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Immagine di Martina Peluso



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Like the Stars

Illustrator **Martina Peluso**
Hardcover
21x21 cm
Age: +3
Pages: 40
Full colour



Sales points: 800th anniversary of the composition of the Canticle (2025)

Almost 800 years ago St. Francis of Assisi composed the first great poem in Italian — The Canticle of Brother Sun (also known as The Canticle of the Creatures). Francis invites all his brother and sister creatures—whether minerals, plants or animals—to praise their Creator. Since then, the Canticle inspired generations of believers and nonbelievers. This illustrated book introduces the little ones in a poetic and original way to the heart of St Francis' prayer.

Martina Peluso (1980) set up her first personal exhibition in 2006 in Madrid. In 2007 she exhibited her work at Assisi, Italy, entitled "The Canticle of the Creatures, images of a world of grace". She has joined a lot of collective exhibitions and published her work with publishing houses in Europe and in America.





As small as peace

Author **Mother Teresa** (St Teresa of Calcutta)
Illustrator **Martina Peluso**
Hardcover
21x21 cm
Age: +3
40 pages
Full colour

A wonderful illustrated in colour book that leads us by the hand to the very essence of life, where it grows and develops, along with those we love and by whom we are loved. Peace is something easy, this is what Mother Teresa seems to tell us. Something as small as waving hello, simple as a little beating hearth, but as big and strong as love and forgiveness.



So you were born

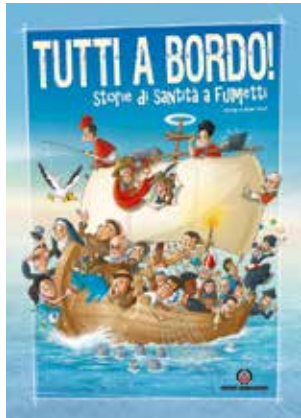
Author **Pope Francis**
Illustrator **Martina Peluso**
Hardcover
21x21 cm
Age: +3
36 pages
Full colour



Through the words of Pope Francis and the dream-like magic of the drawing by Martina Peluso, this delicate and evocative illustrated book tells about birth, being loved and the most profound sense of family.

A poetic way to contemplate and reflect on the miracle of life in all its aspects.





All Aboard!

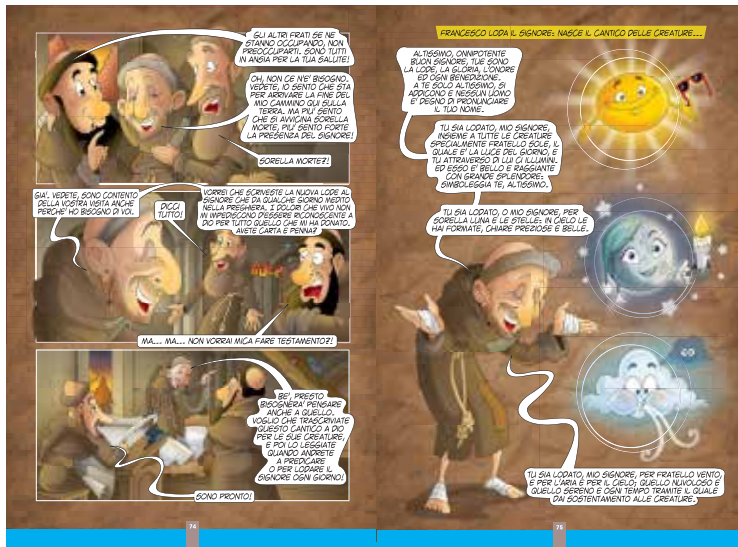
Authors **M.T. Antognazza and Others**
 Illustrator **Bruno Dolif**
 Paperback
 21x15 cm
 Age: +8
 200 pages
 Full colour

Saints and Blessed

Abbè Pierre - Carlo Acutis - Anthony of Padova
 Chiara "Luca" Badano - Josephine Bakhita - Bernadette
 Carlo Borromeo - Giovanni Bosco - Francis of Assisi
 Pier Giorgio Frassati - Luigi Gonzaga - Carlo Gnocchi
 Ignatius of Loyola - Maximilian Mary Kolbe - Lawrence -
 Martin of Tours - Nicholas - Philip Neri - Paul VI
 Pino Puglisi - Theresa of Calcutta - Therese of Lisieux
 Stephen - Annalena Tonelli

Three editions and more than 5000 copies sold: this book is unique! The stories of the saints told through the language of comics to bring our children closer to the biographies of men and women who have made the history of the Church.

