis on April the 27th 2025, on occasion of the Jubilee of Adolescents.

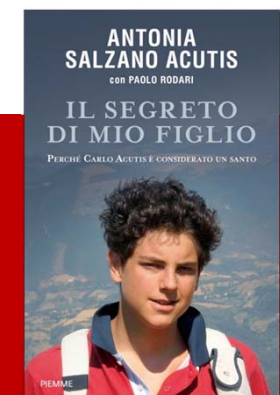
The official books on St. Carlo Acutis (1991-2006) aim to help readers learn about the life of this young saint and his spirituality: his union with Christ, his love for the Eucharist, his devotion to Our Lady, his charity toward the poorest and the ideals he embodied and lived. These values speak to everyone, believers and non-believers alike: volunteerism, making himself a neighbor, sympathy, friendship, cheerfulness and brilliance in the use of computers, put at the service of others through his work on the exhibits.

- The first saint of the Catholic Church from the millennial generation
- Carlo will be proclaimed a saint in April 2025
- Carlo is worshipped all around the world, especially by young people. Over 2,500 web sites and Facebook profiles are devoted to his story, with over 60 thousand followers. His exhibition on Eucharistic miracles has travelled the world over



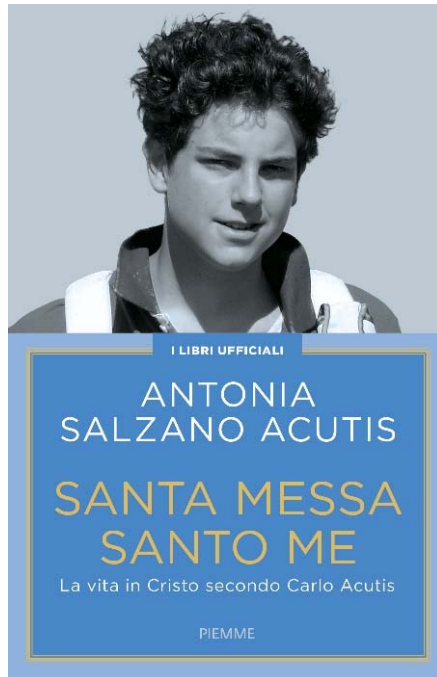
THE FIRST BOOK ON CARLO'S LIFE WRITTEN BY HIS MOTHER HAS BEEN A PUBLISHING SUCCESS!

Foreign rights have been sold to 17 countries



"Carlo Acutis saw that many young people, wanting to be different, really end up being like everyone else, running after whatever the powerful set before them with the mechanisms of consumerism and distraction"

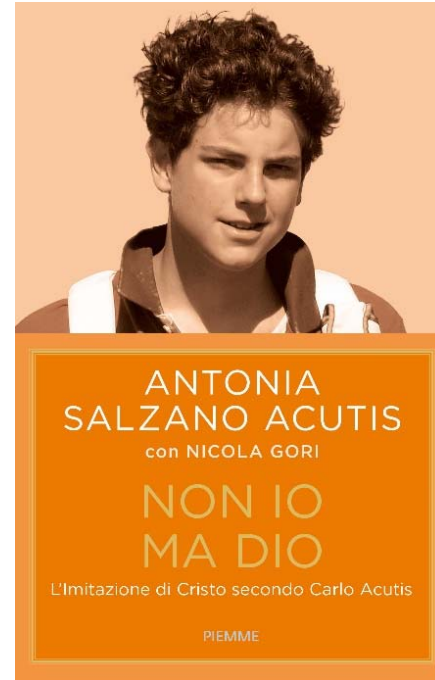
Pope Francis



192 pages
April 2025

HOLY MASS, HOLY ME
Antonia Salzano Acutis

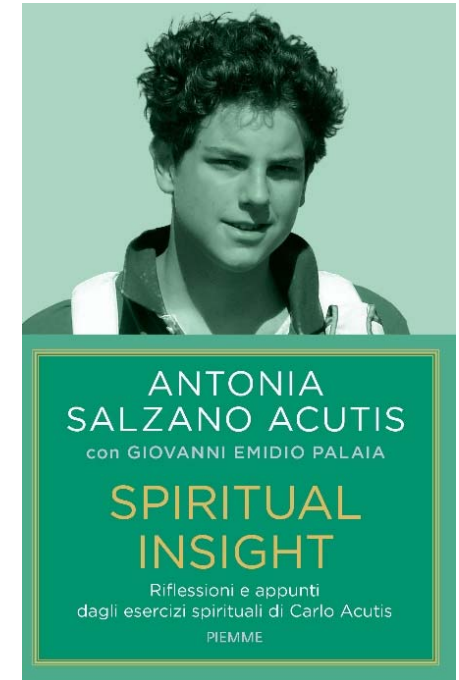
Holy Mass, holy me invites readers to discover the immense value of the Eucharist. Through the unpublished notes and testimony of San Carlo Acutis, his deep love for the Holy Mass and the central role it played in his life emerge. The volume offers a guide to understanding and living the Eucharist with the same enthusiasm and devotion as the young saint.



208 pages
April 2025

NOT ME, BUT GOD
Antonia Salzano Acutis with Nicola Gori

The book offers a re-reading of The Imitation of Christ in the light of the life and words of San Carlo Acutis. On the one hand, a classic text of Christian spirituality defined as the 'Fifth Gospel'; on the other, the example of a young man who, with the grace of Christ, lived a profoundly original existence. This book invites the reader to meditate and imitate Christ by following the path of Carlo, who lived every day united with God until the last moment of his life.



288 pages
May 2025

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT
Antonia Salzano Acutis with Giovanni Emidio Palaia

Spiritual Insight offers Carlo's spiritual notes as a guide for prayer and contemplation. This book is a kind of manual for learning to pray and discern God's will, following the experience of the young saint. Through Carlo's reflections on the spiritual exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola, the reader is helped to discover the path to a full and happy life, walking together with Christ.

THE AUTHORS

Antonia Salzano Acutis

Carlo's mother, Antonia Salzano Acutis is married to Andrea and has two children born after Carlo's passing. A scholar of theology, thanks to her son she reconnected with her faith. For Piemme, she published the bestseller. *Il segreto di mio figlio* in 2021.

