

Saint Francis of Assisi A Life of Joy

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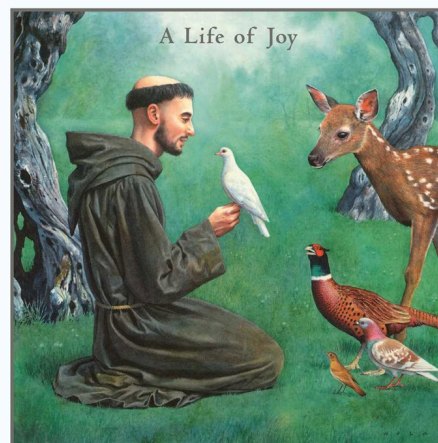
The story of St. Francis of Assisi—the Catholic saint who gave up everything to honor all life on Earth—retold by human rights crusader and public servant Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

He adopted the life of an itinerant preacher and made it his mission to teach about the sanctity of all life on Earth, becoming an advocate of animal rights and environmentalism in a time when even human life often had little value. He gave up all of his wealth and earthly possessions, and turned away from his life of privilege to live with the outcasts in his society.

Saint Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.—a father; a devout Roman Catholic; a crusader for clean air and water; an advocate for public health; and a member of a family famous for its dedication to the American people. Kennedy has chosen to retell this saint's classic tales hoping to teach its important messages to children around the world.

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. is a *New York Times* bestselling author and one of the nation's leading environmental activists. His writing has been included in anthologies of America's best crime writing, best science writing, and best political writing. He is president of Waterkeeper Alliance, the world's largest clean water advocacy group; a professor of environmental litigation at Pace University Law School in White Plains, NY; and a senior attorney at the Natural Resources Defense Council. Mr. Kennedy is a former Assistant District Attorney in Manhattan. He cohosts three weekly radio show *Ring of Fire*.

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