Bruno Dolif is a young illustrator, as talented as he is reserved. Little fond of the spotlight, he speaks to his audience through his drawings, which bring the reader into the heart of the story.



From 1000 different roads

Authors **M.T. Antognazza and Others**
 Illustrator **Bruno Dolif**
 Paperback
 21x15 cm
 Age: +8
 144 pages
 Full colour

Saints and Blessed

Armida Barelli - Giovanni Bosco - Mario Ciceri
 Tommaso da Olera - Camillo De Lellis - José del Río
 Francesco di Sales - brother Ettore - Giovanni Paolo II
 Chiara Lubich - Roberto Malgesini
 Monica (mother of Augustine of Hippo) - Sandra Sabattini -
 Domenico Savio - Tarcisio (III century)
 Armida Terraneo - Domenico Zamberletti

Sequel of **All Aboard**, this book introduces the reader to very famous saints, alongside almost unknown figures and, above all, teenagers and young people who have had an extraordinary experience of sanctity in a short existence.





Francis: a divine life

Author **Lorenzo Quadri**
Illustrator **Bruno Dolif**
Paperback
21x15 cm
Age: +10
64 pages
Full colour

Sales points: Saint Francis

A group of children on their way to Assisi in the footsteps of Saint Francis. Each place is a valuable opportunity to learn about and explore the stages of his life.

Lorenzo Quadri (1977) is a long-time parish priest with a long experience in educating kids.

Pope John Paul II

Author **Ylenia Spinelli**
Illustrator **Maria Silvia**
Paperback
15x21 cm
Age: +8
96 pages
Full colour



A full colour book to narrate the extraordinary story of Karol Wojtyla, forty-five years after his election to the papal throne. A pope who soon became a saint who struggled for human dignity, peace and social justice.

Carlo Acutis

Author **Maria Teresa Antognazza**
Illustrator **Bruno Dolif**
Paperback
12x17 cm
Age: +8
61 pages
Full colour

Sales points: subject of growing popularity

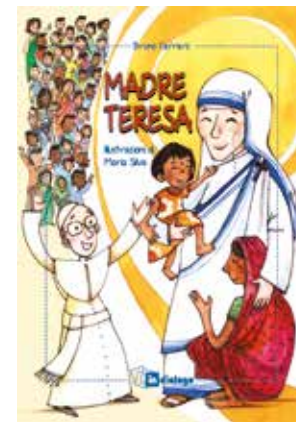


Carlo Acutis is just a boy, but his story has already become an example for many of his peers. A great computer enthusiast who died at only 15, Carlo lived energetically his relationship with God helping his next without exitation. Thanks also to the beautiful coloured illustrations, this story shows that a life fullfilled with faith can be attractive for everyone.

Mother Teresa

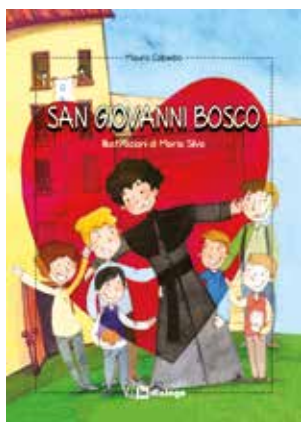
Author **Bruno Ferrero**
Illustrator **Maria Silvia**
Paperback
12x17 cm
Age: +8
96 pages
Full colour

Sales points: Mother Teresa



“Mother Teresa was a generous dispenser of divine mercy. Mercy was for her the “salt” that gave flavor to each of her works and the “light” that brightened the darkness of those who no longer even had tears to mourn their poverty and suffering” (Pope Francis).

Bruno Ferrero (1946), salesian, pedagogist, author of several educational books.



San Giovanni Bosco

Author **Mauro Colombo**
Illustrator **Maria Silvia**
Paperback
12x17 cm
Age: +8
80 pages
Full colour

John Bosco is the saint of young people. His teaching is overwhelming, very relevant and based on a fundamental principle: love for young people and great trust in their potential. His great dream was to make them friends of Jesus and the way to achieve this was to show them as much affection and esteem as possible, to make them feel important and valuable.