Nicola Gori

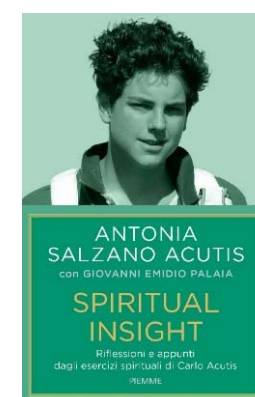
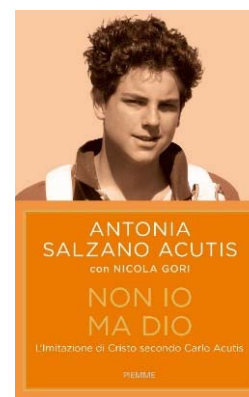
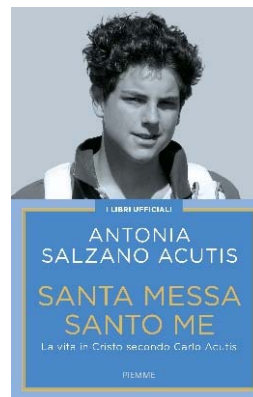
He is the postulator of the Cause of Beatification of Carlo Acutis. A graduate in foreign languages and literatures from the University of Florence, he is a journalist for *L'Osservatore Romano*. A scholar and lover of mystical authors, he has published several volumes in this field. He is also the author of award-winning short stories and poems.

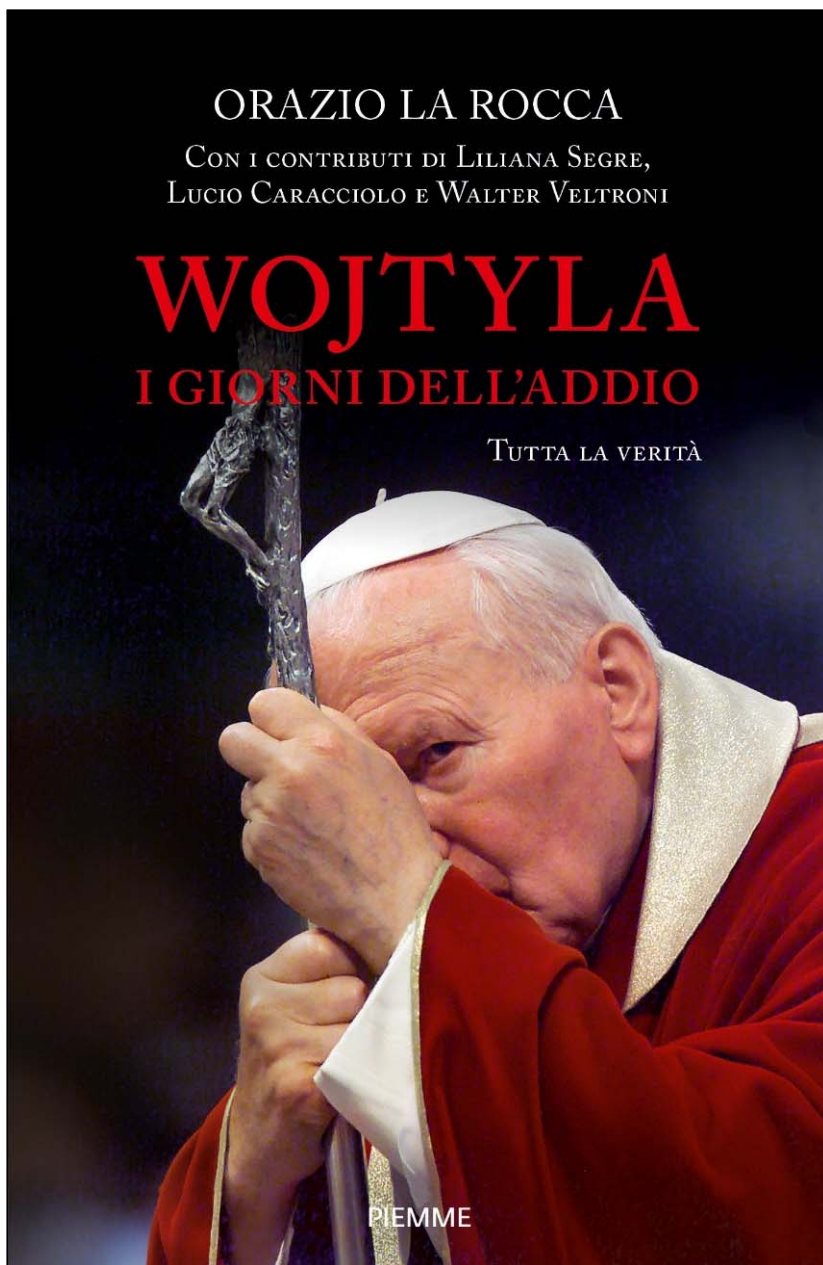
Giovanni Emidio Palaia

Giovanni Emidio Palaia is a presbyter, a university lecturer and a writer. Ph.D. in Political Philosophy, he is a lecturer in ethical and theological disciplines. He has written several volumes and articles on philosophical, ethico-political, anthropological, theological, Marian and artistic issues. He is involved in interdisciplinarity and transdisciplinarity.

Carlo Acutis died at 15 of acute myeloid leukemia. The church in downtown Milan where his funeral was celebrated was packed. The crowd included many of the homeless people that Carlo helped every day. The grandson of the founder of a leading insurance company, Carlo had been born to wealth and had never wanted for anything. But like Saint Francis he did not care for comforts and riches, and dedicated his life to others.

Media outlets from all around the world have depicted Carlo as the greatest saint of our times, and the Church defined him as «the patron saint of the Internet».





A detailed and emotional account of John Paul II's final days.

Between light and shadow, a Pope who changed the history of the Church and the world forever.



PIEMME

336 pages
April 2025

Wojtyla's final cry: "Do not be afraid!"—of speaking out, of freedom, of responsibility—still concerns us today. It challenges us and urges us to seek justice and truth, now and always.

