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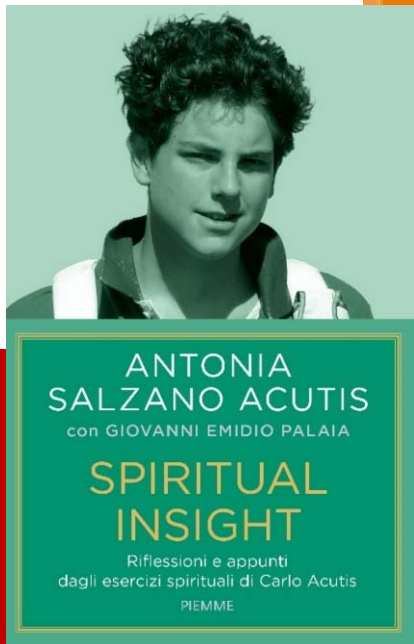
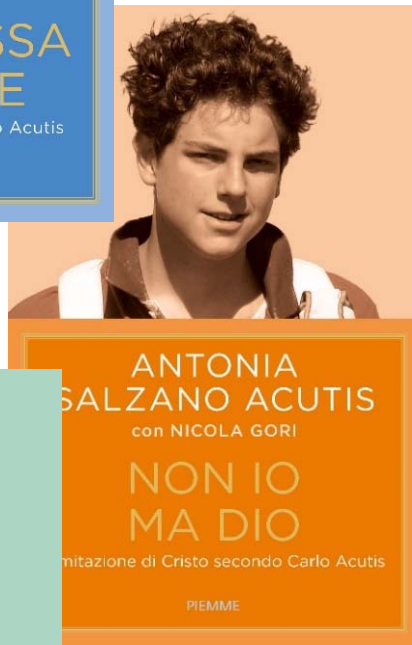
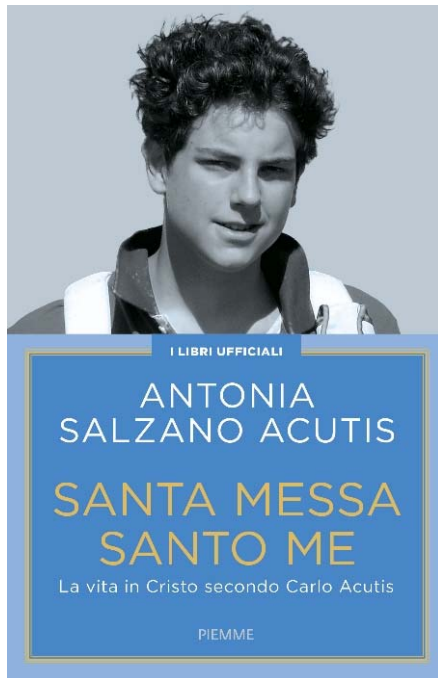


CARLO ACUTIS – THE OFFICIAL BOOKS (2025)

A three-book series collecting the unpublished writings of young Carlo Acutis, who was proclaimed a saint on September 2025, out of Pope Francis's will

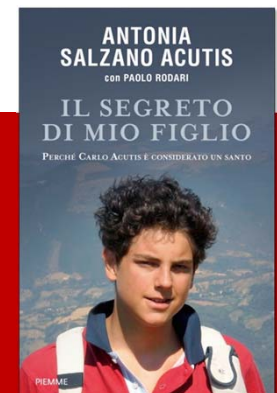
The official books on St. Carlo Acutis (1991-2006) aim to help readers learn about the life of this young saint and his spirituality: his union with Christ, his love for the Eucharist, his devotion to Our Lady, his charity toward the poorest and the ideals he embodied and lived. These values speak to 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 was proclaimed a saint in September 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



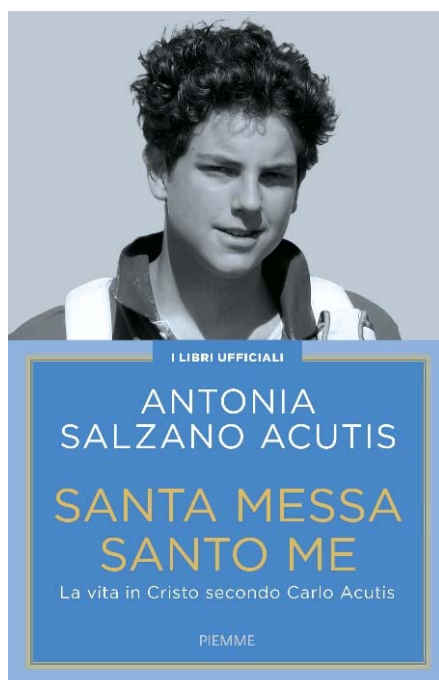
THE FIRST BOOK ON CARLO'S LIFE WRITTEN BY HIS MOTHER HAS BEEN A PUBLISHING SUCCESS!

