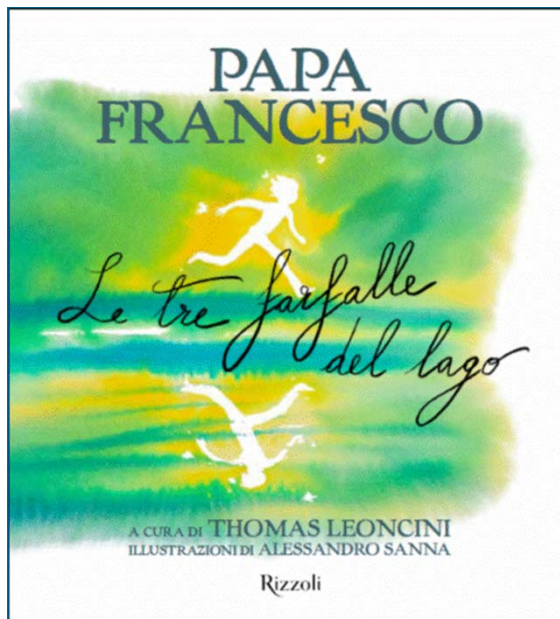


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THE THREE BUTTERFLIES OF THE LAKE Pope Francis

Edited by Thomas Leoncini – Illustrated by Alessandro Sanna

"This book was born from a secret entrusted to silence. I remember well the day when Pope Francis first spoke to me about these pages — his voice had the tone of autumn days, when leaves fall without making a sound yet carry within them the full meaning of the seasons. He told me he wanted to write words not meant only for a book, but to become a caress, a breath, and a consolation for those who find themselves gazing at the threshold of a sunset."

- from the Introduction by Thomas Leoncini

The Three Butterflies of the Lake is a text dense with poetry and rich in meaning: a spiritual testament that Pope Francis entrusted, just a few days before his passing, to the attentive hands of Thomas Leoncini, who brought it to us as an "embrace for those who remain," reminding us that true love never dies. Introduced by a moving preface from Thomas Leoncini, who recalls the Pope's legacy with deep emotion, the words of Pope Francis gently flutter across the pages, accompanied by the unique illustrations of Alessandro Sanna.

- A text enriched by the unique illustrations of Alessandro Sanna
- Publication scheduled for the first anniversary of Pope Francis's passing
- The final words of one of the most beloved pontiffs, written in his own hand and addressed to a wide audience, carrying a profound spiritual message for all who have experienced the pain of loss and the loneliness that follows.
- Possibility of a simultaneous worldwide release
- The book will carry the official imprimatur of LEV (Libreria Editrice Vaticana)

Thomas Leoncini, the editor, is a writer, a journalist, and holds a degree in Psychology. He is the author of two bestselling books: *God Is Young* (Piemme, 2018) with Pope Francis, and *Born Liquid* (Sperling & Kupfer, 2017) with Zygmunt Bauman — both translated into many languages. In 2018, Pope Francis appointed him as a lay member of the World Synod of Young People.

SALVATORE CERNUZIO

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Un ritratto inedito di Papa Francesco

A private story.
The human face of a Pontiff who was, first
and foremost, a father and a pastor.



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A book that is
both a tribute
and a
historical
testimony of
absolute
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Pope Francis: An Unseen Portrait Salvatore Cernuzio

This book was born as an act of gratitude toward a man, a pope, who changed everyone's life and touched the hearts of many.