Meeting with Jesus

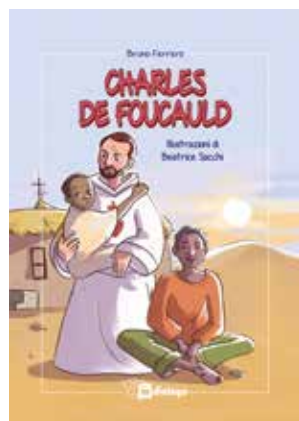
Author **Rosetta Macaluso Gamba**
Illustrator **Irene Sala**
Paperback
12x17 cm
Age: +8
56 pages
Full colour



Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist: the three sacraments of Christian initiation explained to children with beautiful coloured drawings and dialogues to answer the questions they often ask. A text that adopts simple and effective language, but it is precise in its biblical and theological references.

Charles de Foucauld

Author **Bruno Ferrero**
Illustrator **Beatrice Sacchi**
Paperback
12x17 cm
Age: +10
104 pages
Full colour



Charles de Foucauld is one of the most fascinating saintly figures across 19th and 20th century in Europe. Born into a wealthy and noble family, after deciding to devote himself to exploration he came across the teachings of Jesus in Nazareth. Impressed, he decided to adopt evangelical poverty as a way of life, going to live in the Sahara desert. Thanks to the beautiful colorful illustrations, the book tells the story and effects of De Foucauld's work.

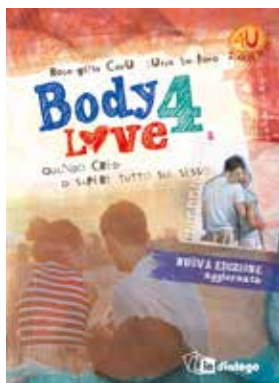
Also I believe!

Author **Maria Malacrida**
Illustrator **Irene Sala**
Paperback
21x21 cm
Age: +8
48 pages
Full colour



Sales point: Jubilee 2025 celebrations for the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea (Creed)

The children of today, like the friends of Jesus, are also called to be 'apostles'. They too are builders of the Church and it is to them that the task of proclaiming the joy of the Gospel at home, at school, in the oratory, with friends is entrusted. But how is this possible? An itinerary through which to retrace the great adventure of the first apostles and allow the children to rediscover the call of Jesus in their own lives.



Body 4 Love

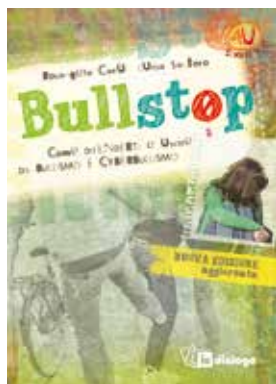
Authors **Rosangela Carù, Luisa Santoro**
Paperback
12x16.5 cm
80 pages

A colourful, small-format volume with attractive graphics, aimed at preadolescents and teenagers, to talk about sexuality, love, fears, relationships with others but above all with one's own body. It also talks about sexual identity, social networking, sexting and much more. To read but also to cross, with tests, many stories and an easy-to-use appendix dedicated to contraception.

Rosangela Carù and **Luisa Santoro** are pedagogists and experts in the fields of kids affectivity and families support.

Bullstop

Authors **Rosangela Carù, Luisa Santoro**
Paperback
12x16.5 cm
64 pages



A book written specifically for teenagers, to deal with the meanings and dynamics of bullying, in live relationships and through social networks, in the right way. With attractive graphics, to be read and used personally, in the classroom or in a group of friends.

Food x me

Author **Sara Matarese**
Paperback
12x16.5 cm
56 pages



The problem of the relationship with food and one's own body is increasingly felt by the younger generations. This colorful book offers parents and children a concise, simple and practical tool for recognising the symptoms of the most serious situations and a guide on how to deal with them.

Sara Matarese is a psychologist psychotherapist specialised in school psychology, eating disorders and pornography addiction.

Forbidden Looks

Author **Sara Matarese**
Paperback
12x16.5 cm
56 pages



In an age where the Internet allows unlimited access to information as never before, it is very easy for young people to come across pornographic content that they don't have the capacity to discern. This book offers an authoritative guide to dealing with problematic situations related to relationship between childhood and sexuality.



And God said: "Curtain up!"

Bible stories. Theatre stories for children and young people

Author **Paolo Alliata**
Paperback
15x21 cm
120 pages

Sales points: original form for the biblical texts, can be both read and played in theaters

Who said the Bible is boring? In this book, the reader finds some Bible stories in the form of theatrical tales, to be read, told in the family or performed in the oratory. The easiest way to enter the great book of the Bible is to follow the characters in their adventures: Jonah on the stormy sea, David in the shadow of Goliath...