It is both evocative and enlightening to revisit the journey of a great papacy starting from its end

A message of peace and universal humanism. This was Wojtyla's Lesson:

from the forewords

WOJTYLA: THE DAYS OF FAREWELL

The Whole Truth

Orazio La Rocca

After 27 years at the helm of the Catholic Church, the death of Pope John Paul II on April 2, 2005, shocked the entire world, despite being preceded by a long illness. Until the very end, John Paul II remained steadfast on the papal throne, enduring surgeries, a tracheostomy tube, difficulty speaking, and Parkinson's disease. Even in his final moments, he continued to appear at the third-floor window to bless and greet the ever-growing crowd gathered in St. Peter's Square—people who, in the end, came together in collective mourning to bid farewell to a pope who not only transformed the face of the Church but also changed the world. Twenty years after that historic event, Vatican journalist Orazio La Rocca meticulously retraces the days from John Paul II's first emergency hospitalization at Gemelli Hospital in February 2005 to April 2 and beyond, covering his funeral and the organization of the new conclave. This moving chronicle takes readers on a journey into the past, reliving those unforgettable and intense moments when the tiny Vatican City seemed to hold the entire world within its walls. Packed with details and previously unpublished revelations, this is an essential book to remember a Pope who left behind an undisputed legacy—and many unanswered questions—becoming a central figure in history and shaping the world we live in today.

Orazio La Rocca, born in 1950, is a professional journalist and has been a Vatican expert for leading newspapers and magazines for 40 years. He has collaborated with the CEI Communications Office, Vatican Radio, *Il Messaggero*, *L'Osservatore Romano*, and *Panorama*. He has written numerous books, including *The Year of the Three Popes* (San Paolo, 2018), *Ratzinger: The Choice – "I Did Not Run Away"* (San Paolo, 2023), and *Traveling with the Pietà* (San Paolo, 2024).

PAPA FRANCESCO

LA SPERANZA NON DELUDE MAI

Pellegrini verso un mondo migliore



A spiritual guide with invaluable insights to fully live the Holy Year beginning on 24 December with the unsealing of the Holy Door.



PIEMME

176 pages
November 2024

The only book by
Pope Francis for
the 2025 Jubilee.

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Reyes Alcaide

HOPE NEVER LETS YOU DOWN

Pilgrims towards a better world

Pope Francis

In this new book, written especially for the 2025 Jubilee – declared under the watchword «Pilgrims of Hope» – Pope Francis offers vital insights for the Holy Year beginning on 24 December 2024. The Holy Father offers his readers his vision of hope, as well as recounting the role of hope in both his and his predecessors' magisterium, in literature and, more broadly, in the history of humanity. In introducing a Jubilee for a world growing more and more complex, Pope Francis analyses the major issues of our times through an array of «figures» providing a glimmer of hope. An expectant mother introduces the issues of families, natality, and the Church; an indigent man opens a discussion on the social, political, and economic situation at a global level; a refugee offers the opportunity to reflect on migrations and geopolitics, and a civilian in a war zone to speak of the hope for peace; the figures of a senior and a preteen together epitomize the opportunities and shared challenges we must face. In conclusion, the Pope points to concrete actions in order to build, through hope, a better world while confronting the great challenges of the future, such as the development of artificial intelligence and the consequences of climate change.

The Holy Year is the fulfilment of a strong wish of the Pope and will represent a turning point for the Church and beyond.

Hernán Reyes Alcaide (Buenos Aires, 1983) is a journalist and communications consultant, and Vatican correspondent for *Religión Digital*. He has traveled with the Pope to more than 20 countries and published in *Télam* (Argentina), *El Observador* (Uruguay), *L'Osservatore Romano* (Vatican City), among other media. In 2017 he co-wrote *Latinoamérica* with Pope Francis. In 2023 he was declared Outstanding Cultural Personality of the City of Buenos Aires. In 2022 he edited Pope Francis' book *I Ask You in the Name of God* (Piemme).



- THE NAME OF GOD IS MERCY
2018
- GOD IS YOUNG
2019



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2023

SEEK YOUR HORIZON
Getting up and starting again today

A conversation with Davide Banzato

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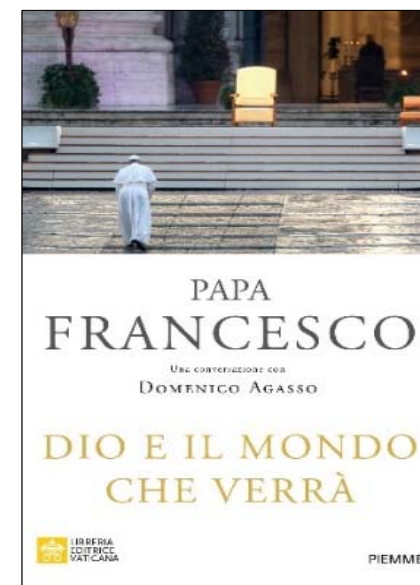


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2022

I AM ASKING IN THE NAME OF GOD
Ten prayers for a future of hope

Edited by Hernán Reyes Alcaide

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GOD AND THE WORLD TO COME

A conversation with Domenico Agasso

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“Humanity is called to make memory of the history received, to have courage to face the present and to nurture hope toward the future”

Andrea Tornielli

BENEDETTO XVI

IL TEOLOGO, IL PONTEFICE, L'UOMO



The complete and definitive biography of the man and pope who changed the history of the Church, told in the authoritative voice of Andrea Tornielli.



PIEMME

352 pages
January 2024

To understand Ratzinger and his papacy one must take as premise this fundamental statement by the Pope: «The ecclesial magisterium protects the faith of the simple: this is the magisterium's democratic task. It must give voice to those who have no voice».

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BENEDICT XVI**The theologian, the pope, the man****Andrea Tornielli**

The passing of Benedict XVI on December 31, 2022, opened a wound in the Vatican, upending already fragile balances and exacerbating the clash between the supporters of Pope Francis and the more conservative wing of the clergy. Andrea Tornielli retraces the life of the Pope Emeritus, from his childhood in Germany to his studies in theology, from his first steps in the Vatican alongside John Paul II to his election to the papacy and his resignation. The author explores the lights and shadows of a man accused by many of hyper-conservatism, labeled a «strict and inflexible inquisitor», overshadowed by scandals such as the Vatileaks and the sexual abuse cases. And yet, if we make the effort to go beyond clichés and resist the temptation to settle for slogans, we discover a different Ratzinger – a man who was attentive to the protection of the environment, of peace, of the poor and marginalized.