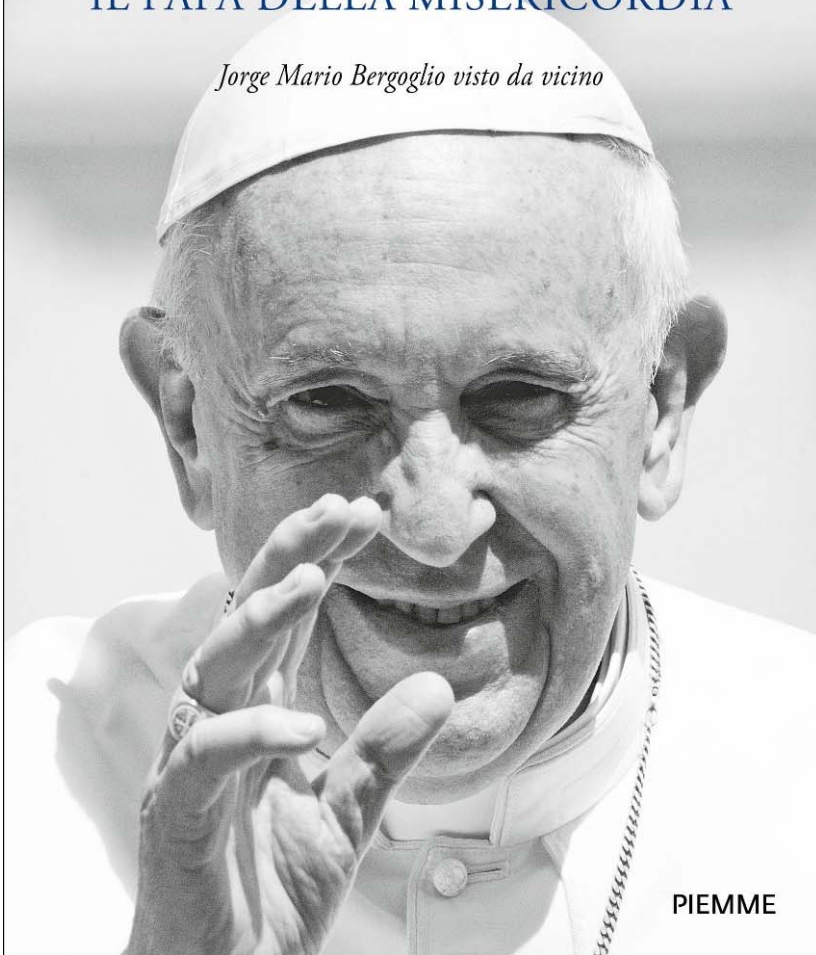
So begins this intimate account of a bond that transcended the boundaries of role and hierarchy—a relationship that the author and Vaticanist Salvatore Cernuzio does not hesitate to define as "father-son," entrusted to these pages with delicacy and thankfulness. It all began with a letter delivered almost on impulse during a papal flight, followed by an unexpected phone call: "Good evening, this is Pope Francis." From that moment, a dialogue was born that would last for years, made up of meetings at Casa Santa Marta, shared secrets, laughter, jokes, and profound reflections on faith, family, suffering, and the Church. It was a dialogue destined to be interrupted only a few days before his death.

Bergoglio was the Father of everyone: the pope of the people, the man who never left the "last" behind, and who knew how to renounce his privileges without ever forgetting his mission as a pastor. Between personal memories and moments of tenderness, this book restores his most authentic face: that of a simple, generous man who cannot resist the pleasure of an ice cream and who, moved, calls those who write to him. He is a man of authentic feelings and prophetic intuitions who, with his smile and spontaneity, knew how to speak to the entire world, narrowing the distance between believers and non-believers, and teaching everyone the art of dialogue and courage.

Salvatore Cernuzio is a Vatican correspondent. He currently works for the Vatican media (*Vatican News*, *L'Osservatore Romano*). In 2021, he published *The Veil of Silence* (Il velo del silenzio – Edizioni San Paolo).

ANDREA TORNIELLI
FRANCESCO
 IL PAPA DELLA MISERICORDIA

Jorge Mario Bergoglio visto da vicino



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



192 pages
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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.

PAPA FRANCESCO

LA SPERANZA NON DELUDE MAI

Pellegrini verso un mondo migliore



In one of his last books, Pope Francis offers his readers his vision of hope, and explores the role it plays in the history of humanity.



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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.

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).



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Preface by
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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?

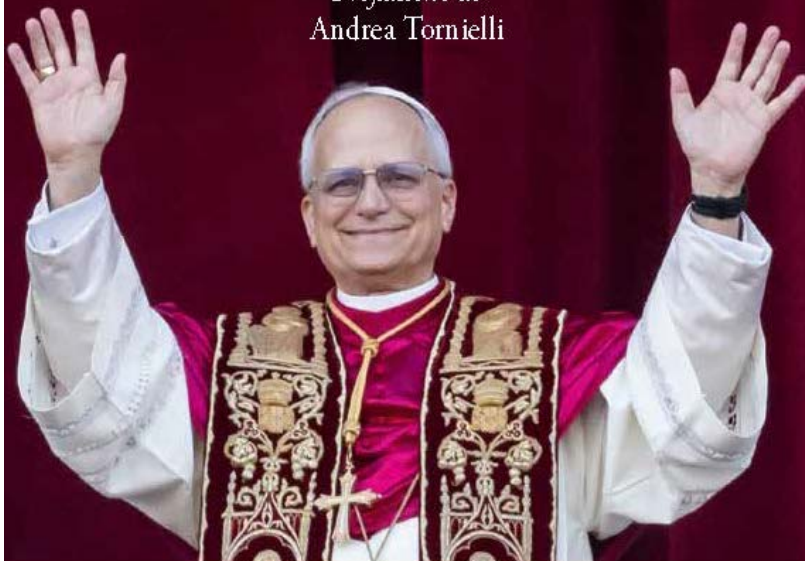
Born in 1979 in Carmagnola and a graduate in political science, vaticanist **Domenico Agasso** is a journalist and author. He works for "La Stampa" newspaper as coordinator of the "Vatican Insider", the independent website on Vatican affairs and the initiatives of the Pope. He is the author of several 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

