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Francis and Clare, Saints of Assisi

Francis (c. 1182-1226) and Clare (c. 1193-1254) together shaped the spirituality of early 13th-century Europe. Here for the first time in English are their complete writings, brought together in one volume.

Francis and Clare

A Vision Book about St. Francis and St. Clare, the two very popular saints of Assisi. Helen Homan has captured all the excitement and beauty of the lives of these saints from their childhood growing up together in Assisi to their profound conversion and lifelong influence—indeed centuries-long influence—on the whole world through their radical living of the Gospel and founding of two great religious orders, the Franciscans and the Poor Clares. Combining the stories of Francis and Clare in one volume makes for a book that will be of great interest to both boys and girls of a wide age span. Illustrated. Cover art by Chris Pelicano This book is now part of Renaissance Learning's Accelerated Reader program. Quizzes are currently available.

Francis and Clare, Saints of Assisi

A clearly written, inspirational, and scripturally based guide to the spirituality of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. Franciscan Helen Julian tells their story in a way that helps readers understand these twelfth-century heroes who so completely identified with Christ that they reflected his face to the world. This book will help readers come to a deeper understanding of these saints and of their Franciscan way to God.

Francis and Clare, Saints of Assisi

The Canticle of the Creatures “is Francis’s love song. It is Franciscan wholeness, for in it is contained the depth of his prayer and of his life in Christ. In its singing he was singing his dying and his rising, for his song was a journey of praise and thanksgiving for his place of origin and his destination, the Most High, All-Powerful, Good Lord.”—Murray Bodo Using St. Francis’s canticle as a framework, Murray Bodo, a Franciscan friar, and Susan Saint Sing, a secular Franciscan, reflect on the vision of Francis and Clare as it has played out over the course of their own lives. Susan’s experiences of healing during trips to Assisi and praying in nature and Murray’s deep understanding of Francis and Clare as poets and mystics come together in a duet that brings God’s love song to life. These deeply personal reflections explore the power of prayer and meditation, the sacredness of all creation, and the pull of sacred places. This meditative, reflective reading experience conveys what a lifetime of Franciscan spirituality looks like and will draw you into exploring your own experience of the vision of Francis and Clare.

Francis and Clare

Francis and Clare lit the path to joy as simple followers of Christ. Their example has inspired men and women for nearly 800 years. The translators have captured the spirit of these two charismatics who experienced greatness by being small.

God's Love Song

Saint Francis of Assisi is one of the most beloved saints. His commitment to God’s will, his yearning to embrace poverty, and his attentiveness to the Spirit’s presence in his life continue to inspire Christians and non-Christians alike. The Franciscan Tradition highlights some of the most influential people in Franciscan history. Using the writings of men and women from the First, Second, and Third Orders, this volume shows the breadth and depth of the Franciscan way of life. Presented here are saints and martyrs, contemplatives and preachers, theologians and reformers. They heeded God’s call, found hope in Francis’ mission, and now provide wisdom for those who seek to follow God. Regis J. Armstrong, OFM Cap, is a world-renowned expert on Saint Francis of Assisi and Saint Clare of Assisi. In addition to translating and editing *Francis and Clare: The Complete Works* and three editions of *Clare of Assisi: Early Documents*, he was editor-in-chief of the four-volume *Francis of Assisi: Early Documents* and has written *St. Francis of Assisi: Writings for a Gospel Life, True Joy*. Armstrong is The John C. and Gertrude P. Hubbard Professor of Religious Studies at the Catholic University of America. Ingrid J. Peterson, OSF, is an adjunct faculty member of the Franciscan Institute, Saint Bonaventure University, and has been an English professor at the College of Saint Teresa and Quincy University. She is a Sister of Saint Francis from Rochester, Minnesota. Peterson is the author of *Clare of Assisi: A Biographical Study* and coauthor of *Praying With Clare of Assisi*. In 2000 the Franciscan Institute awarded her the Franciscan medal for Outstanding Contribution to Scholarship in Franciscan Studies. She is the first woman to receive this honor.

True Joy

Moye provides a personal study of the lives of two medieval saints, Julian of Norwich and Francis of Assisi, offering guidance for probing the passion of Christ and recovering long-lost spirituality.

