

St. Gaspar's Letters

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July 19, 1834
Luigi Fuschi Norma

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Luigi

Thanks be given to the Giver of every good gift for what is being promoted there to the glory of God; in particular for what is being done for giving glory to the Divine Blood! For you, what a reason for comfort and so many, many blessings!

Do not fail to keep insisting always more and more on the work of the Oratory.

In regard to the Masses sent to me recently, have no doubt about their being fulfilled.

I would have been greatly consoled to have been able to meet with you in Sermoneta; however, God will provide us with another opportunity. You probably have already received notifications concerning the other Masses.

Pray for me. With esteem, respect and gratitude, I remain

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

House in Albano, July 19, 1834

P. S. Send your correspondence to "Rome".

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July 19, 1834
Mother Maria Nazzarena De Castris
Piperno

Hail to the Divine Blood

Here I am carrying out my promise. However, God will provide another time for our meeting together; it is now being supplied for by this letter. What do you say to me about the image of St. Xavier? Will they expose it permanently in the church? In that event we might be able to get some indulgences. Pray to the Saint for me and give my best regards to the nun Pelegrini. If needed, it will be good to reanimate the organization of St. Xavier and diffuse our great devotion. Pray according to my intention and for some other persons.

With regard to your nephew, de Victoriis has probably spoken to you about him. If he had been called to withdraw permanently, that would be something else. Say this same thing to your

sister to whom I have not sent a reply because of the great desire I have of being of service to her. However, I am responsible for our Institute and I must be the leader in governing our establishments. Now let us move on to something else.

Here are three Reminders which S.M. Maddalena de Pazzi gave to her nuns:

1. Respect the rule, as you would respect God.
2. Consider yourself alone in observing the rule.
3. Make allowances, insofar as you can, for the failings of others.

So, be very much, very much at peace. Think no longer about the past. Do not be the cause of your own crosses. Live joyfully with the Center of every good gift ... the will of God. ... May this be our mystical food, our comfort, our every good. Let us live in God, for God and with God. Each day, let us draw nearer to our beloved homeland in heaven. And, Oh! what rewards the Lord has prepared for us! In the meantime, the Cross is our ladder to heaven. Through it, we mature in patience and in all the other virtues. *O Crux, ave spes unica.*¹

Directive method.

1. Make known your tendencies, your inclinations, your wishes and desires.
2. Pay attention to what God communicates to you in prayer, in every related aspect. Your director will make an examination of this.
3. Examine yourself to see whether there is a lack of trust in God, always safeguarding the laws of humility.

In Jesus Christ crucified, I remain

Your humble servant

G. C. d. B.

M. Ap.

House in Albano, July 19, 1834

2753

July 20, 1834

Fr. Tomasso Meloni

Cammerino per Pievetorina

Hail to the Divine Blood

Esteemed Fr. Tomasso

Fr. Pedini has the other 4.50 Sc. for you, covering the previous listing of Masses. Keep up the correspondence and let me have a reply.

It appears that our accounts have been settled. In case not, however, distribute the Masses that have been sent. Write to me if I have made a mistake.

I am sorry to hear about your health, and I hope only for your improvement. Take care. Have no doubt, as long as I am in charge of things, you will not have to ride a mount again.

¹ O Cross, hail our only hope.

I am in Jesus Christ Crucified
 Your humble, devoted, obliged servant
G. D. del Bufalo
 M. Ap.

House at Albano, July 20, 1834

2754

July 20, 1834
 Fr. Sebastiano Agostini
 Sermoneta

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dear Father Sebastiano

Paying 2 *scudi* to Father Chiodi, and evaluating your small residual, I am left with having 90 *bajocchi* for which you will celebrate four Masses to be joined with the others that I have sent you, all of them to be covered by one notification. I urge you to handle these quickly.

With esteem and respect, I remain

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Albano, July 20, 1834

2755

July 20, 1834
 Msgr. Literio Turchi
 Vicar General of Camerino
 Camerino

Christus dilexit nos, et lavit nos in Sanguine Suo²

Venerable Monsignor

Your recent most kind letter has revived in a special way my remembrance of you and also gives me the opportunity of recommending myself evermore to your prayers. Now I come to the purpose of this letter. It is the practice of our Institute to stimulate men to come to the Oratory by having a procession of the crucifix, just as is done also in Rome. So, on Good Friday, following our methods, on that same night as happens in many towns, there will be the ceremony of the deceased Christ, a very touching ceremony entirely in keeping with one who is promoting the great devotion to the Divine Blood.

I do not know how this would in any way be harmful to parochial jurisdiction. I shall see that the matter is discussed during the visitation to be made during the upcoming autumn.

² Christ loved us and washed us in his blood.