LEONE XIV

IL PAPA VENUTO PER LA PACE

Prefazione di
Andrea Tornielli



LA PRIMA BIOGRAFIA
DI ROBERT FRANCIS PREVOST

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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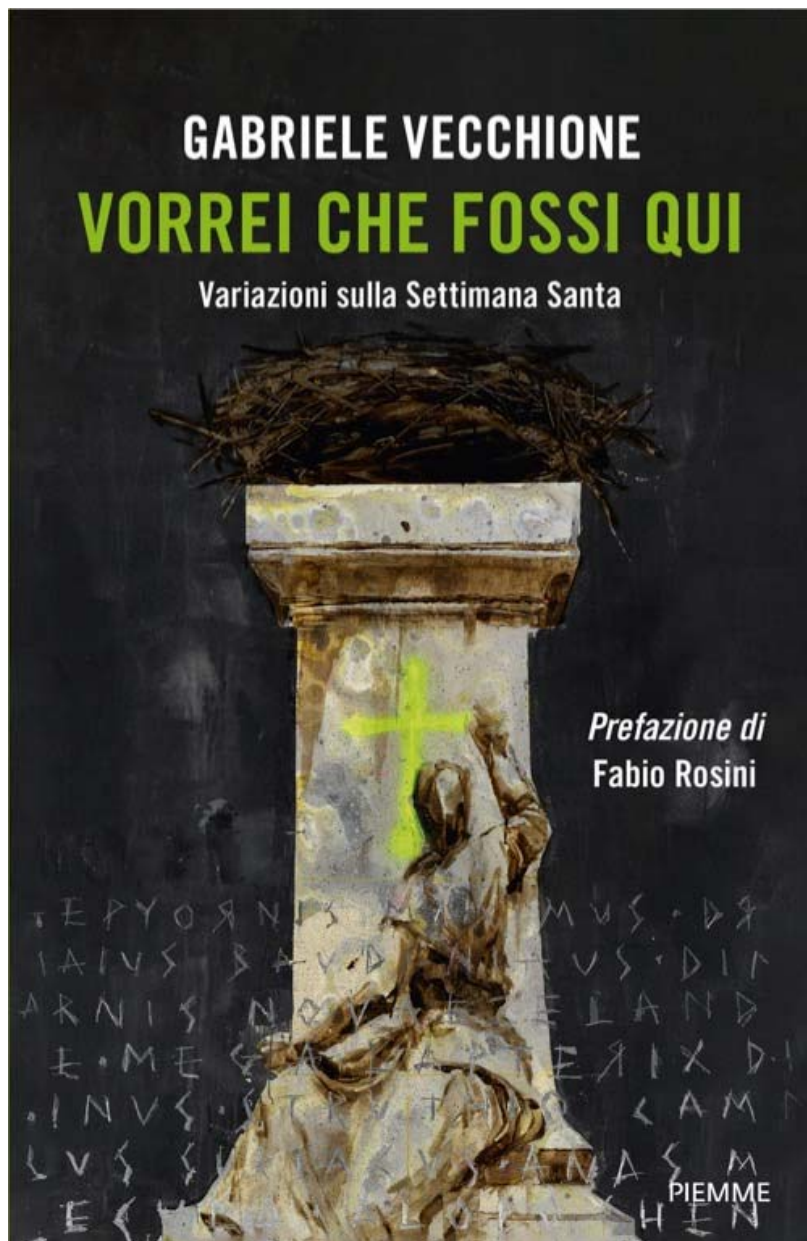
Variations on Holy Week