The Franciscan Tradition

When Saint Francis Saved the Church offers a surprising new look at the world’s most popular saint, showing how this beloved, but often-mythologized character created a spiritual vision for the ages and may very well have rescued the Christian faith. In *When Saint Francis Saved the Church* (paperback), popular historian Jon Sweeney presents an intriguing portrait of Francis beyond the readily familiar stories and images. In the tradition of Thomas Cahill’s *How the Irish Saved Civilization*, Sweeney reveals how the saint became a hinge in the history of the Christian faith and shows how in just fourteen years—from 1205 to 1219—the unconventional and stumbling wisdom of a converted troubadour changed the Church. Sweeney outlines Francis’s revolutionary approach to friendship, “the other” (people at the margins), poverty, spirituality, care (for people, creatures, and the natural world), and death. This vibrant book presents the unsullied life and message of Francis in its essential details, offering a sweeping, informative, remarkable look at how Francis and his movement quite literally saved the Christian faith—and continues to offer a spiritual vision with contemporary relevance.

Praying with the Saints

A companion to the four-volume publication of *Francis of Assisi: Early Documents* and a resource for those studying early Franciscanism. This book helps the reader appreciate St Clare in the context of her culture and time. This third edition of *Clare of Assisi: Early Documents* offers evidence of a greater sophistication in interpreting and presenting the texts emerging from a new wave of scholarship. Unlike the earlier editions, the writings of Clare appear in two separate sections: the first, entitled "May You Live Blessed Poverty," presents Clare's letters to Agnes of Prague, her Testament, and her Blessing; the second, "Together with My Sisters," brings together the earlier documents of Pope Honorius III, Cardinal Hugolino, later Pope Gregory IX, and Pope Innocent IV that affected and eventually culminated in Clare's Form of Life. The editor and his collaborators hope that, in this way, the depth of Clare's Gospel spirituality will underscore her struggle to articulate her vision of the daily life of her sisters. The third section of this edition of *Clare of Assisi: Early Documents* presents another dimension of the scholarly work done on these texts. Entitled "The Brilliance of Her Life," the critical apparatus accompanying the hagiographical texts affords the reader and the student of Clare's life more user-friendly cross-references. *Clare of Assisi: Early Documents* provides new translations of Clare's writings and related primary sources, revised and new introductions from earlier editions, as well as previously unpublished documents to chronicle the life of Saint Clare.

When Saint Francis Saved the Church

Who is Pope Francis and where is he leading the Church? To understand the impact of Pope Francis and his inspiration to the Catholic Church, indeed people of all religions, we turn to the two saints who are his inspiration, Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi and the great love of their spirituality. Eight hundred years ago when the Church had fallen into scandal and hard times, Saint Francis and Saint Clare lifted the Church to new life, new beginnings. Today the Church suffers the same crises. Today Pope Francis is looking at the heart full spirituality of Saint Francis and Saint Clare to lift the Church with less pomp and ceremony and more embracing the poor and unwanted. *The Love Letters* is the love story of Francis and Clare and the challenge for Pope Francis and the world to discover the same love in our hearts, our neighbor, nature, and all creation. *The Love Letters* is historical fiction. What if Saint Francis and Saint Clare were to meet Pope Francis? What would be their thoughts, dreams and hopes for a new Church? *The Love Letters* is the mystical love discovered by two of the world's greatest mystics long ago asking who is the new Pope Francis? Can he rebuild the Church into a living Church, a church less concerned with rules and order and more about forgiveness and compassion? In the silence of our hearts, in giving to those in need, Saint Francis, Saint Clare, and Pope Francis offer a new vision for us all to become instruments of true peace and joy. Bruce Davis, Ph.D. has pursued the footsteps of Saint Francis and Saint Clare for many years. For twelve years he and his wife, Ruth, lived in Assisi, Italy the historic home of these remarkable saints. There they began the Assisi Retreat Center which was awarded one of the top ten meditation centers in the world by Travel Leisure Magazine and CNN. Recently, Bruce and Ruth opened Silent Stay, a new retreat center near Napa, California. Bruce is the author of several books including *Monastery Without Walls*, *The Magical Child Within You*, and *Simple Peace-The Spiritual Life of Saint Francis of Assisi*.