Everything will be handled peacefully, adhering to the principle that the devil will seek any pretext at all to remove the sacred cult of which we are speaking. It is our Institute, wherever it is in existence, that on one night promotes this ceremony in which everyone is called to form a crown for the cross of Jesus. It is there that I now leave you, as I respectfully renew myself as

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspare C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Rome (for forwarding), July 20, 1834

2756

July 20, 1834

Camillo Possenti

Fabriano

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Camillo

Here are some more inconveniences. Oh how many obligations! Needed is some mediumsized thread for stockings. It must be white. The quantity comes to six or seven *fibre*.

Moreover, we need two rolls of linen cloth just like that sent recently and it should be of the highest quality; this, in addition to what I said in my other letter. Asking you again for your prayers, I remain, with esteem and respect

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspare C. del Bufalo

Miss. Ap.

Rome (for forwarding) July 20, 1834

2757

July 22, 1834

Fr. Raffaele Rosati

Lenola

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Father Raffaele

Stimulated by a bit of charity, I write you these few lines.

1. I believe that our accounts are settled, as you must acknowledge that one or the other expense would not have been made if I had been aware of the tenor of life that you had, not altogether in keeping with ecclesiastical training. Recall our discussions in Ronciglione. If you had chosen to do so, you could have sent a respectful response to the bishop of Gaeta and you would then be sure that everything would have been handled in good order.

2. Until you have made a final decision to leave the Institute, we suspend your faculties, since it is necessary to express everything in the records.

3. Finally, to peacefully settle your situation, and your service to the Institute, why did you not ask me to go to a House in the Province, *donec*³ you had connections? Content with these words of advice, which I give you by way of comforting myself for not having omitted them, I leave everything in the hands of God. If you do not give me a reply to this letter of mine by the feast of the Assumption, your silence will be an indication of your departure from the Institute. Pray over this and with God's enlightenment ponder on these words "*si quis reliquerit domum vel fratres etc. aut patrem aut matrem propter nomen meum centuplum accipiet et vitam aeternam possidebit*".⁴ There are so many ways of providing, without losing one's vocation. I am

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

House in Albano, July 22⁵

2758

July 22, 1834

Msgr. Giuseppe Costantini

Vicar General of S. Salvatore Maggiore

*Christus dilexit nos, et lavit nos in Sanguine Suo*⁶

Venerable Monsignor

I have looked again at your letter and am now sending you a reply; I am always grateful for the singular kindness that you show toward me. By divine mercy, our Institute continues to be blessed by the Lord; it offers a special service for the urgencies of our times. I have not had the occasion to call to the attention of Lawyer Alberghini your most esteemed letter. However, I would say that, in seeking to have a response, he should have indicated a forwarding address to his brother, the Monsignor, Canon of the Vatican Basilica.

At my last meeting, which I had some time ago with the reverend Lawyer, he submitted the suggestion that the situation ought to have been referred to the most holy auditor, with the previous swearing of the two lawyers, which, I understand was indeed carried out. Prayers, for a disentanglement of the situation. May the Lord give you every blessing of sweetness for the concern which has stimulated you evermore toward the good work to which we have reference. I have never had very close contact with his Eminence Lambruschini. One or the other time I

³ Until.

⁴ If anyone leaves home or brothers, etc. or father or mother because of my name, he will receive a hundred times more and will possess eternal life.

⁵ The year is 1834 (cfr. the letter (n. 2651) to this same person dated January 4, 1834).

⁶ Christ loved us and washed us in his blood.

stopped off to give him my best regards but I have never succeeded in arranging for an audience. I know that his Eminence Giustiniani has spoken to him about it, and I have followed through with a very respectful letter to him, and, since there is question here of the ministry, without a precise appointment, I do not know when I will succeed in arranging a meeting with his most reverend Eminence. It is quite true that there is no immediate urgency, with the matter still pending.

At any rate, I ask you for two things, for I know that the Cardinal will be coming to Sabina. First, that you inform him well concerning our Institute. Second, to increase your efforts for a settlement as well as to be firmly in opposition to the derogations that are being implored. For example, the vessel, renounced by the Jesuits, should redound to the inheritance with the conditions etc. I do not recall fully the testament. Furthermore, Baron de Noa, insistent on the trust committed, when the Cardinal was still living, was in agreement. It is likewise true, indeed, that at the present time he is submitting arguments which he was not cognizant of at that time. I conclude that, by withdrawing what is suitable *pro rata dubii*,⁷ the rest should be settled *prout jacet in testamento*.⁸

Once the part that pertains to Sabina has been obtained, the final execution can be worked out. However, it will be weighed down in proportion to the responsibilities etc. I repeat, prayers, for the disentanglement of the situation. Among other things, it prescribes the celebration of one Mass for each day of the ministry. But this is still being awaited.