Gabriele Vecchione

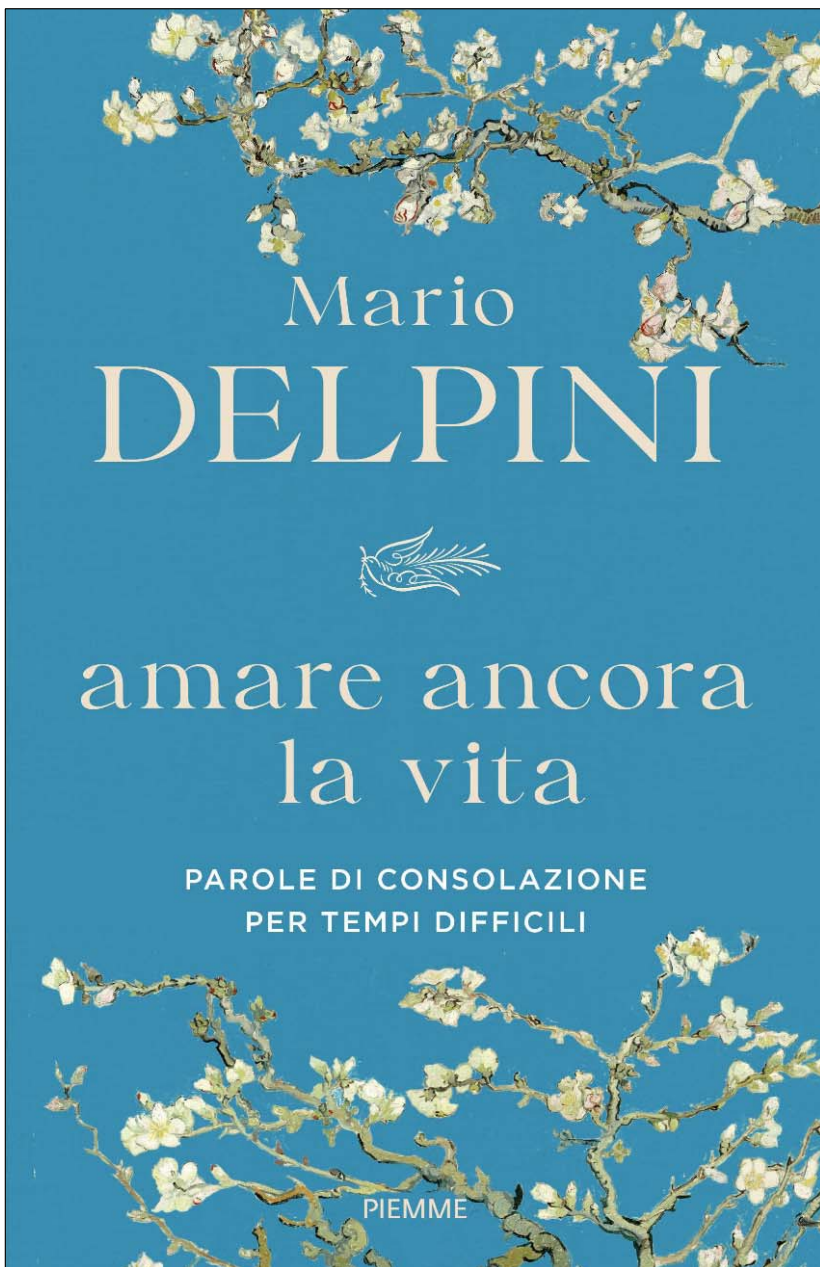
Holy Week is the heart of the Christian mystery—the time when the Word becomes flesh and the human and divine meet, eventually merging as one. It is the point where the Gospel asks to be lived, not just explained. In this surprising and unconventional book, the author retraces Jesus' final week on earth, from Palm Sunday to the Crucifixion and Resurrection. He reflects on the Scriptural passages leading to Easter through a blend of narrative theology, biblical exegesis, personal history, and real-life testimonies. The Gospel account never remains in the background of abstract devotion; it becomes a lived experience, personal memory, and a journey through history. Gabriele Vecchione's writing is essential, evocative, and at times raw. Anchored in the present, it is capable of sparking flashes of insight in the reader's mind. What the Gospels transmit to us is not an ancient fable: it is a mirror of who we are, of the reality surrounding us, of the way we choose to live, and the relationships we weave. Day after day in these pages, Holy Week becomes a revelation of something greater, of a "beyond" in which to hope—not merely a liturgical memory, but a key to understanding the beginning, the end, and the "after" of every human existence. This is a book dense with real life, featuring "stories bleeding with reality that grant further reality to the already very real beauty of the Word of God."

"May all the scattered children know, in the meantime, that they are children; and may they know that within and beyond their displacement, someone is thinking of them, longing for them, and perhaps even preparing the feast for their return."

Born in Rome in 1988, **Gabriele Vecchione** was ordained a priest by Pope Francis in 2017. In 2024, together with three families, he opened the "San Filippo Neri Community – And then?" for so-called "fragile" young men and women. Since 2025, he has served as the chaplain of Sapienza University of Rome..



"There is a need for great love for all, rather than identifying old culprits or pointing out new ones. "



A collection of the most beautiful homilies by the Archbishop of Milan, Mario Delpini, on the themes of consolation and the meaning of happiness.



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This is exactly what Delpini's book aims to be: an outstretched hand in difficult times.

STILL LOVING LIFE

Words of consolation for difficult times

Mario Delpini

Especially in dark moments - those of pain, tragedy, and mourning, when the hope for happiness seems lost - it is deeply human to turn our gaze upward, clinging to one's faith, whatever it may be, to find comfort and solace. This, too, is the role of the Church: to become a handhold to grasp when we are sliding toward an abyss, a refuge when we feel alone. During his years as a priest, bishop, and now Archbishop of Milan - one of the country's most complex and significant dioceses - Mario Delpini has faced many delicate events. Time and again, he has confronted the mission of bringing comfort to the hearts of those who weep. He has always been able to find the right, measured, and timely words to offer consolation and hope - words capable of breaking through and casting a ray of light into the darkness of suffering. Each of us, when afflicted or in despair, needs to anchor ourselves to something to keep from letting go. This is exactly what Delpini's book aims to be: an outstretched hand in difficult times, pages and words capable of consoling, showing that life is stronger than any pain and that love can save us, always.

