

Vatican /Popes - September 2022

This section is primarily composed of books about the Vatican as a place and institution, and biographies and writings of various popes, with souvenir books from their travels.

Allen, John – All the Pope's Men: The Inside Story of How the Vatican Really Thinks

A very interesting read on a subject that is a mystery to most with interesting material on the Vatican's relationship to the American Catholic Church.

Apostolic Exhortations – these are found separately filed in the encyclical file boxes.

John Paul II – *Christifideles Laici* (On the Vocation and the Mission of the Lay Faithful and in the World

- *Familiaris Consortio* (The Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World Family)

Apostolic Letters – these are found separately filed in the encyclical file

John Paul II – *Dies Domini...On Keeping the Lord's Day Holy*

- *Tertio Millennio Adveniente...On Preparation for the Jubilee of the Year 2000*

Benedict XVI, with Peter Seewald – Last Testament: In his own words

Answering questions from Seewald, Benedict discusses topics such as his resignation, the emphases of his pontificate, the various problems such as the clerical child abuse scandal, and Jewish-Christian relations.

Benedict XVI – Let God's Light Shine Forth: The Spiritual Vision of Pope Benedict XVI

Half of the book is a biography of Benedict by Robert Moynihan. The second half centers on his faith, statements on the world, and the progress of the Christian pilgrim.

Came, David – Pope Benedict's Divine Mercy Mandate

Came traces Benedict's devotion to Divine Mercy through his pontificate, defining him as the Pope of Divine Mercy in the mold of John Paul II.

Celebrate Our Faith

A pictorial souvenir of the visit of John Paul II to Canada in 1984.

Collins, Michael – Francis, Bishop of Rome: A Short Biography

This covers the early life of Francis, his work in Argentina and elevation to the papacy and ends in the early years of his time as pope.

Draper, Robert – Pope Francis and the New Vatican

Reflecting the impact of the “winds of change” that Francis has brought to the Vatican and the public interest in this pope, this is a heavily illustrated book on Francis’ life, the nature of Vatican life, and the changes under way.

Duffy, Eamon – Ten Popes who Shook the World

Based on a series of radio talks, this book covers a number of figures from Peter to John Paul II, including even figures such as Pius XII whose memory is somewhat besmirched.

Encyclical Letters – the following are found in the separate encyclical/letters files:

Paul VI – *Humanae Vitae*

John Paul II – *Centesimus Annus* (On the Hundredth Anniversary of *Rerum Novarum*)

- *Evangelium Vitae...On the Value and Inviolability of Human Life*
- *Fides et Ratio...On the Relationship between Faith and Reason*
- *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis...On Social Concern*
- *The Splendor of Truth, Regarding Certain Fundamental Questions of the Church’s Moral Teaching*

Benedict XVI – *Deus Caritas Est...On Christian Love*

- *Spe Salvi...On Christian Hope*

Hatch, Alden – A Man Named John: The Life of Pope John XXIII

Perhaps the definitive biography of the man who, by calling the Second Vatican Council, changed the face of Catholicism for ever.

His Holiness Pope John Paul II in Celebration of his Visit

A pictorial souvenir of John Paul II's visit to the United States.

Hughes, John – Pontiffs: Popes who shaped history

Hughes looks at eleven popes from Peter to John XXIII and how well they fulfilled the role of "servant of the servants of God." They are pictured against the environment in which they lived in order to judge them more clearly.

John XXIII – Journal of a Soul

Starting when he was fourteen, John XXIII kept a diary in which he recorded his life and growth in spirituality.

John XXIII – My Heart Speaks: Wisdom from Pope John XXIII

Selections from letters, other writings like encyclicals and commentary on the Council.

John Paul: 1984 Papal Visit

Souvenir of the Pope's visit to Toronto and Huronia.

John Paul II: A Celebration of Toronto's Pope

A collection of *Toronto Star* stories and photographs covering John Paul's life, visits to Toronto and his funeral.