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"

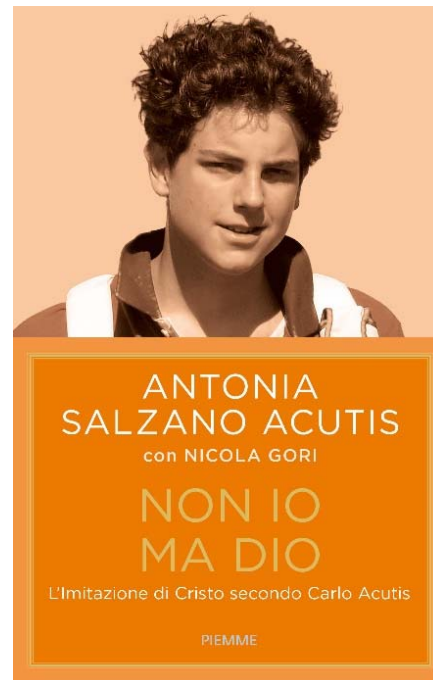
Pope Francis



192 pages
April 2025

HOLY MASS, HOLY ME
Antonia Salzano Acutis

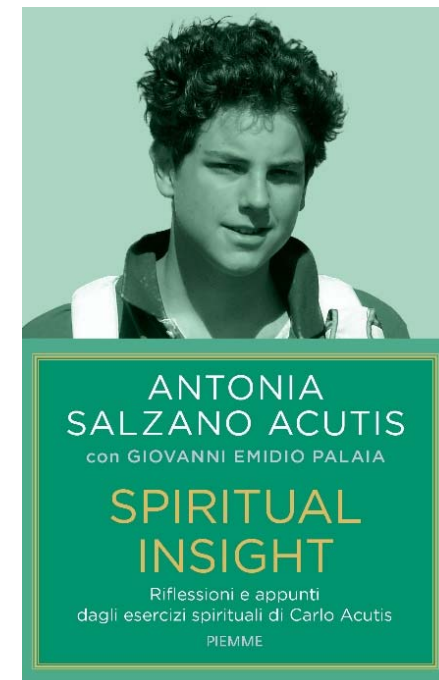
Holy Mass, holy me invites readers to discover the immense value of the Eucharist. Through the unpublished notes and testimony of San Carlo Acutis, his deep love for the Holy Mass and the central role it played in his life emerge. The volume offers a guide to understanding and living the Eucharist with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

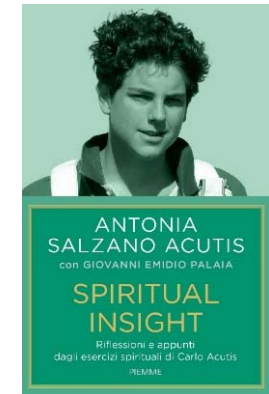
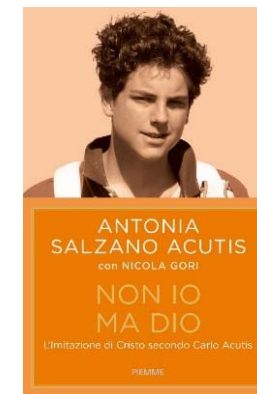
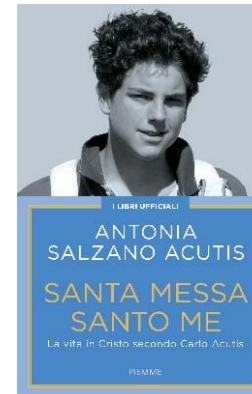
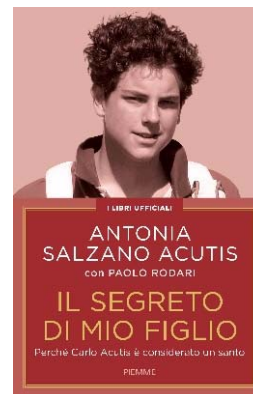
Giovanni Emidio Palaia

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».