Mario Delpini was born in 1951 and was ordained a priest in 1975. After graduating with a degree in Literature in 1980, he obtained a *Licentiate* in Fundamental Theology two years later. After teaching Patristics at the seminary, he became its Rector Major, holding the position from 2002 to 2006, the year he was appointed Episcopal Vicar. He was ordained a bishop in 2007, serving as an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Milan. On July 8, 2017, he was appointed Archbishop of Milan.



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

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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.

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



A multifaceted man who experienced profound contradictions and who, precisely because of his restlessness and his mistakes, became a point of reference for Don Davide in the most delicate moments; a restless and passionate soul, constantly searching for truth and authentic love, capable of speaking to everyone's heart and encouraging us not to fear doubt, not to flee from turmoil, and to have the courage to change.

“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.”

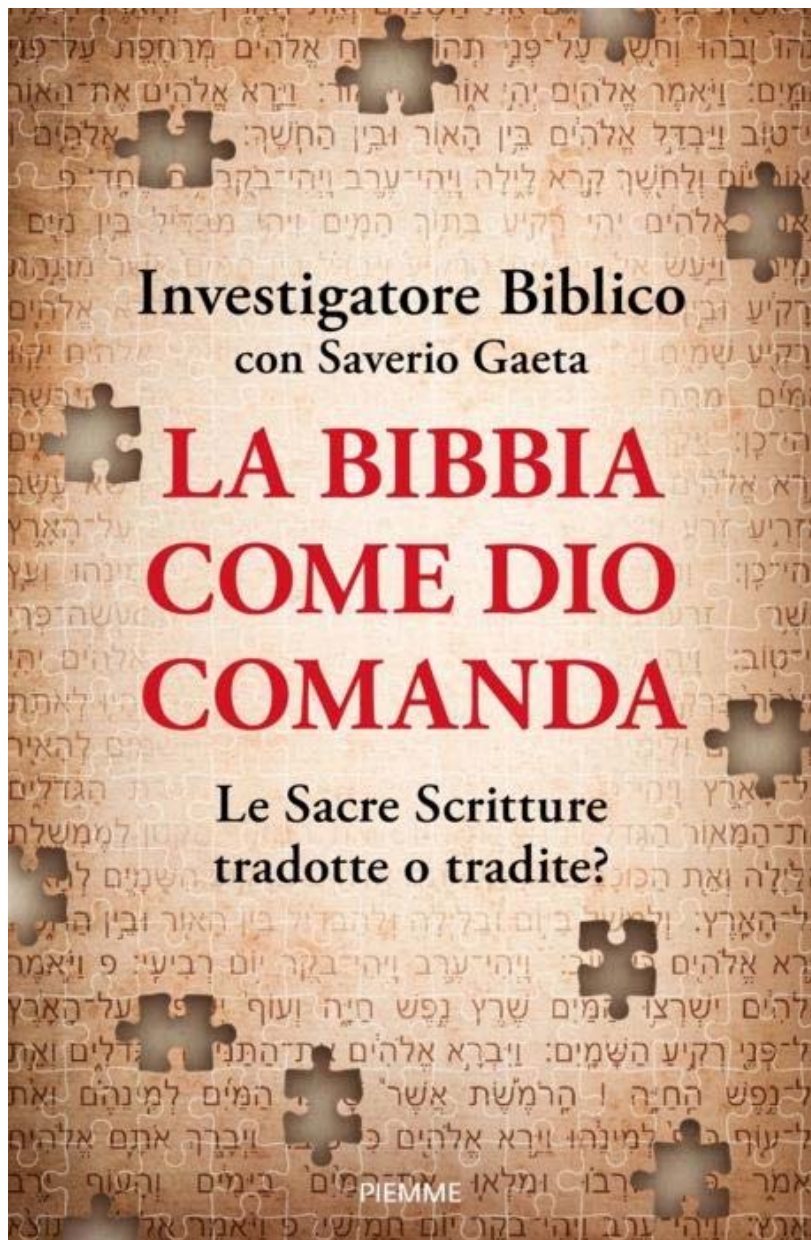
Don Davide Banzato - From the introduction

“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



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"If even the atheist is nothing more than a 'differently-believer,' it should come as no surprise that new translations of the Bible have adopted terminologies in line with the polite 'correctness' that now characterizes contemporary communication."

THE BIBLE AS GOD COMMANDS

Holy Scriptures: Translated or Betrayed?

