

TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS

*Radical Practices in Solidarity,
Sufficiency, and Sustainability*

Joe Blosser

ORBIS  BOOKS
Maryknoll, New York 10545

Founded in 1970, Orbis Books endeavors to publish works that enlighten the mind, nourish the spirit, and challenge the conscience. The publishing arm of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, Orbis seeks to explore the global dimensions of the Christian faith and mission, to invite dialogue with diverse cultures and religious traditions, and to serve the cause of reconciliation and peace. The books published reflect the views of their authors and do not represent the official position of the Maryknoll Society. To learn more about Maryknoll and Orbis Books, please visit our website at www.orbisbooks.com.

Copyright © 2024 by Joe Blosser

Published by Orbis Books, Box 302, Maryknoll, NY 10545-0302.

Bible quotations are from *the New Revised Standard Version Bible* (NRSV), copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

All rights reserved.

No part of this publication may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying, recording, or any information storage or retrieval system, without prior permission in writing from the publisher.

Queries regarding rights and permissions should be addressed to: Orbis Books, P.O. Box 302, Maryknoll, NY 10545-0302.

Manufactured in the United States of America

Library of Congress Cataloging-in-Publication Data

Names: Blosser, Joe, author.

Title: To love our neighbors : radical practices in solidarity, sufficiency, and sustainability / by Joe Blosser.

Description: Maryknoll, NY : Orbis Books, [2024] | Includes bibliographical references. | Summary: "A compelling vision for living in solidarity and interconnectedness with our neighbors through radical systemic change"—Provided by publisher.

Identifiers: LCCN 2024004639 | ISBN 9781626985773 | ISBN 9798888660324

Subjects: LCSH: Love—Religious aspects—Christianity. | Church and social problems. | Social change—Religious aspects—Christianity.

Classification: LCC BV4639 .B585 2024 | DDC 261.8—dc23/eng/20240221
LC record available at <https://lccn.loc.gov/2024004639>

Contents

<i>Introduction</i>	Revisiting Neighbor Love	1
<i>Chapter 1</i>	Beyond Good Intentions	9
<i>Part 1</i>	Solidarity	
<i>Chapter 2</i>	A Community of Solidarity	43
<i>Chapter 3</i>	Solidarity, Race, and the Church	66
<i>Part 2</i>	Sufficiency	
<i>Chapter 4</i>	Building an Economy of Enough	97
<i>Chapter 5</i>	An Ethic of Sufficiency	118
<i>Part 3</i>	Sustainability	
<i>Chapter 6</i>	Ecological Sustainability	143
<i>Chapter 7</i>	Just and Sustainable Communities	164
<i>Acknowledgments</i>		197
<i>Bibliography</i>		203
<i>Endnotes</i>		219