The centrality of God, as the reason for existence, to which everything can be traced, is evident in Carlo's experience.





176 pages
November 2025

When the storm overwhelms us, we need discernment, inner freedom, and new strength so as not to be paralyzed by fear.

DAVIDE BANZATO

Il coraggio di SCEGLIERE

Il mio viaggio con
SANT'AGOSTINO



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A journey of introspection to discover the deeper meaning of the word "courage": the courage to choose who we want to be every day.

THE COURAGE TO TAKE A CHOICE

My journey with Saint Augustine

Davide Banzato

Making choices is never easy, especially when life presents us with complex dilemmas where the line between good and evil becomes blurred. How can we overcome our deepest fears? How can we choose the best possible option when all the alternatives seem imperfect? How can we succeed in being free? Don Davide does not offer ready-made answers to these questions, but rather ideas for embarking on a personal and authentic search. In doing so, he draws on the support of a great figure from history: Saint Augustine. A fascinating character who experienced profound contradictions and who, precisely because of his restlessness and his mistakes, became a source of inspiration for Davide during the most delicate moments of his journey. A restless and passionate man, capable of falling and getting back up again and again, Augustine tirelessly sought truth and authentic love. He continues to speak to the hearts of modern men and women, inviting them not to fear doubt, not to flee from restlessness, and to have the courage to change. The book also addresses current issues such as the theory of "just war," of which Augustine was the architect. This text does not seek to lecture, but rather to offer keys to navigating the storms of life without fear of difficult choices. For it is precisely through these choices that we build our truest freedom.

Born in 1981 and appointed "Missionary of Mercy" by Pope Francis, **Don Davide Banzato** serves disadvantaged young people in the Nuovi Orizzonti community, on missions in Italy and abroad. He has received several awards for his work as a journalist for newspapers, radio, and television. For Piemme, he has published the bestsellers *Tutto ma prete mai* (Everything but a priest, 2021, 40,000 copies sold) and *Cerca il tuo orizzonte* (Seek your horizon, 2023), in dialogue with Pope Francis. With Mondadori Electa, he has published the book *Un pezzo di cielo solo per te* (A piece of sky just for you, 2024) addressed to younger readers.



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“In certain situations, the choice we have to make does not involve the ideal or perfect option, but only two difficult alternatives: the lesser evil or the greatest possible good. In these cases, our freedom and discernment are put to the test in a profound way. These are the kinds of decisions that require a high degree of maturity, responsibility, and discernment, as they force us to understand what is truly important to us, what our core values are, and what we can do to act in a just and responsible manner even when the alternatives are inadequate or imperfect. This situation is often a test of our ability to navigate between good and evil, to choose consciously while being aware of the difficulties and nuances that each option entails. Pope Francis rightly and convincingly stated that reality is superior to ideas. We are called to live only in the present, with its concreteness and its often harsh, insidious, and unpredictable reality for which we never feel adequately prepared.”

Don Davide Banzato - From the introduction

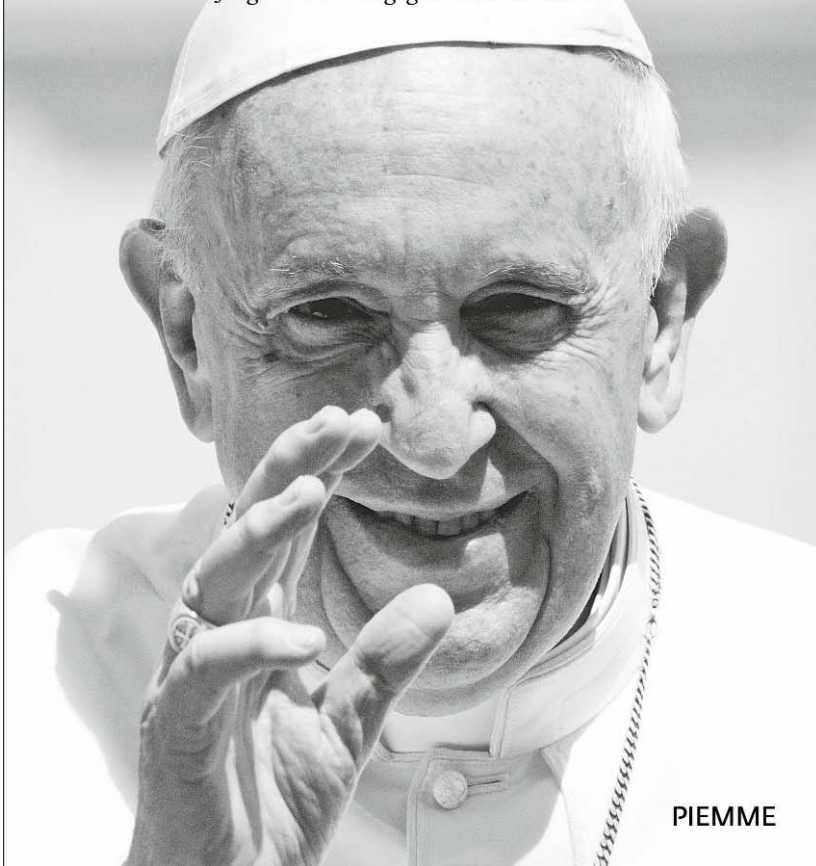
“Courage, choice and knowing how to choose, fear and how to overcome it, discerning what is best in order to give full meaning to our lives: these are the most difficult, obscure and at the same time luminous challenges of our existence. In an age marked by uncertainty and confusion, these are the issues that St. Augustine will help us to address.” - Don Davide Banzato