Paolo Alliata, priest and bestselling author, is responsible for the Biblical Apostolate of the diocese of Milan. In his preaching and 'Literary Walks' he tries to recount the Christian mystery also through pages of non-religious literature and reference to the cinema.

2 Live with you

Praying with psalms, saints and life

Paperback
12x17 cm
112 pages

Sales points: practical advices for kids



This booklet offers the opportunity to be with Jesus and to ensure that the life of preteens becomes prayer and prayer becomes life. Kids from 12 to 14 will be accompanied by the words of the psalms and saints to explore the experience of life with all its colours. The kids will be able to choose where to start: from the day of the month or from their moods, so that prayer is personal and unique.

The Age of vertigo

Choose with balance and believe it to the end

Author **Rosanna Virgili**
Paperback
13.5x21 cm
144 pages



The path to choosing vocation is never without difficulties. When the time comes to make decisions that affect one's whole life, one runs the risk of adopting criteria that do not correspond to one's nature. This book, through confrontation with Gospel's text, helps young people to face the path to their future with awareness and without fear.

Rosanna Virgili is one of Italy's most respected biblical scholars. She teaches biblical exegesis and gives courses in spiritual exercises.

2 Live: infinite present

Author **Bortolo Uberti**
Paperback
13.5x21 cm
144 pages

Sales points: crossmediality with QR code for listen songs and watch film clips



Vocation is to discover one's identity clearly and to live it every day, in relationships, in work, in concrete choices, in faith... It is difficult to find one's place in the world and to build one's tomorrow. But this place is there; no one is without it. For each one God has a singular design. The question is to recognise it and live it'.



To love soul & body

Works of mercy here and now

Authors **Bortolo Uberti, Rosanna Virgili**
 Paperback
 13x21 cm
 160 pages

Sales points: practical advices

Pope Francis says he wants a Church that is a 'field hospital', reaching out to the peripheries of existence. This means exercising mercy not only as an intention but in a concrete and active way. In these pages, the authors comprehensively describe how one can be merciful in everyday life with simple and concrete gestures.

Ourfather.com

To dialogue with those who have long since stopped praying the Lord's Prayer or, while continuing to pray it, want to understand it more

Author: **Paola Resta**
 Paperback
 13x20.5 cm
 120 pages

Sales points: practical advices, sections with questions to engage the reader



Sister Paola Resta proposes in these pages an intense dialogue with young people to focus on their relationship with God. A challenging path, very frank and provocative, that starts from the objections, questions and protests that her own interlocutors address to her about faith and belief.

Carlo Maria Martini (1927-2012), has been one of the most important personality in Church's XX Century. Archbishop of Milan since 1979 to 2002, Cardinal since 1983, he has left his mark on biblical studies, pastoral activity and cultural reflection. For his work in interreligious dialogue was called "the cardinal of dialogue". Martini had written more than forty books.

About the body

Hardcover
 14x21 cm
 136 pages

Essay by **Silvano Petrosino**, philosopher

Preface by **Carlo Casalone S.I.**
 President of the Carlo Maria Martini Foundation



Body is one of the most important themes of contemporary discussion. Martini makes people think about many aspects of this complex topic: what is the sense of body in human life? Exist a relationship between body and the afterlife?

Exercises of good policy

To look forward to the future with confidence

Paperback
 14x21 cm
 240 pages

Sales points: importan social issue



This volume collects some of the speeches Martini has given over the years as Archbishop of Milan on the burning issue of the evils of policy and its necessary 'conversion' so that it can serves at best man and future society. Martini tries to grasp the critical issues without hiding them, striving to indicate ways out and hopes for the civil community.



Overwhelmed by love

On the way to Jerusalem with Paul

Hardcover
Size: 14x21 cm
208 pages

In this course of spiritual exercises, which was held in 2007 and has so far remain unpublished, Martini describes St. Paul's journey to Jerusalem. He join the readers with his umility and deep biblical knowledge through the apostle's events, showing to them the hearth of St.Paul's experience: relaying in faith on God's love for our life to be fullfilled. This book is perfect for everyone who search a theological book both deep and popularising.

Melt the hearth

In order to be Church according to the Gospel

Hardcover
14x21 cm
216 pages

Sales points: importan social issue



In this collection of texts about Church life Martini teaches a method by which christians can confront the most important issues of the contemporary world. The starting point must always to be listen to reality, and then move to action and take responsibility to engage. Martini's reflections can be useful for a wide public interested in religious and social issues.

