1. Record Nr. UNINA9910464313403321 The sanctity of Louis IX: early lives of Saint Louis by Geoffrey of Titolo Beaulieu and William of Chartres / / translated by Larry F. Field; edited and introduced by M. Cecilia Gaposchkin and Sean L. Field Ithaca, New York: .: Cornell University Press. . 2014 Pubbl/distr/stampa ©2014 **ISBN** 0-8014-6913-9 1-322-52286-3 0-8014-6914-7 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (217 p.) Altri autori (Persone) FieldLarry F GaposchkinM. Cecilia <1970-> (Marianne Cecilia) FieldSean L <1970-> (Sean Linscott) 944/.023092 Disciplina Soggetti Christian saints - France Electronic books. France Kings and rulers Biography Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Front matter -- Contents -- List of Figures and Maps -- Preface -- List of Abbreviations -- Note on Sources and Translation Policies --Introduction -- 1. Three Early Letters on the Sanctity of Louis IX -- 2. Geoffrey of Beaulieu's Life and Saintly Comportment of Louis, Former King of the Franks, of Pious Memory -- 3. William of Chartres' On the Life and Deeds of Louis, King of the Franks of Famous Memory, and on the Miracles That Declare His Sanctity -- 4. Pope Boniface VIII's Bull Gloria Laus -- Appendix: The Manuscript and Printing Histories of the Texts -- Select Bibliography -- Index Louis IX of France reigned as king from 1226 to 1270 and was widely Sommario/riassunto considered an exemplary Christian ruler, renowned for his piety, justice, and charity toward the poor. After his death on crusade, he was proclaimed a saint in 1297, and today Saint Louis is regarded as one of the central figures of early French history and the High Middle Ages. In The Sanctity of Louis IX, Larry F. Field offers the first English-language

translations of two of the earliest and most important accounts of the king's life: one composed by Geoffrey of Beaulieu, the king's long-time Dominican confessor, and the other by William of Chartres, a secular clerk in Louis's household who eventually joined the Dominican Order himself. Written shortly after Louis's death, these accounts are rich with details and firsthand observations absent from other works, most notably Jean of Joinville's well-known narrativeThe introduction by M. Cecilia Gaposchkin and Sean L. Field provides background information on Louis IX and his two biographers, analysis of the historical context of the 1270s, and a thematic introduction to the texts. An appendix traces their manuscript and early printing histories. The Sanctity of Louis IX also features translations of Boniface VIII's bull canonizing Louis and of three shorter letters associated with the earliest push for his canonization. It also contains the most detailed analysis of these texts, their authors, and their manuscript traditions currently available.