ANDREA TORNIELLI

FRANCESCO

IL PAPA DELLA MISERICORDIA

Jorge Mario Bergoglio visto da vicino



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"I will try to offer a few pointers to help myself and the reader, if he so chooses, to retain what I consider to be the authentic 'precious pearls' of these last years of Church history. Pearls that have been and continue to be precious first and foremost to me."

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FRANCESCO: THE POPE OF MERCY

Jorge Mario Bergoglio seen up close

Andrea Tornielli

Andrea Tornielli, since 2018 editorial director of the Holy See's Dicastery for Communication, writes a moving portrait of Jorge Mario Bergoglio, both as pontiff and as man. From the very first meeting with him at the conclave in 2005, a succession of intimate and unpublished moments that the journalist decided to share in order to remember and celebrate a pope who, in the twelve years of his pontificate, was able to change the face of the Church by bringing it back to the midst of men, reaching out not only to the faithful but also to many lay people who precisely thanks to him have drawn closer to God. An uncommon pontiff who, although sometimes finding himself in the midst of controversy, never backed down in the face of difficulties, always taking the side of the poor, migrants, young people, the elderly, the weakest, too often forgotten, asking for mercy and dignity for them. A pope that no one can ever forget.

Andrea Tornielli traces Francis' papacy from the first to the last day, including personal memories and unforgettable moments.

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.

An honest and unedited look at Jorge Bergoglio from the man who knew him as a pope and as a man.