The Lady

This beautiful collection of works from two of the most beloved religious figures of all time gathers the letters and writings of both Francis and Clare of Assisi in a poignant presentation of the power of faith and simplicity that speaks powerfully to us in our hectic world. Francis of Assisi is a widely celebrated saint, well-known for his love of nature and his remarkable life of poverty. Clare is the woman who lived out his legacy in Assisi after his death, passing on his vision and his cause. Together they shaped the spirituality of early thirteenth-century Europe. Both born to noble families, they ultimately rejected their wealth and founded religious orders known for fostering humility, generosity, and devout faith, where communities of like-minded persons could live out a radical commitment to the gospel message of poverty. In the process Francis and Clare left a spiritual heritage that has captured the imagination of both believers and nonbelievers throughout the ages.

The Love Letters

Saint Francis is considered the first Italian poet by some literary critics. He believed commoners should be able to pray to God in their own language, and he often wrote in the dialect of Umbria instead of Latin. Francis' writing fully reflects his personality and spirituality, making them at once formidably mystic and exquisitely human. They combine great elevation of thought with much picturesqueness of

expression. Through his prayers, correspondence and regular readers will connect and unite with one of the most beloved saints of the Catholic Church.

Francis & Clare of Assisi

Among the most beloved saints in the Catholic tradition, Francis of Assisi (c. 1181-1226) is popularly remembered for his dedication to poverty, his love of animals and nature, and his desire to follow perfectly the teachings and example of Christ. During his lifetime and after his death, followers collected, for their own purposes, numerous stories, anecdotes, and reports about Francis. As a result, the man himself and his own concerns became lost in legend. In this authoritative and engaging new biography, Augustine Thompson, O.P., sifts through the surviving evidence for the life of Francis using modern historical methods. The result is a complex yet sympathetic portrait of the man and the saint. Francis emerges from this account as very much a typical thirteenth-century Italian layman, but one who, when faced with unexpected crises in his personal life, made decisions so radical that they challenge his own society—and ours. Unlike the saint of legend, this Francis never had a unique divine inspiration to provide him with rules for following the teachings of Jesus. Rather, he spent his life reacting to unexpected challenges, before which he often found himself unprepared and uncertain. The Francis who emerges here is both more complex and more conflicted than that of older biographies. His famed devotion to poverty is found to be more nuanced than expected, perhaps not even his principal spiritual concern. Thompson revisits events small and large in Francis's life, including his troubled relations with his father, his contacts with Clare of Assisi, his encounter with the Muslim sultan, and his receiving the Stigmata, to uncover the man behind the legends and popular images. A tour de force of historical research and biographical writing, *Francis of Assisi: A New Biography* is divided into two complementary parts—a stand alone biographical narrative and a close, annotated examination of the historical sources about Francis. Taken together, the narrative and the survey of the sources provide a much-needed fresh perspective on this iconic figure. "As I have worked on this biography," Thompson writes, "my respect for Francis and his vision has increased, and I hope that this book will speak to modern people, believers and unbelievers alike, and that the Francis I have come to know will have something to say to them today."

The Writings of Saint Francis of Assisi

St. Dominic led a life of excitement and adventure. As a boy he sold his books to feed the poor and offered himself as ransom for a prisoner. His greatest adventures came when he walked from town to town and stood fearlessly in the market to preach.

Francis of Assisi

A biography of the saint as both mystic and man: "The single best book about Francis now available in English" (Commonweal). In this towering work, Andre Vauchez draws on the vast body of scholarship on Francis of Assisi, particularly the important research of recent decades, to create a complete and engaging portrait of the saint. He also explores how the memory of Francis was shaped by contemporaries who recollected him in their writings, and completes the book by setting "il Poverello" in the context of his time, bringing to light what was new, surprising, and even astonishing in the life and vision of this man. The first part of the book is a fascinating reconstruction of Francis's life and work. The second and third parts deal with the texts—hagiographies, chronicles, sermons, personal testimonies, etc.—of writers who recorded aspects of Francis's life and movement as they remembered them, and used those remembrances to construct a portrait of Francis relevant to their concerns. Finally, Vauchez explores those aspects of Francis's life, personality, and spiritual vision that were unique to him, including his experience of God, his approach to nature, his understanding and use of Scripture, and his impact on culture as well as culture's impact on him. "Considered one of the great spiritual leaders of humankind, Francis of Assisi was also a man of many faces and personas: ascetic, the founder of a religious order, a romantic hero, a mystic, a defender of the poor, a promoter of peace. But as Vauchez emphasizes—and this biography constantly reminds us—Francis was also a flesh-and-blood human being . . . A bracing, erudite account of a mystic's life." —Booklist