This book is the exhaustive and deeply researched portrait of a man of simple habits, a lover of books and music and a great theologian, and the story of a seven-year papacy the author – a Vatican correspondent – was able to follow closely and first-hand: the encyclicals, the official visits around the world, the major decisions, the encounters. An authoritative document revealing a man who undoubtedly changed forever the history of the Vatican.

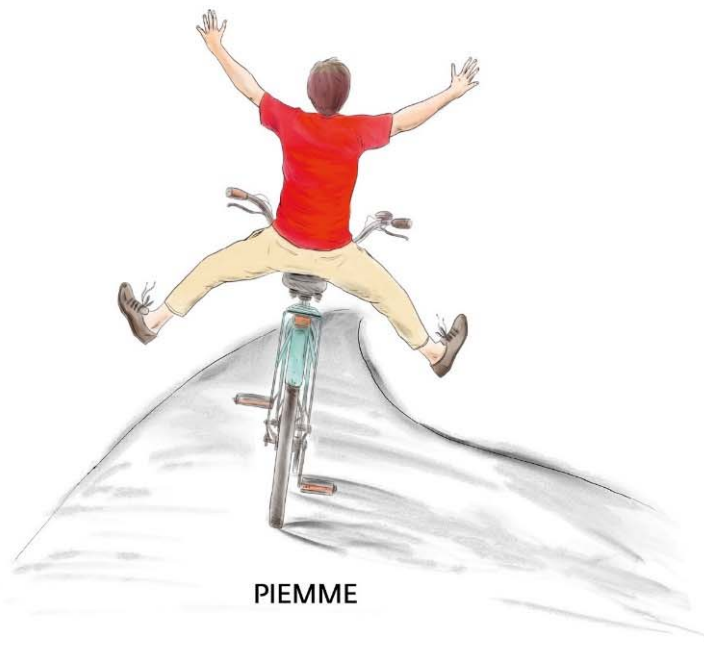
Andrea Tornielli is manager of the editorial department of the Dicastery for Communication of the Holy Seat. Previously he was a Vaticanist and special correspondent for several newspapers, and coordinator of the web site Vatican Insider. His many books include the biographies of Pope Pius XII (2007) and Pope Paul VI (2009), and the best-sellers *Il nome di Dio è misericordia*. [The name of God is Mercy] (2016), *Dov'è Dio? Una conversazione con Julián Carrón* [Where is God? A conversation with Julián Carrón] (2017) and *Vita di Gesù* [The life of Jesus] (2022), all published by Piemme.

MAURIZIO BOTTA

SENZA FRENI

Sull'ossessione del controllo

Prefazione di Franco Nembrini



PIEMME

144 pages
February 2025

"Anyone who flips through the pages of this book immediately understands that it speaks of real life, of the struggles and the beauty that each of us faces every day."

*From the foreword by
Franco Nembrini*

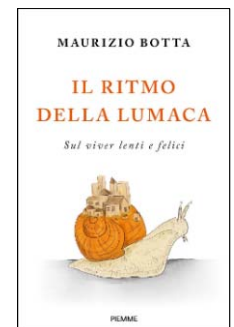
WITHOUT BRAKES

On the Obsession with Control

Maurizio Botta

A fast-paced, frenetic society, where one must always keep up, inevitably leads to the conviction that everything must be under control, everything must be planned—otherwise, we risk falling behind, being excluded, or being considered inadequate or weak. Without even realizing it, this obsession drives us to sacrifice our days in pursuit of fleeting satisfactions, and in this constant hustle, it is especially the two most authentic seasons of life that suffer: childhood and old age. These are the times when the judgment of others does not affect us, and we are truly free to live as we please. Today, we hasten the end of childhood and delay the onset of old age for as long as possible because what is spontaneous and uncontrollable frightens us. Father Maurizio, studying the Gospels and interacting daily with people of all ages, backgrounds, and beliefs, has reflected deeply on these fundamental themes. In these pages, he encourages us to truly live each moment to the fullest, to take nothing for granted, and to be grateful. Indeed, gratitude is the first step in learning the art of contentment—of finding joy in the simple, immense gifts that life offers us every day.

Born in Biella in 1975, **Maurizio Botta** has been a priest since 2006 and exercises his ministry in Rome, after graduating from Bocconi University in Milan. Prefect of the Secular Oratory, for many years he has been a collaborator with the Catechetical Office of the Capitoline Diocese. He has published several books, in which he faces the most problematic issues of faith - and not only - in a clear and direct way, provocative and in dialogue with culture.



**THE RYTHM OF
THE SNAIL (2023)**
Slovenia, Poland

Why are we modern men and women so
obsessed with control?

Why can't we enjoy the present, relax, let go of
the brakes, and allow ourselves to be surprised?

fra Stefano

abbi cura di te

Riscopri la bellezza di vivere

IL CANALE CATTOLICO
PIÙ SEGUITO DI YOUTUBE,
OLTRE MEZZO MILIONE
DI ISCRITTI

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192 pages
March 2025

Brother Stefano has cultivated a spiritual community of over half a million followers, bringing faith and inspiration to people around the world.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF: Rediscover the beauty of living Brother Stefano

Take Care of Yourself: a simple and Immediate Invitation to live each day to the fullest. Simple, yet not taken for granted. Too often, we lose sight of the beautiful things that are right in front of us: a walk in nature, a conversation with a friend, a kind word from a stranger. Caught up in the frenzy of daily life and endless commitments, we forget how to truly appreciate what life offers us. And yet, the need to pause, breathe, and restore balance is becoming increasingly urgent and universal. Brother Stefano understands this well. For years, he has devoted himself to offering spiritual guidance to those who seek him out—whether online or in person—to rediscover the path to inner peace. Through his reflections and insights, he encourages people to ask themselves what might need to be added, removed, or healed within their inner world. This book is born from the many encounters with those he has helped over the years. From meditation to forgiveness, from the search for truth to relationships, Brother Stefano shows us how to nurture the goodness within us, diving deep into the human experience to bring light where it is needed. A book for anyone looking for spiritual guidance through difficult times, as well as for those simply seeking a moment of peace to reconnect with their deepest self—guided by an author whose pure perspective has touched the hearts of thousands.