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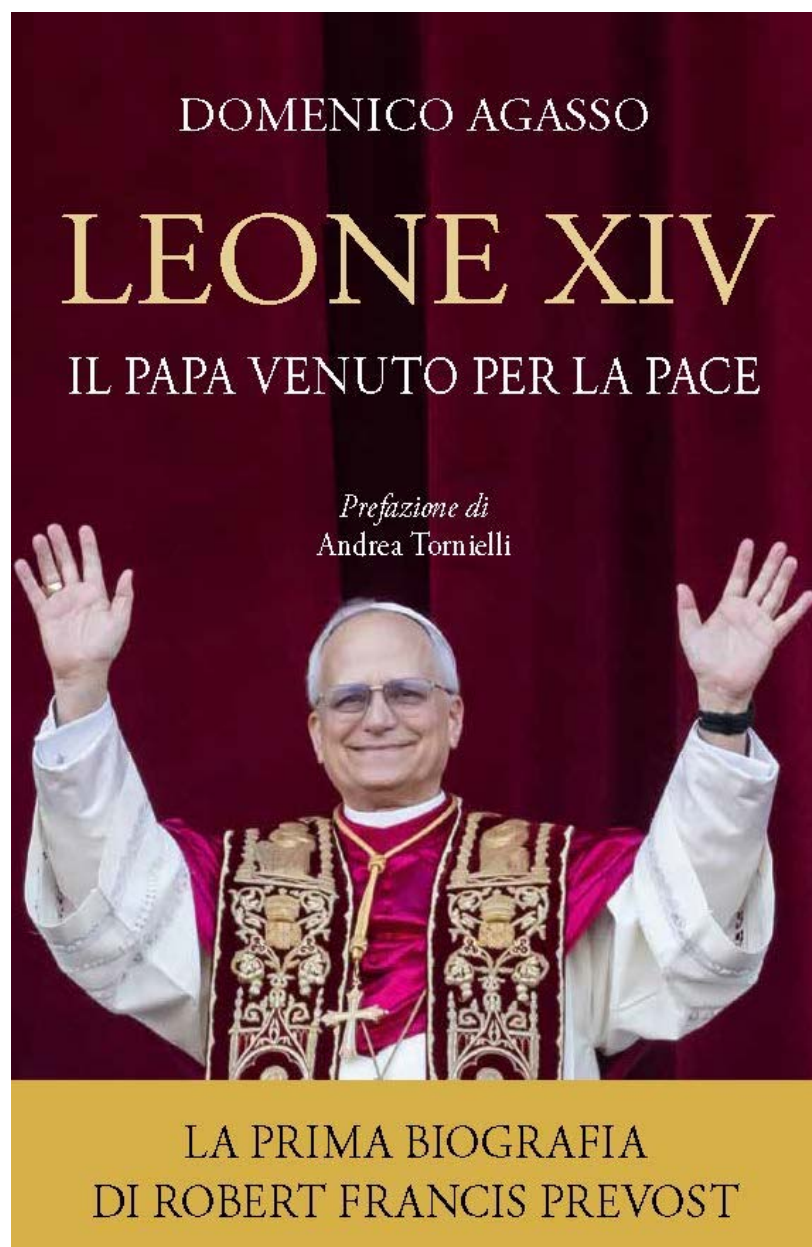
LEO XIV

The pope who came for peace

Domenico Agasso

In the late afternoon of May 8, after only four ballots, the new pope of the Catholic Church was elected. In the frenzied predictions chasing each other in the preceding days, his was certainly not among the most popular names. As such, it was a surprise to many to see Robert Francis Prevost, the first North American (and Augustinian) to become pontiff, appear from the balcony of St. Peter's. He chose the name Leo XIV, perhaps in continuity with that Leo XIII who has gone down in history for the encyclical "Rerum Novarum" in which the Church for the first time took a stand on social issues. At a difficult time for the planet, amid ongoing and announced wars, an economy in crisis, the difficulties of international dialogue and social conflicts, it is hoped that this pope can open new paths of peace and brotherhood. In continuity with Francis, the very word "peace" was one of the first and most uttered by the new successor of Peter. For many years a bishop in Chiclayo, Peru, Prevost has always had a special concern for the last, the poor, but without ever losing sight of the centrality of God. His is a name that, it is hoped, will be able to bring together and hold together the whole Church: his figure is, for many, the synthesis between the institutional and missionary Church. However, that left by Bergoglio is not an easy legacy to pick up: will the new pontiff be able to fill the empty space left by Francis in the hearts of millions?

Born in 1979 in Carmagnola and a graduate in political science, vaticanist **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]



Domenico Agasso traces the origins, life and ideas of the new Pontiff.

A well-rounded portrait to learn about a Pope who, since his election, already appears destined to go down in history.



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ORAZIO LA ROCCA
CON I CONTRIBUTI DI LILIANA SEGRE,
LUCIO CARACCIOLIO E WALTER VELTRONI

WOJTYLA

I GIORNI DELL'ADDIO

TUTTA LA VERITÀ



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.

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).

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.



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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.

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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.



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HOPE NEVER LETS YOU DOWN

Pilgrims towards a better world

Pope Francis

In this book, one of his last ones and inspired by the Jubileum, Pope Francis 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. 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; **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 has been the fulfilment of a strong wish of the Pope and was meant to be 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).

MAURIZIO BOTTA

SENZA FRENI

Sull'ossessione del controllo

Prefazione di Franco Nembrini



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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*

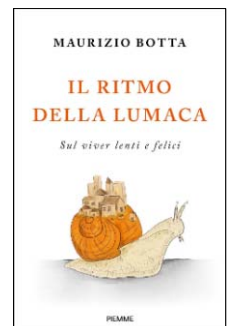
WITHOUT BRAKES

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,
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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



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.

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IL CANALE CATTOLICO
PIÙ SEGUITO DI YOUTUBE,
OLTRE MEZZO MILIONE
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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."