Saint Dominic and the Rosary

The Founder is the second volume of the long-awaited and best-selling project *Francis of Assisi: Early Documents*. All three volumes contain helpful introductions to each section, colored maps, cross references, and extensive annotation. The Founder contains: The Beginning or the Founding of the

Order and the Deeds of those Lesser Brothers who were the First Companions of Blessed Francis in Religion The Legend of the Three Companions The Assisi Compilation The Remembrance of the Desire of A Soul by Thomas of Celano The Treatise on the Miracles of Saint Francis by Thomas of Celano An Umbrian Choir Legend A Letter on the Passing of Saint Francis Attributed to Elias of Assisi The Legends and Sermons about Saint Francis by Bonaventure of Bagnoregio Related Documents

Francis of Assisi

A compelling biography of Francis for readers of any faith and none. A paperback version of this bestseller.

Francis of Assisi - The Founder: Early Documents, vol. 2

The Love Letters is historical fiction. What if Saint Francis and Saint Clare were to meet Pope Francis? What would be their thoughts, dreams and hopes for a new Church? The Love Letters is the mystical love discovered by two of the world's greatest mystics long ago asking who is the new Pope Francis? Can he rebuild the Church into a living Church, a church less concerned with rules and order and more about forgiveness and compassion? In the silence of our hearts, in giving to those in need, Saint Francis, Saint Clare, and Pope Francis offer a new vision for us all to become instruments of true peace and joy.

Francis of Assisi

Drawing upon the writings of medieval women, this book distinguishes the historical figure of Clare of Assisi from the uses made of her spiritual legacy in debates over the role of women in the Franciscan Order in later medieval Italy.

The Love Letters

Saint Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) was an Italian Catholic friar, deacon and preacher. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of Saint Clare, the Third Order of Saint Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land. Francis is one of the most venerated religious figures in history. In Chesterton's portrayal St. Francis is a mysterious figure and a man of paradox. Putting him and his life into historical perspective, Chesterton describes why his asceticism was necessary for his cause and what drove him to his life.

Creating Clare of Assisi

This book combines a world-famous Catholic novelist, Louis de Wohl, with one of the most thrilling and dramatic saints' lives in history, St. Joan of Arc. De Wohl uses his famed narrative skill to tell young people about the brave teenage French girl who had visions and led armies in battle, but also about how her entire life testifies to the amazing power of God's grace. It's all here: how Joan, a humble maiden in an insignificant town, was told by St. Michael the Archangel, St. Catherine, and St. Margaret to lead the French in battle against the English; how she finally succeeded in convincing the French of the truth of her mission; how she met with fantastic success but was betrayed, captured, and imprisoned; and finally, how she suffered through a politically motivated trial for heresy and was burned at the stake. De Wohl is interested not solely in the external details of Joan's life, but in Joan's all-encompassing love for God, which informed all her courageous actions from beginning to end. You'll not only thrill to Joan's heroism; your heart will delight in her example of loving surrender to God's will. Every detail of her life will ring out to you as a joyful witness to the grace of God.