Mario Delpini is the current Archbishop of Milan. Great Cancelor of the Theological Faculty of Northern Italy, president of the Lombardy Bishops' Conference, is one of the most important re-presentatives of the Catholic Church in Italy.



Every evening a prayer

In the company of an angel

Paperback
16x16 cm
24 pages

Msg Delpini explains to young readers the traditional evening prayers through their guardian angel.

I live with you

The book of our prayers

Paperback
12x19 cm
168 pages

A prayer book for all lay faithful, immersed in the countless experiences of the days. The proposal of a simple, immediate method, linked to life and the revival of certain forms of prayer, which can be rediscovered and personalised.



Someone knocks on your heart

Letter on prayer to live one's vocation

Paperback
12.5x17 cm
48 pages



is it still possible to pray in the family? In the form of a letter, the author invites us to recognise in domestic relations that good soil where life flourishes and where the youngest are accompanied by adults to explore the greatness of the mystery contained in their own existence.

Angelo Casati is one of the bestselling authors of spirituality in Italy. He has published with leading Catholic publishers. His Sunday homilies are read every week by thousands of readers.



Surprised by a dream

Meditations towards Christmas

Paperback
13x20 cm
272 pages

Starting from a spiritual reading of the Bible, linking it to the common life of people, the author offers short meditations that can accompany the prayer and reflection of believers but also of those in search of meaning.

In December 2022, these meditations were used by Vatican Radio as a daily meditation.

Stories of women and perfumes

Meditations towards Easter

Paperback
13x20 cm
272 pages



On the sea your way

Itinerary of faith through the Psalms

Author Paola Resta
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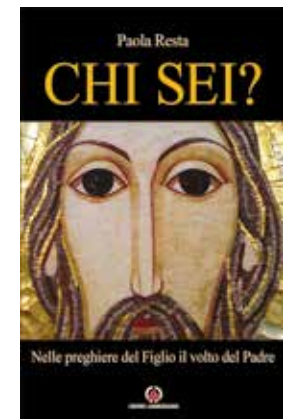
Through the spiritual experience of lectio divina, this simple text aims to lead the reader on a journey of faith in the footsteps of the praying psalmist. The theme of the “way”, at the heart of Psalm 1, runs through the entire Psalter like a golden and luminous thread. A way that God follows to meet man, reaching him along the sometimes winding and uneven paths of his existence.

Paola Resta is a Capuchin Sister of Mother Rubatto. She combines biblical expertise with long pastoral experience with young people.

Who are you?

In the prayers of the Son the face of the Father

Author Paola Resta
Paperback
13x21 cm
136 pages



Who are you? This question is the basis of the Christian faith. The believer seeks God, wants to understand his nature. Sister Paola Resta gives an enlightening perspective on the subject, analysing the Gospel passages in which Jesus prays to God the Father.



What do you want me to do for you?

Walking with the Word in the experience of pain

Author **Paola Resta**
Paperback
13x21 cm
96 pages

Faith reveals its nature of source of consolation, strength in life's difficult moments. Through excerpts from the Gospel, Sr. Paola shows how in the Scriptures pain plays a central part but is never the last word, pointing to them as a reference that helps not to give in in the face of difficulties.

The man of the stars

Abraham's Journey

Author **Cristiano Passoni**
Paperback
13x21 cm
96 pages



The story of Abraham has a value that transcends time and cultures. The Patriarch emerges in all his relevance, delivering us the truth of man's journey, called to live the passage from being a self-centred individual to being a generative person, capable of becoming the bearer of blessing through an existence lived in the sign of gift.

In the folds of the night

Prayers toward Christmas

Author **Bortolo Uberti**
Paperback
12x19 cm
136 pages



It all started during the covid-19 pandemic: the author started writing a simple prayer every day and sending it via whatsapp, to keep the spiritual connection alive. So the prayers began to spread, reaching thousands of contacts.

Now the demand is such that the tradition continues, every year, in preparation for Christmas and Easter

Bortolo Uberti, after a long experience in the university world, is now a parish priest in a very large and complex suburb of Milan.



On the garden threshold

Prayers toward Easter

Author **Bortolo Uberti**
Paperback
12x19 cm
136 pages

To be published on January 2024



God my brother

Charles de Foucauld one metre from Mystery

Authors **Pierangelo Sequeri and others**
 Paperback
 13x21 cm
 96 pages

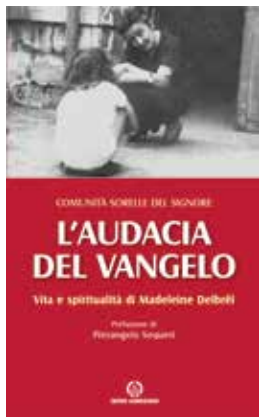
Internationally renowned theologian Pierangelo Sequeri proposes a re-reading of the figure of Charles de Foucauld that challenges the life of every believer. How to stand a metre away from the Mystery without being a stranger to history?