Stefano Bordinon was born in 1972. After working in the electronics industry and opening a small brewery, he encountered the friars of the Order of the Servants of Mary in 2000 and made a major life change. In 2003, he became a friar and went on to study philosophy, theology, Mariology, and earned a degree in biblical studies. Since 2018, he has lived in the small convent of Santissima Annunciata in Rovato, Brescia, where he focuses primarily on providing spiritual guidance to those who seek his counsel.

"Never, in life, waste a sunny day."



A book to nourish the heart and soul with reflections and secrets from the monastic tradition



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176 pages
November 2024

*The monk reads
the signs of the
times and
develops
messages of life*

THE MYSTERIES OF THE MONKS

Conviviality and prayer

Don Anselmo Lipari

Father Anselmo Lipari, a Benedictine monk in the abbey of San Martino delle Scale in Monreale, Sicily, illustrates for readers of today the beauty of monastic life, explaining the charisma and the daily routines of monks, alternating prayer and work. For though the monastic tradition has always been a locus of great of fascination – just think of all the films, books, tv shows revolving around monks – very little is known of what it really means to become a monk and choose to live in an abbey. Father Anselmo, not just one of the elder and wisest monks in his abbey but also an acknowledged theologian, focuses his attention on the care monks take with meals as nourishment for the body and soul, but also as opportunities for inclusion and sharing. A simple meal shared with the monks is in fact an initiation into the mystery of monasticism, a moment of peace and fraternity in the deafening noise of our daily lives. **In guiding readers to the discovery of life within the abbey, this book offers reflections and food for thought, «life-giving words»** on the meaning of sharing, of conviviality, of participation. Spiritual recipes to rediscover joy, peace, harmony, and closeness to our brethren.

- 52 pills of monastic wisdom, one for each week of the year

A native of Alcamo, **Don Anselmo Lipari** is a lecturer in Moral and Spiritual Theology and a monk at the abbey of San Martino delle Scale, Monreale, Sicily. In 2019 he celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his vows.

Saverio Gaeta

VIVERE IL GIUBILEO

Tutto quello che c'è da sapere
sull'Anno santo: la storia, i luoghi,
gli appuntamenti da non perdere



The most complete guide
to fully experience this unique event. The
meaning of the Jubilee, the significance of its
symbols and rites, anecdotes from the past and
the program of events planned in Rome in 2025



160 pages
October 2024

Bergoglio's invitation was to "keep lit the torch of hope" so that the coming Holy Year may "favour the recomposition of a climate of hope and trust, as a sign of a renewed rebirth that we all feel the urgency of"

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LIVING THE JUBILEE

All you need to know about the Holy Year: history, places and events that can't be missed

Saverio Gaeta

From Christmas 2024 to Epiphany 2026, the Jubilee that periodically commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ will take place in Rome. This 30th Holy Year will have the motto 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Pope Francis called it "a special gift of grace, characterised by the forgiveness of sins and, in particular, by indulgence, the full expression of God's mercy", in continuity with the Jubilee of Mercy, which he had celebrated between 2015 and 2016. Saverio Gaeta's book will be the most comprehensive guide to fully experience this unique event. The author will explain the meaning of the Holy Year, focusing on the **historical and spiritual meaning** of the Jubilee and describing its **symbols** for 2025: pilgrimage, penitential acts, special rites and modalities, official prayer, hymn and logo. He will also present the **programme** of the Jubilee events planned in Rome and recount **anecdotes and curiosities** from past Jubilees. Finally, he will take readers on a journey to the **places of the Jubilee**, illustrating the papal basilicas of Rome (St. Peter's, St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, St. Paul Outside the Walls) and the three other basilicas (Santa Croce in Gerusalemme, St. Lawrence Outside the Walls, St. Sebastian) that make up the **itinerary** of the 'Seven Churches' of St. Philip Neri. Completing the manual are maps of the most important places and a section of **essential information** for pilgrims and visitors, with useful numbers and addresses and instructions on how to get around the city.

Journalist, essayist and Vaticanist **Saverio Gaeta** is the author of a hundred books and essays. He has published the bestseller *Il Veggente* with Salani in 2016 and, with Piemme, *La profezia dei due papi* in 2018 and *Nient'altro che la verità* with Georg Gänswein in 2023, which has become a real publishing case with more than 30,000 copies sold.



A book about vocation and spirituality in the widest sense of the word, and an author honestly opening his heart.

MONDADORI
ELECTA

160 pages
November 2024
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The chisel is in our hands, even if the blows struck come from forces beyond our control. We can decide where to place the awl. We must walk aware that trials, difficulties and falls will be there. Let us not be afraid ever. The secret to fulfilling one's vocation is not to give up.