Saint Francis of Assisi

This new story from the popular Vision Books series of saints lives for youth 9-15 years old is about the inspiring life of the great missionary to the Far East, St. Francis Xavier. After his wartorn boyhood in Navarre, Francis Xavier went to the University of Paris, determined to have a good time. He was interested in sports and became broadjumping champion of his college, and did not pay much attention to his studies. At first he scoffed at this fellow student, Ignatius Loyola, a former soldier who wanted to win the world for God. But Ignatius showed him that true champions are a far more heroic breed - those who risk their all to win the world for God. Francis joined Ignatius' followers, and became one of the first members of the Society of Jesus. Francis Xavier was selected by Ignatius to do missionary work in India. To all sixteenth-century travelers, a voyage from Portugal to India meant months of deadly peril

from storms, pirates, and diseases. But to Father Francis Xavier, it also meant a chance to win the Orient for Jesus Christ. This great saint's eagerness to spread the Word of God involved him with the pearl divers of the Indian coast, the natives of Malaya and the Spice Islands, the cannibals of Morotni and the hostile feudal lords of ancient Japan. This book captures the true spirit of a daring man who braved the many dangers of India and Japan in amazing adventures of courage and faith.

Saint Joan

Francis of Assisi is, after Mary of Nazareth, the greatest saint in the Christian calendar, and one of the most influential men in the whole of human history. By universal acclaim, this biography by G. K. Chesterton is considered the best appreciation of Francis's life--the one that gets to the heart of the matter. For Chesterton, Francis is a great paradoxical figure, a man who loved women but vowed himself to chastity; an artist who loved the pleasures of the natural world as few have loved them, but vowed himself to the most austere poverty, stripping himself naked in the public square so all could see that he had renounced his worldly goods; a clown who stood on his head in order to see the world aright. Chesterton gives us Francis in his world--the riotously colorful world of the High Middle Ages, a world with more pageantry and romance than we have seen before or since. Here is the Francis who tried to end the Crusades by talking to the Saracens, and who interceded with the emperor on behalf of the birds. Here is the Francis who inspired a revolution in art that began with Giotto and a revolution in poetry that began with Dante. Here is the Francis who prayed and danced with pagan abandon, who talked to animals, who invented the creche.

Saint Francis of the Seven Seas

Clare of Assisi is generally known as "the female friend" of Saint Francis of Assisi and for centuries her legacy has remained obscured by his shadow. Yet Clare's life and story ought to shine in its own light and on its own terms (her name, after all, means "light"). She is a figure of true heroism, tenacity, beatitude and grit who plotted her improbable course in the context of the raucous and explosive period of the Middle Ages. Much went wrong for Clare after the day when, as a teen, she fled the home of her noble and wealthy family to follow Francis in a life of poverty. No one would have begrudged her if, when the trials had become onerous, she had decided simply to "go home." Yet she stayed the course, even after Francis had died. She pulled from the fire of her trials embers that would become her crown. In this new book, Wendy Murray digs deeply into Clare's decision to abandon rank and wealth for allegiance to Christ (and in no small way, Francis) and explores the circumstances which, later on, tested Clare's devotion. Clare's curious and vivid spiritual vision galvanized her ability to persevere amid difficult circumstances and enabled her to stay her course and lay claim to a legacy that shines brightly among the host of medieval saints.

Saint Francis of Assisi Illustrated

When the adolescent Lady Clare agreed to secretly meet Francis Bernadone, the eccentric merchant's son who had become a wandering preacher, she was desperate to avoid the marriage that her parents were arranging for her. Francis, having gathered more than a dozen male followers, believed Clare to be the one to lead the female half of his movement, a movement that was loyal to the church but inspired by heretical sects where women played a prominent part. He promised a future in which she would preach and serve the lepers of Assisi. Clare and her kinswoman escaped their family under cover of night and began to live the life that Francis had envisioned. They continued until one particular cardinal, a future pope, took notice. 'Francis and Clare: The Struggles of the Saints of Assisi' reveals that Francis's neglect of Clare in the face of church opposition was his greatest shame. Clare, fighting to avoid being locked into a cloister, used the fame she derived from their association as her only cudgel in her decades-long battle with the papacy for control of her community. Set largely in thirteenth century Rome and Assisi, Francis and Clare: The Struggles of the Saints of Assisi is the story of individual genius versus societal controls. Replete with holy, wily, and sometimes comical characters, it is set against the emergence of the flawed, bureaucratic Roman Catholic Church that is coming into ever-clearer focus today. In this day when many feel betrayed by their religion, Francis and Clare: The Struggles of the Saints of Assisi offers new reasons to admire them both. It shows that while Francis did not reform the church, he transformed lives by extolling the glory of God. Clare was not passive. Her strength of character and her resistance can encourage others to persevere despite overwhelming odds. Kathleen Brady's double portrait reveals that the story of one cannot be truly told without the other. In it readers will

find new reasons to admire the saints of Assisi and new justification to find their story poignant and inspiring.