Charles de Foucauld and Madeleine Delbrêl. Synthetic biography and short essays to discover the cornerstones of their spirituality: this book these books are intended for those who do not know Madeleine Delbrêl and Charles de Foucauld yet.

The mystique of tenderness

The life and spirituality of Charles de Foucauld

Author **Community of the sisters of the Lord**
 Paperback
 13x21 cm
 160 pages



The audacity of the Gospel

The life and spirituality of Madeleine Delbrêl

Author **Community of the sisters of the Lord**
 Paperback
 13x21 cm
 144 pages



Celestial liturgies

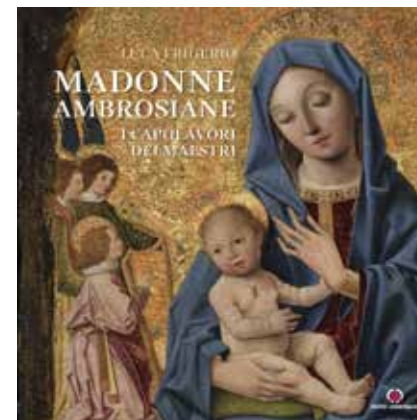
With Dante in Paradise

Author **Marco Ballarini**
 Paperback
 12x20 cm
 240 pages

Can Dante still be a guide for the life of the Church and individual believers today? The Author (former Prefect of The Veneranda Biblioteca Ambrosiana) answers this question especially with regard to prayer and liturgy.

Dante, master of prayer

Author **Marco Ballarini**
 Paperback
 12x20 cm
 216 pages



Madonnas of Milan

Author **Luca Frigerio**
 Paperback
 21x21 cm
 192 pages

Milan is full of paintings of the highest value located in churches and museums. The author describes those depicting the Madonna with the help of a rich and comprehensive iconographic apparatus.



Why do you do it?

A map to understand the world of children

Author **Fabio Porporato**
Paperback
15x20.5 cm
204 pages

Using concrete examples, the author, a child psychologist and psychomotor therapist, offers adults a compass to orient themselves in the different facets and stages of emotional growth of young children. The book is an invitation to adults to be in direct contact with children.

Flesh of a woman

Narrating Mary of Nazareth

Author **Simona Segoloni Ruta**
Paperback
14x20.5 cm
96 pages



Mary of Nazareth is not just an abstract symbol of purity. Friend, citizen, woman, mother: she lived all the experiences that we too experience first-hand every day. This novel written in first person presents Mary to us in all her human depth without ignoring her transcendent role.

To fight the war

Authors **Antonio Spadaro and others**
Paperback
12x19 cm
96 pages

Preface by cardinal **Matteo Zuppi**



“We live a Third World War fought in pieces”, Pope Francis have said several times. Reflection about the meaning of conflict in international politic is essential. What are the causes of war? What role can international institutions play? Can the Church influences this issue, and how? This book is a pretious contribution in trying to find answers to these and many others questions.

Human digital

Towards an ethics of innovation

Authors **Mauro Bellisi, Maria Teresa Dalla Mura**
Paperback
14x20.5 cm
160 pages

Sales points: important social issue



Social media, smartphones, internet of things: scientific innovation is everywhere around us. The development of Artificial Intelligence makes clear the relationship between technology and ethic. In this book, two innovation savvy journalists discuss the speed of the current change and how to deal with it.



My legacy

Author **Paolo Dall'Oglio**

Paperback

13x21 cm

206 pages

Sales points: engaging backstory, strong personality of subject, first of a serie,

Preface by Pope Francis

The story of Father Paolo Dall'Oglio is a symbol of faith's power in interreligious dialogue. Jesuit and founder of a monastic community on the site of the ancient monastery called Deir Mar Musa al-Habashi (Saint Moses the Abyssin), he spent years promoting dialogue between Christians and Muslims, also during Syrian civil war. In 2013 he was kidnapped in Raqqa, Syria. His destiny is unknown. In this book are reported Dall'Oglio's last conferences about the Deir Mar Musa community's Rule. His spiritual testament.

