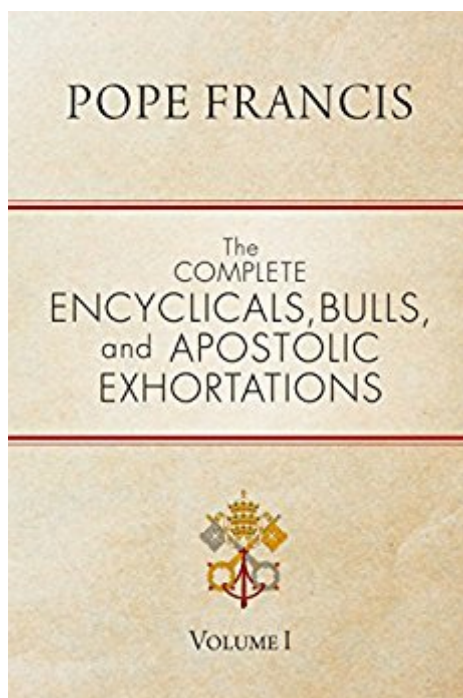


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The Complete Encyclicals, Bulls, And Apostolic Exhortations: Volume 1



Synopsis

"Spirituality & Practice 2016 Award Winner." For the first time, all five major writings of Pope Francis—his encyclicals, bulls, and apostolic exhortations—are gathered into one volume. Pope Francis—the 266th pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church—was elected on March 13, 2013. Since then, he has been the most influential religious leader in the world, drawing praise and admiration from people of all faiths. The impact of his writings has been felt not just in the Catholic Church for which they were intended but throughout the world. Each of the five works collected in *The Complete Encyclicals, Bulls, and Apostolic Exhortations* is a book unto itself, so this volume is one that can be cherished, read, and reread by all Catholics and devotees of Pope Francis for many years to come. Volume 1 includes:

Lumen Fidei, June 29, 2013: The Light of Faith is an encyclical on the centrality of faith, the relationship between reason and faith, the Church's role in the transmission of faith, and how faith results in redeeming the world.

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Misericordiae Vultus, April 11, 2015: In *The Face of Mercy*, the papal bull for the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy in 2015, the pope urges Catholics, "We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy."

Laudato Si', May 24, 2015: *Praise Be to You: On Care for Our Common Home* is the landmark encyclical in which Pope Francis issued a call to the entire Church and the world on climate change, human responsibility, the role of faith in how we live among God's entire creation, and the future of the planet.

Amoris laetitia, March 19, 2016: *Love in the Family* is an exhortation published after the Synods on the Family. In it, Pope Francis ranges in his quotations and examples from St. Thomas Aquinas and Martin Luther King Jr. to the film *Babette's Feast*.

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Very nice book to hold and read. an important collection for anyone who actually wants to know what the Pope said other than what is dramaized by the media and bemoaned by the polarized catholic blogs. No Pope has required so much context to be understood rightly...I fear it may say more for our ability to understand than for his ability to express. The words of this volume and the documents contained are straight in line with perennial Catholic thought and yet they add a very caring personality. It is almost like Pope John Paul II built a foundation...Pope Benedict put on the roof and Pope Francis made a front door and put the kettle on to boil.

A 21st century pontiff addresses contemporary issues with insight and spirit. It should be read after reading his speech to Congress during his visit here. No wonder the Speaker of the House left -- he had a true epiphany.

It has all that I was looking for.

Jorge Maria Bergoglio became the 266th Pope in 2013 at the age of 76. He was the first Jesuit pope, the first from the Americas, and the first from the Southern Hemisphere. He is know for his informal style, breaking of tradition (not to be confused with Tradition), and personable nature. In his four years, he has spoken a great deal on various subjects, and because of who he is, he has been misquoted more times than anyone can count. It is for that reason that I always recommend people read his words, and not just listen to sound bytes. Ave Maria Press has recently made that possible

with The Complete Encyclicals, Bulls, and Apostolic Exhortations: Volume 1. The volume consists of Pope Francis' five most important writings through early 2016: Lumen Fidei - The Light of Faith encyclical, Evangelii Gaudium - The Joy of the Gospel apostolic exhortation, Misericordiae Vultus - The Face of Mercy papal bull, Laudato Si' - Praise Be to You encyclical, Amoris Laetitia - The Joy of Love apostolic exhortation. I am not going to review each of these individual works as I have spoken on them at various times, since their publication. Instead, I will comment briefly on the book. For starters, I like that these five major works are compiled into one volume. I have all of them individually, but if I were going somewhere and wanted to read them, I'd much rather carry one book than five. That being said, I worry about the durability of the book, and wish it were a nice hardcover instead. Secondly, I like that this is labeled as Volume 1. This shows promise that there will be additional volumes. The hope is that this book sells well, and that they don't decide to leave this series hanging with only one volume. Another hope of mine is that this book might inspire them to perhaps go back and do this with previous popes, like Pope Benedict XVI or Pope John Paul II, but his might take 20+ volumes. Overall, I like this book and recommend it to anyone looking to read the words of our current pontiff. This book was provided to me for free by Ave Maria Press in exchange for an honest review.

Dear Holy Father Pope Francis: Consecrate The Catholic Church, All Nations and All of Humanity to The Most Holy Trinity with the Following Prayer: MOST HOLY TRINITY I CONSECRATE YOUR HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH, ALL NATIONS AND ALL OF HUMANITY TO THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, THE MOST HOLY TRISAGION, GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY HIS ONLY SON OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST HIS MOST SACRED HEART HIS MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT THE GREAT PARACLETE HOLY GOD, HOLY MIGHTY ONE, HOLY IMMORTAL ONE WITH THE PERPETUAL INTERCESSION OF THE MOST BLESSED VIRGIN MARY HER MOST HOLY AND IMMACULATE HEART QUEEN OF THE ANGELS, SAINTS AND UNIVERSE; SAINT MICHAEL, SAINT GABRIEL, SAINT RAPHAEL AND ALL OF GOD'S HOLY ARCHANGELS, ANGELS AND SAINTS IN THE ENTIRE CELESTIAL HEAVENLY COURT FOR THE FORGIVENESS AND SALVATION OF ALL OF HUMANITY, WORLD PEACE, JOY AND HAPPINESS; MOST HOLY TRINITY FORCEFULLY BIND, BREAK, DISSOLVE AND BANISH SATAN, ALL HIS DEMONS AND ALL THEIR EVIL INTO HELL NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN THANK YOU YOUR HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS. Sincerely, Daniel P. Kneeland, Grafton, Ma.

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