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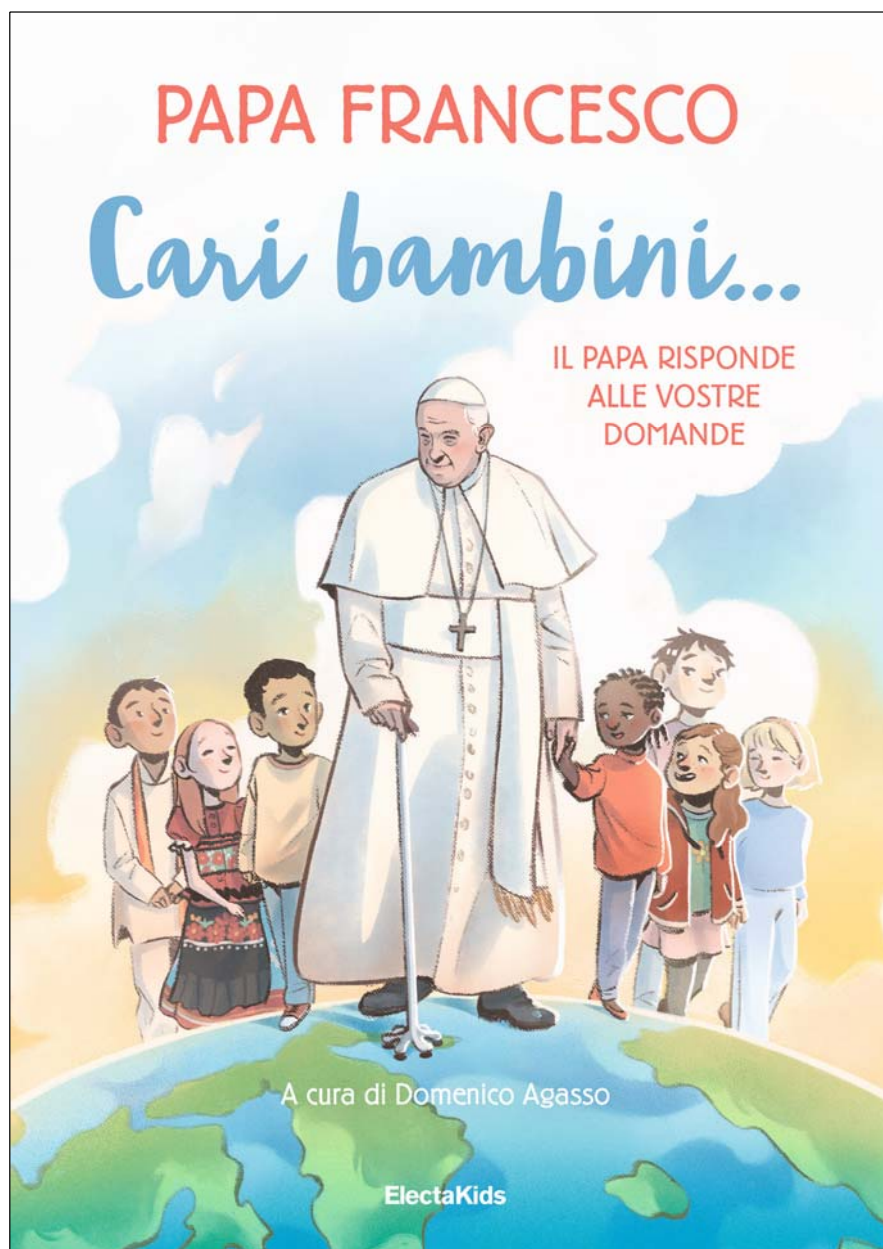
A PIECE OF HEAVEN JUST FOR YOU

Davide Banzato

A story of love, faith, and luminous encounters. Through the open-hearted account of his life, Davide Banzato, priest of the international community *Nuovi Orizzonti*, wants to share with younger people his journey of loss and vocation, of human wandering and Light, to leave the most precious message of all: each of us deserves to get his piece of Heaven and to make his life a wonderful mosaic, just listen to oneself and learn how to make one's dreams shine. *A Piece of Heaven Just for You* is a useful book for those who are growing up to find their place in the world, thanks to the words of a priest who works with young people and their difficulties and who, before finding his vocation, was young himself.

This book, written for pre-teens who find themselves faced with the first choices and questions about themselves (why was I born and what can I do to give meaning to my presence in the world, to do good and feel good?), is an invitation to a journey to find your way in the world, and finding your place within the mosaic of life.

Born in Padoa in 1981, **Don Banzato** is a priest committed to social work for troubled youths at the international community Nuovi Orizzonti founded by Chiara Amirante. Don Banzato writes for several newspapers and magazines, He is the author of the best-seller *Tutto ma prete mai. Una storia di ribellione e d'amore* [Anything but never a priest. Story of love and rebellion] (Piemme, 2021) and, with Pope Francis, of *Cerca il tuo orizzonte. Rialzarsi e ripartire oggi* [Find your horizon. Picking yourself up and starting anew] (Piemme, 2023).



A book of hope in which the Pope speaks directly to the children of the world, answering their questions on the large and small mysteries of life.

MONDADORI
ELECTA

80 pages
October 2023

How special is the life of a pontiff? With sincerity and simplicity, Pope Bergoglio answers to the questions of boys and girls around the world, recounting the memories and experiences of his childhood and addressing important issues such as the meaning of life and the meaninglessness of war.

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edited by
Domenico
Agasso

DEAR CHILDREN.. The Pope answers your questions Pope Francis

After seeing his own kids conversing with the Pope, Domenico Agasso, a Vaticanist, brought to the attention of Bergoglio a collection of questions posed by children from all parts of the world, and the Pope was delighted to comply, answering them all in an attitude of openness and graciousness. Relating to the children the way a fond grandfather would, he tells them of his own childhood, provides answers to the great universal questions (the meaning of life, the senselessness of wars, the importance of aspirations), shows how special and yet ordinary the everyday life of a Pope is. Always in a language that is simple, universal, accessible to kids. Dear children.. is an illustrated book for the whole family, a book brimming with messages of faith and human understanding.

..What emotions did you feel when you realized that you were about to become the new pope?

..What can't you explain?

..Why do you say often that adults should learn from us children?

..Why are there wars?

Born in 1979 in Carmagnola and a graduate in political science, **Domenico Agasso** is a journalist and author. He works for "La Stampa" newspaper as coordinator of the "Vatican Insider", the independent website on Vatican affairs and the initiatives of the Pope. He is the author of several books. He has followed Pope Francis in many of his international visits, and obtained two exclusive interviews for his newspaper, in August 2019 and March 2020. He's been editor of Pope Francis book Dio e il mondo che verrà [God and the world to come]

LUIGI GIUSSANI

IL MIRACOLO DELL'OSPITALITÀ

Introduzione di Julián Carrón
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"Hospitality is the greatest imitation of the love that God has for mankind that a person can live."

One of Giussani's most beloved classics



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 (March 2003)

"Welcoming and sharing are the only ways to build a relationship that is truly worthy of human dignity because only through them does a person fully become a person—that is, a relationship with the Infinite..."

New updated edition
 -
 Introduction by Julián Carrón

THE MIRACLE OF HOSPITALITY

Luigi Giussani

"Under the impulse of the Spirit, the family unit not only welcomes life by generating it within itself but also opens up, stepping beyond its own boundaries to share its goodness with others, to care for them, and to seek their happiness. This openness is particularly expressed through hospitality. [...] When a family welcomes and reaches out to others, especially the poor and the abandoned, it becomes a 'symbol, testimony, and participation in the motherhood of the Church.'"