The Biblical Investigator (with Saverio Gaeta)

Translating is an act that inherently involves interpretation; the words chosen act as a filter through which we access the original meaning of a work. While this applies to any book, the stakes are significantly higher for the Bible—the most read and studied sacred text in human history. For Christian doctrine, the Scriptures are the authentic Word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit and transmitted to humanity for their salvation.

The updating of biblical lexicon is part of the project undertaken by the Church following the Second Vatican Council, intended to respond to the challenges of modernity. However, when "saints" become "idols" and "noble men" are transformed into "mighty gods," when Hell gives way to anonymous "dark abysses" and Lucifer disappears entirely from certain verses, it is legitimate to ask: are these simple translation errors, or intentional modifications?

To denounce these distortions of the original message, a consecrated religious figure, alongside Saverio Gaeta, performs a scrupulous analysis of the Scriptures. They unveil the misrepresentations present in the most recent Bible translation (moving from the CEI translation), demonstrating that a precise intent may lie beneath these progressive textual changes: to steer the thoughts of the faithful and "diminish the divinity of Christ, depersonalize or symbolize the devil, and erase the sense of sin."

The Biblical Investigator is a consecrated religious who currently lives as an urban hermit in the shadow of a Benedictine monastery. He holds a Doctorate in Biblical Theology and a degree in Philosophy. For decades, he has dedicated himself to the study of the Holy Scriptures in Greek and Hebrew, which he studied extensively in Jerusalem.

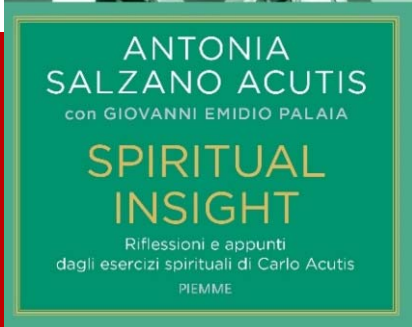
Journalist, essayist and Vaticanist, **Saverio Gaeta** is the author of a hundred books and essays, among which the bestseller *Il Veggente* [The Seer] (2016), *La profezia dei due papi* [The Prophecy of the two Popes] (2018) and *Nient'altro che la verità* [Nothing but the true] with Georg Gänswein (2023).

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

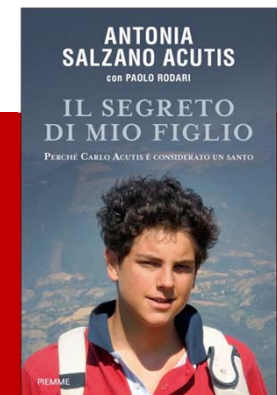
The official books on St. Carlo Acutis (1991-2006) aim to help readers learn about the life of this young saint and his spirituality: his union with Christ, his love for the Eucharist, his devotion to Our Lady, his charity toward the poorest and the ideals he embodied and lived. These values speak to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



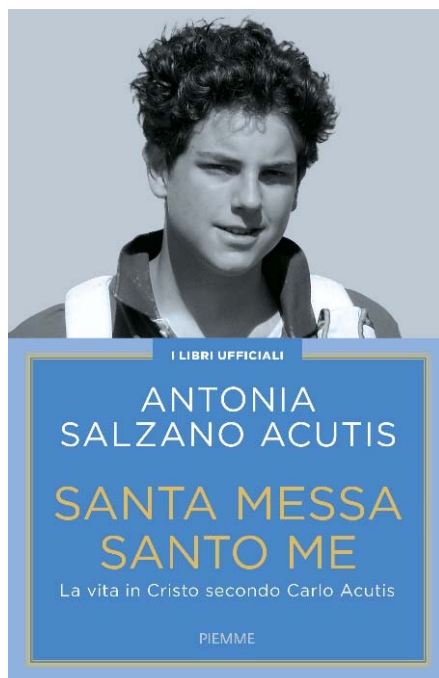
THE FIRST BOOK ON CARLO'S LIFE WRITTEN BY HIS MOTHER HAS
BEEN A PUBLISHING SUCCESS!