Clare of Assisi

The story of a rich merchant's son who was raised to become a knight in medieval Italy. Instead he abandoned his privileged life upon receiving a vision from God, preaching to humans, animals, and nature itself.

Francis and Clare

In this magnificent and stirring novel, Louis de Wohl turns his famed narrative skill to the story of the soldier and merchant's son who might have been right-hand man to a king ... and who became instead the most beloved of all saints. Set against the tempestuous background of 13th Century Italy and Egypt, here is the magnificent and inspiring story of Francis Bernardone, the brash, pleasure-loving young officer who was to become immortalized as St. Francis of Assisi. The story teems with action, pageantry and intrigue with finely conceived characters-the beautiful, saintly Clare, Frederick, the hawk-faced King of Sicily and Holy Roman Emperor, the Sultan Al Kamil, Pope Innocent III. The scene shifts from Assisi, Rome and Sicily to the deadly sands of Egypt. This book was made into a feature film by 20th Century Fox entitled Francis of Assisi, now available on video from Ignatius Press.

St. Francis of the Seven Seas

Raised in London, the son of a school master, Thomas More became a great scholar, Oxford graduate and lawyer. He served King Henry VIII becoming one of his trusted advisors. Sir Thomas refused to acknowledge Henry VII as the head of the Church in England and was arrested for high treason. He was beheaded and became a Martyr for the Church. [adapted from back cover.

Saint Francis of Assisi

Reproduction of the original. The publishing house Megali specialises in reproducing historical works in large print to make reading easier for people with impaired vision.

The Joyful Beggar

Delio illustrates how Clare, through her life, her writings, letters, prayer, and example, is truly a mystic who helped generations of Catholics clearly see how Christ took on human flesh, not just to suffer and die for them, but to help them reflect back the face of Christ to the world. (Catholic)

The Critic

This is the American edition of Sr. Frances Teresa's Living the Incarnation: Praying with Francis and Clare of Assisi, co-published with Darton Longman & Todd of London. Friends of Franciscan Press will recognize Sr. Frances Teresa as the translator of Marco Bartoli's Clare of Assisi; this is her first original book-length work, one which articulates the message of Francis and Clare and the call of the Gospel for contemporary readers. In telling the intertwined stories of Francis and Clare, Sister Frances Teresa helps us to understand more clearly the call of the gospel in our own lives. In Clare's words, "the son of God has become our way and Francis shows it to us." "Look at Christ, " she tells us again and again, and the stages outlined In this book -- conversion, contrition and communion -- are simply ways of describing the process of doing just that, of isolating moments in the process of looking at, and learning from, Christ.

Saint Thomas More of London

This elegant and accessible biography of one of Catholicism's most beloved saints was originally published as Part 1 of Francis of Assisi: A New Biography by Augustine Thompson, O.P. It stands alone as a richly informed portrait of a man whose complex faith and commitment continue to inspire today. An introduction by Thompson places his biography in the context of continuing discussions about Francis's legacy, particularly the new Pope's decision to adopt the saint's name.

St. Francis of Assisi

Although it is frequently said that Clare followed Francis, the story of Clare begins with a call from God and her response, which came from an inward gaze. The starting point of Clare's life was the God she found dwelling within her flesh, a God whose traces, later in time, she came to recognize in Francis. Clare's vision, greatness, and sanctity need to be considered in the context of the large cultural and religious movement of holy women of the Middle Ages, who were leading saintly lives in diverse places, many in their domestic settings. Clare was one of these holy women in an era known for the 'feminization of sanctity.' Clare's sainthood is valid in her own right without a Francis of Assisi. -- from the author's Introduction.

Clare of Assisi

Marco Bartoli retells the story of St Clare of Assisi for our times. This will appeal to scholars and those in religious orders.

Living the Incarnation

Francis of Assisi