The awareness of the decisive role of the family in the Church and the contemporary world, as expressed in these words by Pope Francis, is reflected in the talks and dialogues given by Don Giussani to the groups of the "Families for Hospitality" association. This organization has been committed for many years to promoting and supporting foster care, adoption, and the experiences of families who open their homes to those in need. The word hospitality —of which foster care and adoption are synonymous— thus defines the identity of a family that, with gratitude and dedication, remains open to life, recognizing its sacred and irreducible nature beyond mere human measurement. Today, it is from this reality of family that we must begin again to effectively and humanely address the crises —geopolitical, economic, environmental, and, above all, moral— that weigh upon the contemporary world.

Born in 1922, **Don Luigi Giussani** studied Theology and specialized in "American Protestant theology and the rational motivation for faith and adherence to the Church". He left seminary teaching to work in high schools. For 26 years he's been teaching Introduction to Theology at the Catholic University in Milan. He authored numerous essays, translated into multiple languages, many of which have become classics of Christian faith and spirituality. In the mid-1950s, he founded the Communion and Liberation movement, which has since spread in more than 90 countries worldwide. Don Giussani passed away in 2005 and the homily was delivered by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger. Declared a Servant of God in 2012, the diocesan phase of his cause for beatification and canonization is currently underway.



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For a future in which AI, if ethically applied, will
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The development of new technologies has multiplied questions on critical issues. What ethical approach can we adopt to have real impact on technology? How do we prevent humankind from becoming technologized instead of technology being humanized? How do we avoid becoming enslaved by "algocracy", i.e., the power of algorithms? How do we respond to the overwhelming power of those who own big data?

THE ALGORITHM OF LIFE

Ethics and Artificial Intelligence

Vincenzo Paglia

The ever-accelerating development of Artificial Intelligence and its benefits and risks are crucial concerns of many and naturally of the Church as well, called to meet the growing need for spiritual guidance in navigating the flood of new data and information. In 2020, in signing the document "Rome Call for A.I. Ethics", the Pontifical Academy for Life led by Msgr. Paglia, along with FAO, IBM, Microsoft, and the Italian Ministry for Innovation, took on **the mission of promoting an ethical approach to the use of Artificial Intelligence**. A commitment to put AI in the service of humankind and not vice versa. AI must not become an aid to the already overwhelming power of tools of oppression – from weapons to the innumerable technologies of control and surveillance. Rather, in more useful and profitable fashion, AI should widen the access to still untapped areas of development and progress. Following the lead of Pope Francis, who for years has been speaking of the importance of AI for the future of the Church and humankind, Vincenzo Paglia guides the reader to the discovery of the advancements made and of those still to be addressed to bring about a future in which Artificial Intelligence, ethically applied, will truly have a positive impact on people's lives, even contributing to the attainment of universal peace.

The former bishop and then archbishop of Terni, **Vincenzo Paglia** is now president of the Pontifical Academy for Life and spiritual counselor for the Community of Sant'Egidio, where he is active for the organization of ecumenical and inter-religious meetings. He is the author of several essays on believers and lay people relations, as well as books on religious themes, the religious ministry and social commitment



When sudden, inexplicable tragedies befall us, how can we still believe there is a God, that he is beautiful and even loves us?



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It is in seeking the beauty of God that we discover we are loved. And find that God is not out to punish us.

So, let's try reading the Gospel together and see the ways God loves us. In the end it will be up to you to decide whether this is yet another, pious, mindboggling and useless illusion, or whether it's worth taking the risk.

If it's worth the risk of becoming Christians, remaining disciples, giving ourselves over to trust. And to (still) believe.

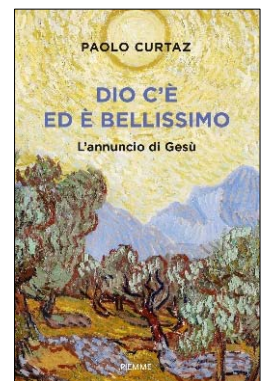
YOU ARE LOVED

God is not mad at you

Paolo Curtaz

To this day, the vast majority of people, including believers, see religion as a sort of protocol on how to “behave”; a set of moral rules, a (tedious, limiting) track we must follow, and that, somehow, God is out to punish us. Otherwise, why would bad things happen and why are prayers never answered? Curtaz knows full well what this feels like, having had to cope with major health issues and now living with a pain that has become a constant in his life. In his new book, Curtaz shows us that **it is precisely in our darkest moments, when we struggle to keep the faith, that we discover that God is not out to punish us but loves us**, and that the Christian faith is not just a question of righteousness but of falling in love. There is a God, and he is in love. With his uniquely engaging and unsanctimonious style, Curtaz guides us to a rediscovery of the Gospel, encouraging us once again to ponder the truth of the Christian message, stripping it of false beliefs and biases that obscure its purest meaning.

Born in Aosta in 1965, **Paolo Curtaz** is a theologian and writer. He shares his studies and his meditations on the Holy Word with the thousands of people, both believers and non-believers, he meets every day at lectures, on pilgrimages, on the Internet, on social networks and webinars. He has published over fifty books, translated in six different languages. He is acknowledged as one of the few religious teachers that can satisfy the yearning for meaning of contemporary times



GOD EXISTS AND HE IS BEAUTIFUL
(2022)



What could someone like Saint Francis, who lived in 1200, teach us about the challenges we face in our times, in a world as constantly changing as ours? 18



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HOPE IS STILL POSSIBLE

The message of Saint Francis, a beacon lighting the way out of the darkness of our times

Roberto Repole

In the landscape of human history, few figures shine as brightly as that of Saint Francis of Assisi. He is not somebody to be consigned to the past but a vibrant presence, still speaking directly to present-day people and to the aspirations of our times.

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Agasso

Roberto Repole will be appointed cardinal by Pope Francis in December 2025.

What makes unique the saint who took «Lady Poverty» as his bride, and why is he still one of the most venerated figures not just in the Church but in the history of humanity? These and many more are the questions explored by Roberto Repole, archbishop of Turin, in this new book – not the umpteenth biography or collection of anecdotes on the life of the saint from Assisi, but a truly innovative and enlightening portrait. Saint Francis' vow of poverty, his love for all living creatures, his poetry, are already well known. The aim of the author is to shed light on a less known side of Francis, and the real reason why, after eight centuries, his name and memory are still alive in our collective imagination, fascinating, inspiring and guiding us in our times of deep changes – or in the words of Pope Francis, who took his name from the saint, in a radical shift in time. We then discover that **Saint Francis uniquely adapted to the changes in his own time, embodying a surprising template of adaptation and resilience.** His message, passed on for generations, shows the way to overcome our own trials, teaching us to walk the thin line between traditional wisdom and new ideas, between the importance of preserving the past and the need to face the future in faith and hope.