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"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"

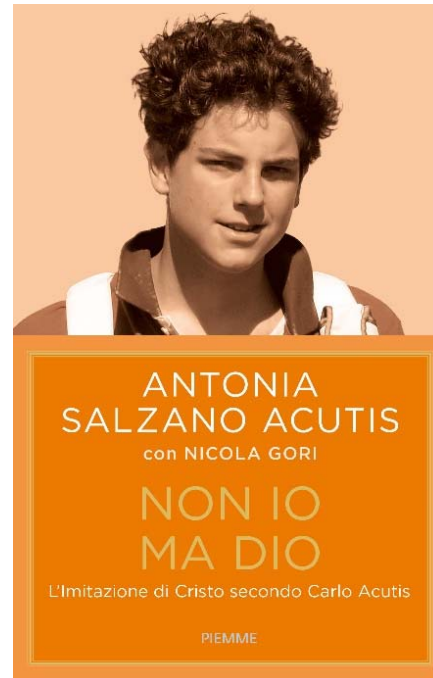
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Antonia Salzano Acutis

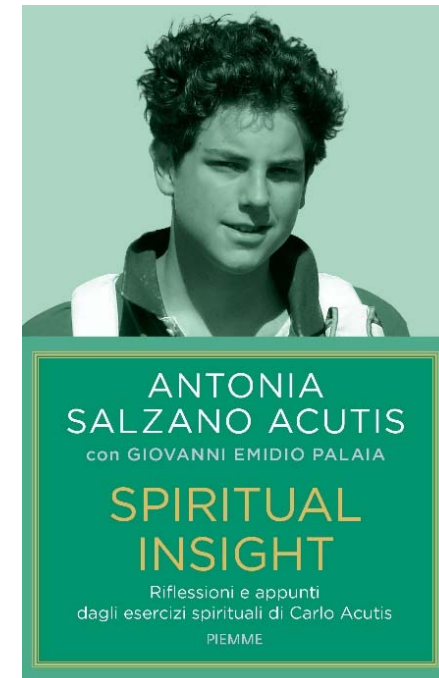
Holy Mass, holy me invites readers to discover the immense value of the Eucharist. Through the unpublished notes and testimony of San Carlo Acutis, his deep love for the Holy Mass and the central role it played in his life emerge. The volume offers a guide to understanding and living the Eucharist with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




 208 pages
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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.



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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.

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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.

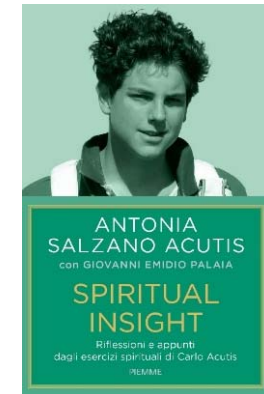
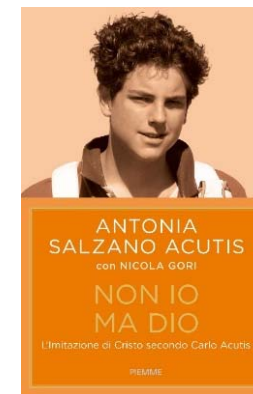
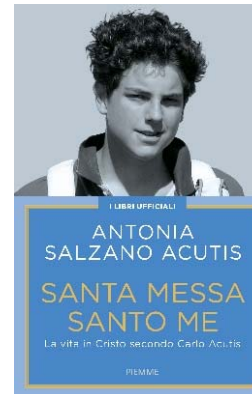
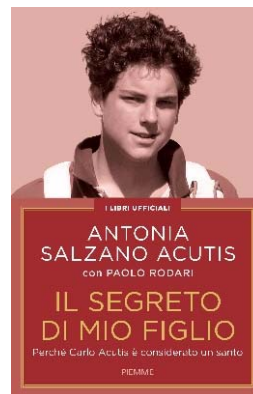
Giovanni Emidio Palaia

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.





Father Davide Banzato returns to speak to children about hope and faith..

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LIKE A STAR IN THE SKY

Davide Banzato

"God is greater than any sky you can imagine. Listen to what the Scripture says: 'He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name' (Ps 147:4). Just think: no star is anonymous, none are forgotten. Each one has a name that God knows by heart, like a song He never tires of singing."

One day, a child stands on a balcony, gazing up at the starry sky. He feels like a tiny speck in an infinitely large world and wonders what his role is there. It is then that his guardian angel appears. With reassuring words, the angel takes him by the hand on a journey to discover the wonder of a divine plan where every individual is like a star in the firmament: each has their own place, their own vocation, and is called to illuminate others with their own grace. Retracing poetic imagery found in the Sacred Texts, Father Davide Banzato gifts us a precious, richly illustrated little book. It is the ideal heartfelt gift for boys and girls preparing to confirm their faith through their First Holy Communion, but also perfect as a small "treasure chest of spirituality" capable of brightening the life of every believer.

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A PIECE OF HEAVEN JUST FOR YOU

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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.

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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.



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STORY OF A DOG TALKING ABOUT GOD

Marta Monfrinotti

"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 Marta, 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.

"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."