160 pages
November 2025

THROUGH HER EYES

The priest and Tempesta the dog: a tale of love, faith, and friendship

Cosimo Schena

Through Tempesta's tender and surprisingly deep voice, this book tells the story of an extraordinary bond between a priest and his faithful four-legged companion.

Don Schena is described as "the poet of the love of God"

On an ordinary day, one of those days when nothing extraordinary seems likely to happen, Don Cosimo finds an abandoned puppy in a box on the street: he looks into her eyes and cannot help but take her with him. He decides to call her Tempesta (Storm), and just like a strong storm, the animal will sweep away what was there before, changing her human's life forever. Through Tempesta's eyes, we enter Don Cosimo's life, his daily routine of prayer and joy in helping others. With a delicate and original narrative, it is the little dog who tells us about their days, their discoveries, and their difficult moments. All this with an innocent but deeply wise gaze that reveals the value of unconditional love, mutual care, and presence, leaving the reader with food for thought to pause, dig a little deeper, and discover something new about themselves.

Born in 1970, **Cosimo Schena** is a priest of the Diocese of Brindisi Ostuni. He graduated in Philosophy and Clinical and Dynamic Psychology, obtained a PhD in Philosophy from the Pontifical Lateran University, and specialized in Brief Strategic Psychotherapy, an innovative approach to the treatment of various forms of psychopathology. He has published books of poetry and essays on philosophy. He is the most followed priest on social networks in Italy, where he shares reflections, columns, and invitations to love, peace, and care for creation. He has published *Dio è il mio coach* (God is my coach) (2024) for Piemme.



GOD IS MY COACH (2024)
Slovenia



A diary of life, adventure, and spirituality that touches the heart, makes you smile, and invites you to look at the world through eyes full of love.



128 pages
January 2025

STORY OF A DOG TALKING ABOUT GOD

Marta Monfrinotti

"It won't be a lecture on God, I'm not a theologian; it won't be a lecture on knowledge, I'm not a philosopher. I'm not even a dog educator. I don't really know what I am, really, but I seemed to catch a glimpse of Life in life through the presence of a dog, and it seems only right to share it with you."

"I'm just going to see, just to see." This is what Marta repeats to herself as she heads toward the encounter that will change her life. A simple car ride that becomes a "pilgrimage" and leads her to Ruth, the little dog who from that day on breaks into her everyday life, upsetting habits, beliefs and conventions and leading her on a path of rediscovery of herself and the profound meaning of living. At first Marta is unable to penetrate the mysterious world of the animal, to break down her wall of distrust. She tries to meet her needs, wonders where she is going wrong, why Ruth is not affectionate and tame. As in all relationships, it will take time to understand each other and learn to give and take space, until a fulfilling but fragile balance is reached, one that should never be taken for granted. Grinding through miles of woods and concrete on their long walks, Marta and Ruth will discover a new and life-giving experience of the Other. The struggle to get to know each other, the courage to try, the hope that something might change, the fear, the anger, the love that can move everything. Ruth, with her pacing, will show the way to small and hidden signs of Life and will impart to Martha a series of lessons about existence, relationships, and relationship with God that are now encapsulated in this book: surprising and touching pages, a caress in a present in which we seldom stop to reflect on the simplest, perhaps trivial things, but which often, like Ruth with Martha, show us the way to authentic and lasting happiness.

Marta Monfrinotti was born in Rome. At the age of 17 a chance encounter with a priest brought her closer to the faith. She left as a missionary in Kazakhstan, then graduated in Psychology from La Sapienza University and, after various work experiences, started the adventure of *Venite Benedetti*, a place of welcome and encounter, where to try to rediscover one's talents and enter into a relationship with others and with God, which has now become an association run together with Sister Fernanda.

Marta Monfrinotti

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Ruth, la mia guida spirituale



