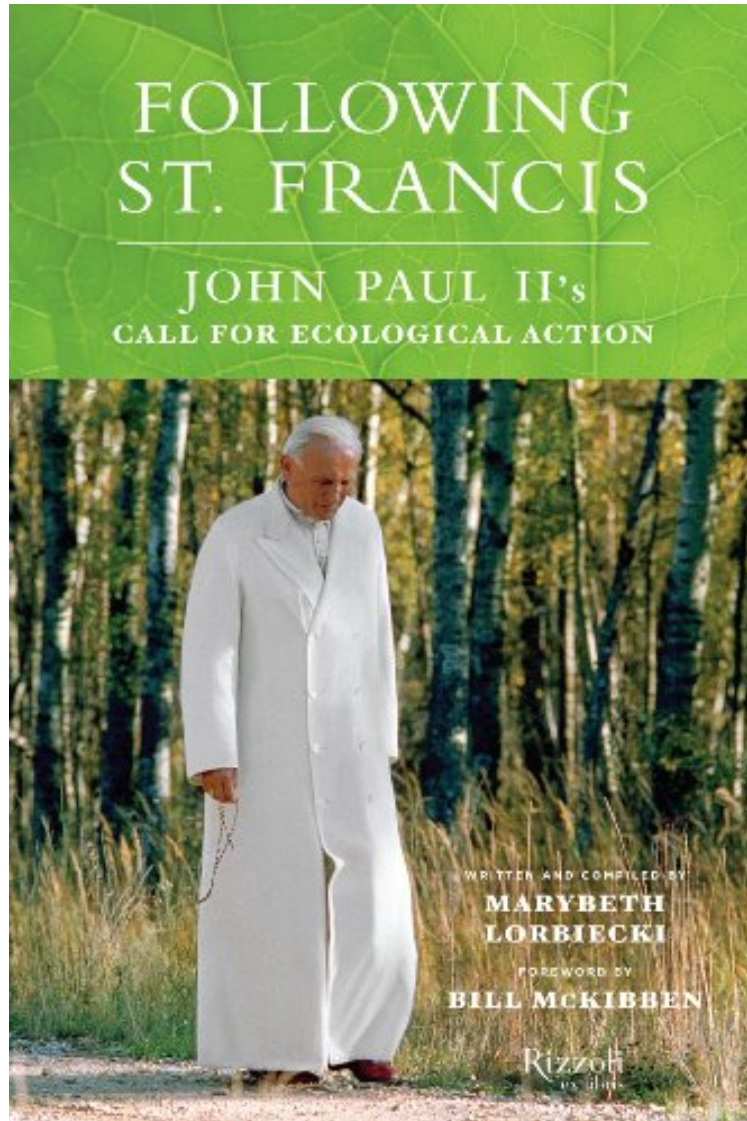


Following St. Francis: John Paul II's Call for Ecological Action

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people found the following review helpful. Absolutely Amazing! By W. J. Schneider I am fascinated by the late John Paul II and concerned about our environment. Fortunately I found "Following St. Francis: Pope John Paul II's Urgent Call for Ecological Action"; What an amazing book. Little did I know when I picked it up that I would learn more about the amazing life of one of our newest Saints and at the same time, educate myself about our endangered environment. John Paul II was truly ahead of his time. The book is brilliantly written, thought provoking, well researched and a treasure trove of information about John Paul II. Ms. Lorbiecki references hundreds of speeches and sermons from John Paul II giving you his unique perspective of the human race and our environment. For Catholics and non-Catholics alike, this is a great read. I hope you enjoy the book as much as I did! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. It's odd that this book has had so little attention so far. By C W Malick As a prophet is rarely honored in his own time and place, and although John Paul II has been sainted, his teachings on ecology appear surprisingly unrecognized. This is the only book to synthesize JP II's writings and speeches on his call to transform our orientation of man's role in earth's systems. Author Lorbiecki's tour de force is a compilation of the ecological counsel of John Paul II under twelve topical issue headings, relating his words to current events and to the words of other notable speakers and writers. Fundamental for those who respect the Pentateuch and seek the proper role of humankind relative to "the land" is a right understanding of the concept of "dominion," as distinguished from "domination," and the connections to the care for the poor. Both care of creation and care of the poor were emphasized by Saint Francis and in our time by JP II. This book could have been a tedious "read." However, early on, Ms. Lorbiecki seconds the view of Paul Hawken that we are in the midst of an unrecognized spiritual awakening. I found it exciting to hold that thought as I read on, examining her evidence and relating it to my experiences. I came away concluding that there is reason for hope that humankind will correct our excesses in time and that future generations will look back to John Paul II as the harbinger, the spokesman, of the necessary "movement." Thanks to the author. Ms. Lorbiecki has previously written biographies of Aldo Leopold and Seth Eastman who in their respective unique imagery communicated that gospel. She also wrote a related Bible study. That background qualifies her well for this work.