Former lecturer in Ecclesiology, of Ordained Ministry and Systematic Theology and later rector of the Theological University of Northern Italy, Turin Campus, **Roberto Repole** was president of ATI (Italian Theological Association) from 2011 to 2019. Since 19 February 2022 he has been the archbishop of Turin and bishop of Susa. **Domenico Agasso** works as coordinator of the "Vatican Insider", is the author of several books and the editor of Pope Francis book Dio e il mondo che verrà [God and the world to come]




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The story of a pilgrimage as metaphor of a unique life. An intense biographical parable to the discovery of true life-values. The personal narrative of an extraordinary experience lived by Andrea Bocelli: the journey of the ancient pilgrimage route of the Via Francigena, from Rome to Lajatico, on horseback. The intimate journal of the three weeks Andrea spent in a deep communion with the silence and wonders of nature and his inner self. A travel log that, following the rhythm of the pilgrimage, becomes a reflection on his entire life, through the anecdotes and memories of an exceptional personal arc to both inspire a wide range of readers and convey the life lessons of a major representative of Italian culture in the world – the significance that music had and still has in his life, the challenges he has had to face, the value of the choices he made and his many accomplishments.

Elected everywhere in the world as a testament to Italy's highest vocal tradition, **Andrea Bocelli** has sold more than 90 million records. A record-breaking artist, among countless accolades is that star shining on the Hollywood Walk of Fame since 2010 in his honor. He has received six Grammy Award nominations and as many Latin Grammy Awards. He has performed for four U.S. presidents, three popes, the British royal family, many prime ministers, globally for the ceremonies of the Olympic Games, Expo Shanghai 2010, Expo Milano 2015 (with the Teatro alla Scala Orchestra), and the opening of Expo Dubai 2021. In 2011, he started the Andrea Bocelli Foundation in order to enhance the wealth of relationships and the bond of trust that he has created and continues to create in every area of the globe he visits and where, fatefully, he is considered a reference point of musical but also ethical order.

“Every journey can be a pilgrimage.
Each of our authentic thoughts dedicated to life
can remind us that we are more
than what we are”



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Openly dealing with this horrifying experience – an experience we tend, for several reasons, to live in isolation, sometimes even in shame – can generate threads that, weaved together, create a receptacle for other stories, other forms of grief, other losses.

STRONGER THAN DEATH IS LOVE

Starting again after the loss of a child

Bernardo Gianni, Loredana Blasi

Most languages don't have a word to define a parent who has lost a child. The loss of a child is so frightening and unnatural we cannot even conceive as possible, let alone giving it a name. It is a hurt like no other, a wound that never heals. Yet, amazingly, human beings find a way to survive it. And to start living again. Yet we cannot save ourselves on our own, especially from an abyss as unfathomable as this.. This was what Loredana Blasi learned when she lost her Tommaso. She realized the only people who could lead her out of the darkness were those who had been through the very same hell. And she decided, along with Bernardo Gianni, a monk and the abbot of San Miniato al Monte, Florence, the abbey where Loredana's son was buried, to create a meeting place and support group for parents "orphaned" of their children. In this book the voices of Bernardo and Loredana weave an enlightening dialogue between a mother and her spiritual counselor, aiming to reach all people who are experiencing the same loss. So they don't feel alone, and discover it is still possible to keep living and be saved by love, which is stronger than death.

Bernardo Gianni was born in Florence in 1968. An Olivetan monk of the Benedictine order and a major figure in the Florentine spiritual and cultural scene, he is the abbot of San Miniato al Monte where he has been living since 1996. In 2019 he was chosen by Pope Francis as preacher for the spiritual exercises of Lent.

Loredana Blasi, (1957) lives in Florence. In 2008, four years after the loss of her child, she founded the association La Stanza Accanto [The next room], welcoming and supporting parents who have lost a child and helping them to live again, as opposed to just surviving.

BERNARDO GIANNI LOREDANA BLASI

PIÙ FORTE DELLA MORTE È L'AMORE

Ricominciare a vivere dopo la perdita di un figlio

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A conversation between a mother and a monk,
an interlacing of grief and hope in the
knowledge that love can shine a beacon of light
even in the darkest depths of night



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Don Luigi Ciotti never stops raising his voice to spread a message of love and hope.

The story of Libera. A book to inspire.



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A HUNDRED STEPS TOWARD ANOTHER ITALY

Libera, in dialogue with Don Luigi Ciotti

"I continue to believe that together we can change course—provided we transform individual and social suffering into a desire for change. And that we shake off, with determination, the frustration and discouragement that too often gnaw at our souls. Commitment needs dynamism. It needs smiles. It needs hope."

Don Luigi Ciotti

Organizations like Libera, the association inspired and founded by Don Ciotti to combat mafias and corruption, are in constant evolution, adapting to a rapidly changing society. More and more people, especially young individuals, have joined Libera to contribute—women and men, passionate and determined, who have given their strength, commitment, heart, and intellect to build that collective "We" that resists indifference and resignation. Inspired by the tireless example of Don Luigi Ciotti, who never stops raising his voice to spread a message of love and hope, Libera continues to fight for social justice, the pursuit of truth, the protection of rights, transparent politics, and democratic legality. Over the years, new missions have been added, such as aiding women who, against their will, find themselves entangled in mafia organizations—women whom Libera rescues and protects. And beyond that, countless other urgent and necessary initiatives. The path is not easy—more often than not, it is steep and full of obstacles—but it is always worth walking.

LIBERA – Associations, Names, and Numbers Against the Mafias was founded on March 25, 1995, with the aim of mobilizing civil society in the fight against mafias and corruption while promoting legality and justice. Among its concrete commitments are the law on the social use of assets confiscated from the mafia, education for democratic legality, efforts against corruption, training camps, projects focused on work and development, and initiatives against usury.

Born in 1945, **Don Luigi Ciotti** is a priest and the visionary founder of *Gruppo Abele* and the *Libera* association. Recognized both in Italy and abroad for his relentless fight against organized crime, he has authored several books.



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