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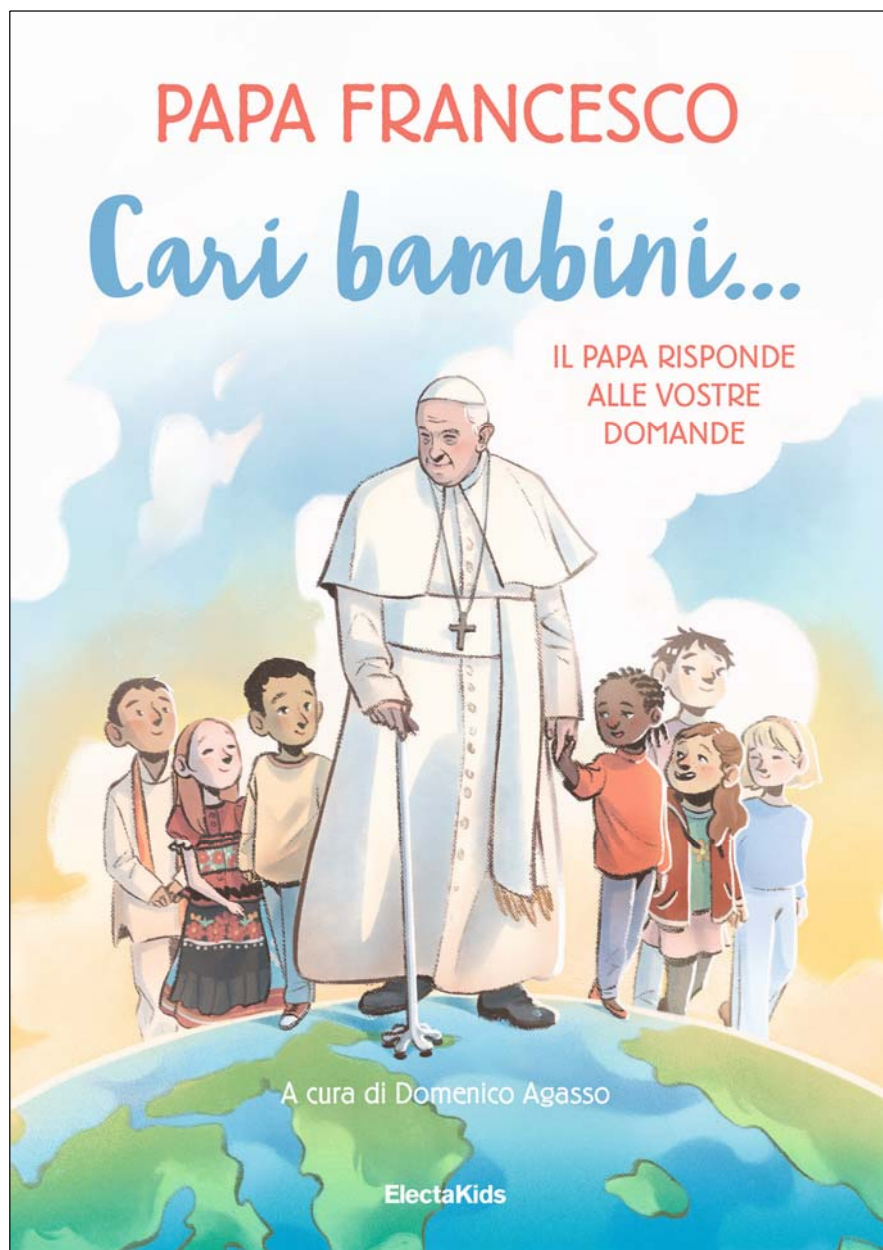
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Born in Padoa in 1981, **Don Banzato** is a priest committed to social work for troubled youths at the international community Nuovi Orizzonti founded by Chiara Amirante. Don Banzato writes for several newspapers and magazines, He is the author of 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).

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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]




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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.

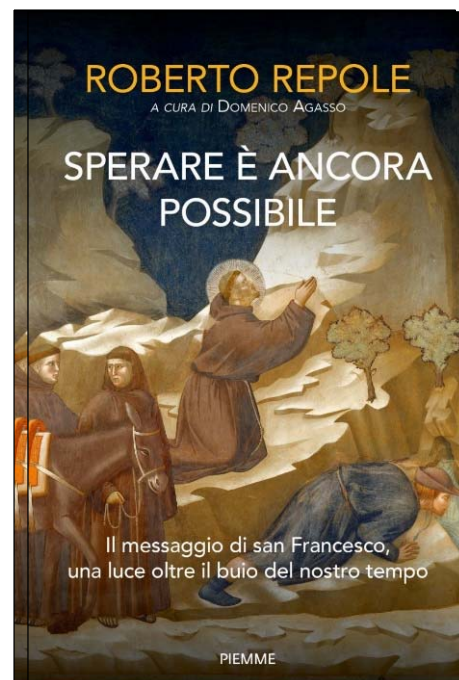


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