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Jon M. Sweeney is an independent scholar, author, critic, and publisher. His books include The Pope Who Quit: A True Medieval Tale of Mystery, Death, and Salvation, Inventing Hell, and several books on Saint Francis. He is a regular contributor to America and The Tablet. Jon is the publisher and editor-in-chief at Paraclete Press. He is married, the father of three, and lives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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