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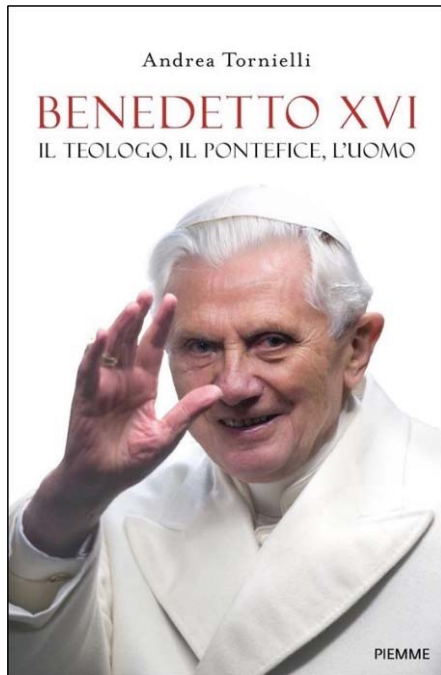
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Ruth, la mia guida spirituale



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Learning to live with her dog Ruth is an opportunity for Marta to embark on a spiritual journey of self-discovery and a new language for dialoguing with God.



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The theologian, the pope, the man
Andrea Tornielli

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. An exhaustive and deeply researched portrait of a man of simple habits and a great theologian.

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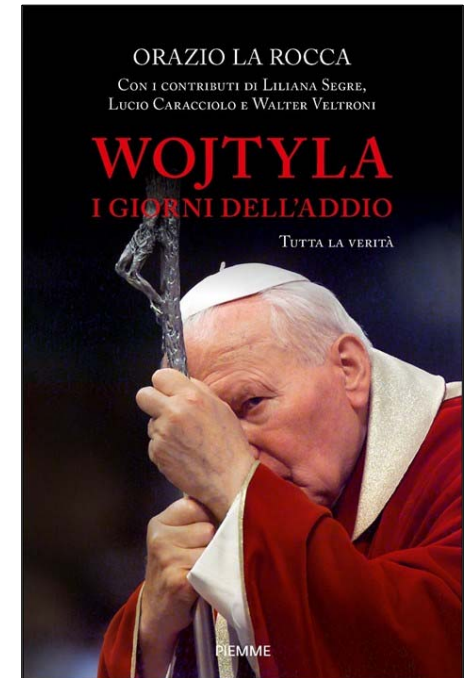
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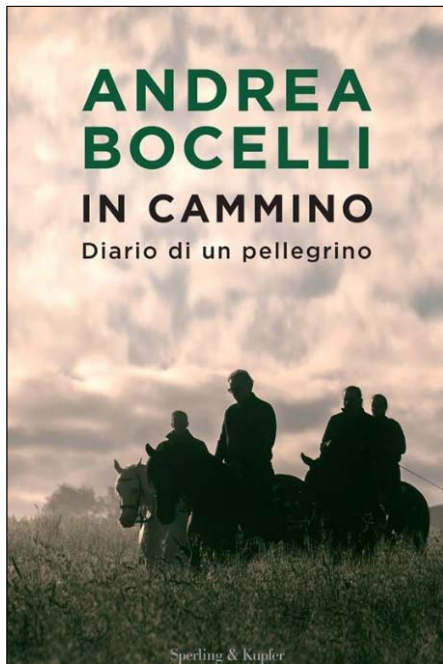


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WOJTYLA: THE DAYS OF FAREWELL
The Whole Truth
Orazio La Rocca

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 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.





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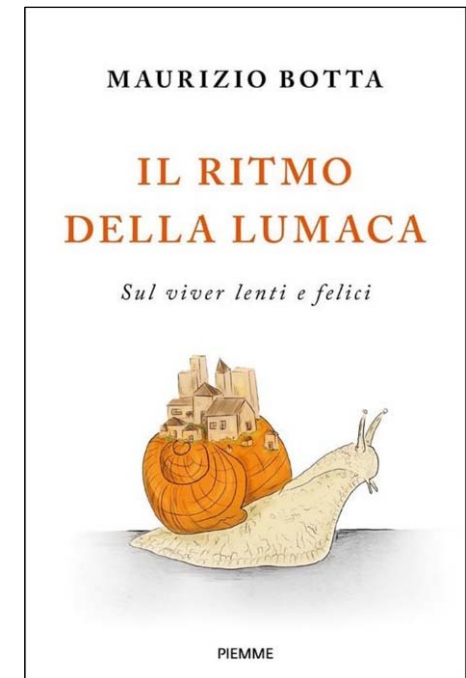
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THE RYTHM OF THE SNAIL
On living slowly and happily
Maurizio Botta

How often do we neglect the importance of finding the right balance between speed and slowness, of allowing space for silence and boredom? In the frenzy of contemporary times, these essential realities, as well as those relating to purity and chastity, now seem to have lost all social value. Yet, in God's plan, everything, even the smallest snail, works according to its own rhythm: a rhythm we must rediscover, listen to and respect in order to live a life of full joy. Father Maurizio Botta - with his gaze fixed on Sacred Scripture - invites everyone to meditate on dimensions of daily life that are often taken for granted.

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