The first book to present the environmental teachings of this beloved pope—the newly canonized St. John Paul—and the hopeful words of Pope Francis, thoughtfully synthesized into a complete spiritual and practical vision for the future. "The ecological crisis is a moral crisis." So said Pope John Paul II, an unexpected and fierce advocate for ecological responsibility throughout his papacy. Rather than seeing environmental concerns as "earthly" or "political," he showed that they are in fact at the heart of the covenant between human beings and their Creator. In dozens of addresses, sermons, and encyclicals, Pope John Paul II made specific recommendations on twelve interconnected ecological issues, including climate change, ocean destruction, water scarcity, poverty, the role of women, and war. He showed that each could become a source of spiritual, social, and economic transformation. Following St. Francis integrates Pope John Paul II's vision with that of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology, and the galvanizing words of Pope Francis. Accessible and illuminating, it speaks to hearts and minds, to nonreligious readers as well as devoted Catholics, incorporating Scripture, current science, and inspiring stories of solutions and restoration. Marybeth Lorbiecki unifies and champions the late, beloved pope's view that all life issues are related and that all forms of life deserve care. And if we work with God and each other to protect them, we can "renew the face of the earth" (Psalm 104:30). From the Hardcover edition.

Following St. Francis: John Paul II's Call for Ecological Action," written and compiled by Marybeth Lorbiecki is a dynamic book written in easy, interesting narrative that offers a fresh look at environmental problems by investigating the ecological teachings of St. John Paul. Rizzoli ex libris - Today's Catholic "During his papacy, Pope John Paul II was an unexpected environmental advocate. Marybeth Lorbiecki's compilation of sections of his hundreds of speeches, sermons, and encyclicals in her book Following St. Francis, shows how John Paul II connected care of the environment with a just human society. This easily accessible book examines spiritual, moral, social, and economical topics for Catholics and non-Catholics alike" -US Catholic Magazine "Engaging . . . Some of the world's poorest people are currently on the front lines of climate change. Marybeth Lorbiecki makes us aware that Pope John Paul II and our new Vatican leadership views this threat as a great moral and spiritual issue of our day, impacting all of God's creation." -Rabbi Warren G. Stone, National Religious Coalition on Creation Care About the Author Marybeth Lorbiecki, M.A., is Director of the Interfaith Ocean Ethics Campaign, a joint program of the National Religious Coalition on Creation Care (NRCCC) and the Franciscan Action Network. The Vatican Office of Peace and Justice has sought her out for consultation on her compilation of Pope John Paul II's ecological teachings, the only collection they know to exist. She is a former adjunct university professor, and author of the award-winning biography of the conservationist Aldo Leopold, *A Fierce Green Fire*, as well as numerous children's books. Bill McKibben is the author of a dozen bestselling books about the environment, beginning with *The End of Nature* in 1989, which is regarded as the first book for a general audience on climate change. He is a founder of the grassroots climate campaign 350.org, and was awarded the Steward of God's Creation Award by the NRCCC in 2013.

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