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PUBLICATIONS

In addition to numerous articles, he has written, co-authored, and edited several books, many of which have been translated into different languages:

Books in Italian:

- Together with J. NORIEGA and J.J. PÉREZ-SOBA he is the author of the Manual of Moral Theology: *Camminare nella luce dell'amore. I fondamenti della morale cristiana* (Cantagalli, Siena 2008; 2° ediz.: 2010);
 - *Imparare ad amare alla scuola di Giovanni Paolo II e di Benedetto XVI* (Cantagalli, Siena, 2009);
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 - (with J. LAFFITTE), *Amore coniugale e vocazione alla santità*, (Effatà Editrice, Cantalupa 2006).
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