John Paul II – Crossing the Threshold of Hope

In answer to a series of interview questions, John Paul II speaks on topics close to his heart, including his prayer life, belief in the existence of God, the relationship of God to suffering, and the nature of salvation

John Paul II – Gift and Mystery: On the Fiftieth Anniversary of My Priestly Ordination

The story of his growth in the recognition and development of his vocation as a priest.

John Paul II – Go in Peace: A Gift of Enduring Love

Quotations from the writings and speeches of John Paul II aimed at answering two questions: What does it mean to be a Catholic and a Christian today? and Why do we believe as we do?

John Paul II – Welcoming the New Millennium: Wisdom from Pope John Paul II

Selections from addresses and encyclicals on a variety of topics on Christian life.

Malinski, Mieczyslaw – Pope John Paul II: The Life of Karol Wojtyla

A biography of John Paul II covering his early life up to his election as Pope, written by a childhood friend.

Mullins, Edwin – The Popes of Avignon: A Century in Exile

An interesting study in a sad period of Church history when the popes abandoned residence in Rome because of unrest and then the scandal of two popes, one in Rome and one in Avignon.

Murphy, Francis – The Pilgrim Pope: A Man for All People: Joh Paul II's Visits to the U.S.A., Mexico, Poland, and Ireland

A description of these early visits by the Pope who saw as part of his mission an outreach to the world.

O'Brien, Darcy – The Hidden Pope: The Untold Story of a Lifelong Friendship that is Changing the Relationship between Catholics and Jews: The Personal Journey of John Paul II and Jerzy Kluger

The story of a boyhood friendship that became the basis for recognition of Israel by the Vatican.

Papal Wisdom: Words of Hope and Inspiration from John Paul II

Quotations from the copious writings and speeches of John Paul II on a variety of topics, including justice and equality, stewardship, women, family, and the modern world.

Pope Francis: His Journey to America, 2015

Highly illustrated souvenir of Francis' visit published by *US*.

Pope John Paul II

A commemorative celebration of the life of this pope from the *Time/Life* organization.

Pope John Paul II: Connecting to Canadians

An account of three visits made to Canada: the 1984 trip organized by place; the 1987 one centered on visiting indigenous peoples; the 2002 on the World Youth Day.

Pope John Paul II: Pilgrim of Peace

Copiously illustrated homilies and addresses by the Pope on various journeys around the world.

Ratzinger, Joseph – Pilgrim Fellowship of Faith: The Church as Communion

Published to celebrate the seventy-fifth birthday of Cardinal Ratzinger (later Benedict XVI), these are collected addresses and writings of Ratzinger on his understanding of Church.

Szulc, Tad – Pope John Paul II: The Biography

A biography emphasizing the Polishness of the Pope as a defining element in the unfolding of his life and an important influence on some of his doctrinal positions.

Tittman, Harold – Inside the Vatican of Pius XII: The Memoir of an American Diplomat During World War II

An interesting account of life in the Vatican from 1939-1944 and contacts with Pius XII, in particular with reference to his criticized handling of Hitler and the Jewish question.

Walsh, Michael – The Popes: 50 Celebrated Occupants of the Throne of St. Peter

Short but interesting vignettes of popes selected by the author on the basis of their significance in the history of the Church or in their interaction with the secular world.

Weigel, George – Witness to Hope: The Biography of Pope John Paul II

Another huge biography covering not only the life but also the thought of John Paul, emphasizing such elements as his outreach to both Christian and non-Christian faiths and his support for human rights and democracy.

Whale, John et alia – The Man who Leads the Church: An Assessment of Pope John Paul II

Five writers assess the first few months of John Paul's pontificate, looking at the election, the influence of his Polish background in statements on matters of faith and his general stance of immovability on issues like ordination of married men or women.

Zuchniewicz, Pawel – Miracles of John Paul II

Accounts of healing miracles performed both while the Pope was alive and after his death and which are attributed to his prayerful intercession.