With reference to you, I say, in a most ingenuous way, that God is calling you to a special exercise of virtue. From what I have learned, Cardinal Giustiniani is in Civitavecchia undergoing baths with sea water. Cardinal Odescalchi would be making an excellent selection in you. I am aware of your situation and I know well the good work that you are promoting there. Your absence would create a huge void. Moreover, this matter merits having a conclusion. When I saw Cardinal Galleffi he spoke to me of you and I saw that he was eager to procure a placement for you. In conclusion, wholeheartedly do I desire for you a true and solid happiness, a pure and clear fulfillment of the will of God, and, finally, I would sincerely like that rather than being a suffragan without the responsibility of souls, that you would be granted another career. I kiss your hands. *In lumine tuo videbimus lumen*.⁹ With esteem and respect, I remain

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

July 22, 1834

⁷ For calculation of doubt.

⁸ Just as it lies in the testament.

⁹ In your light we see the light.

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July 23, 1834
Fr. Givseppe Bellisarj
L'Aquila

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Canon

I was waiting for a response from you. Once again I inconvenience you, knowing that you have on sale some copies of the little work on the Divine Blood written by Canon Palma. If you have some on hand, how much per copy?

Pray to the Lord for me. With esteem and respect, consider me as

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspare C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

House in Albano, July 23, 1834

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July 24, 1834
Vincenzo Adriani
Perugia

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Vincenzo

I note from your most appreciated letter the propagation there of the greatly important devotion of the Divine Blood. May praise be given to the Lord, and may you, in particular, be granted endless blessings. I assure you, I could not have received more consoling news. The cult to the Divine Blood makes compensation for the abuse offered to it by so many in our days. May it be an offering to the Eternal Divine Father for the much longedfor reconciliation. Through its application, may the consciences of people be made clean: "*Pacificans per Sanguinem ... justificati in Sanguine salvi erimus ab ira per ipsum.*"¹⁰

If I could have ten or twelve copies of the certificates, compensating you, which is only just, for the expenses, I would make use of them in stimulating other people. If you agree to this, you might send them to me through the mail. Then, too, I have no doubt that you are, in the meanwhile, promoting the public recitation of the Chaplet to the Divine Blood, and that you will not omit the practice of observing the month dedicated to the special adoration of the mysteries of our Redemption. I am more than eager to send you copies of this, if necessary, and in this way, also, to take part in whatever way that I can in the fulfillment of this great work. The method required for gaining the indulgences is the usual one. The Holy Father has shown a special sign of approval for the propagation of this very great devotion. Finally, I am ready to be of service at

¹⁰ Making pace through the blood ... justified in blood we will be saved from wrath through it.

any request from you. I ask you to pay a special visit to Canon Tori, recommending to his prayers. I am and will constantly be

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspare C. del Bufalo

Miss. Ap.

Mission and Retreat House in S. Paolo in Albano, July 24, 1834

P. S. Address your letters to me to "Rome".

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July 25, 1834

Student Fr. Stefano Pigliucci

Pievetorina

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Canon

First of all, you will note what his most reverend Eminence is providing for you as a subsidy. If you do not have any other means for getting a cassock and the long garment, I would say that you should work this out with Father Beniamino¹¹ to whom I shall write, assured of his exactitude in giving you satisfaction. But couldn't your father or others take care of this?

With regard to the dimissorials, I agree that you should have them directed to Spoleto, *aut eo impedito ad viciniorem*,¹² which would be, I believe, the bishop of Norcia¹³ since there is no bishop in Fuligno. I sent you there for a bit of a change of climate, since I felt that in Giano you were not feeling so well. Once you have been ordained a priest, if you decide to return to your diocese, from this very moment I inform you that it will be up to you to seek the means for making the trip and then settle it with the Cardinal. We would not be able to provide that. Pray for me. With esteem, I remain

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

July 25, 1834

2762

July 26, 1834

Fr. Pietro Spina

Nepi

Hail to the Divine Blood

¹¹ Romani.

¹² Or if he is prevented being closer.

¹³ Msgr. Gaetano Bonanni.

Esteemed Fr. Pietro

With regard to your books in Frosinone, if you decisively say that you want them, all you have to do is write to me.

You have complained about your trunk, which I have not even seen. Remember that Merlini thought it best to proceed in this way only to avoid customs. Still, I think that you are not missing anything. Merlini acted simply for the reason just stated. I mentioned above that I had not even seen it, to indicate to you that I had nothing to do with this, etc.. I have no doubt that you are most convinced of that.

At present, be very careful to carry out blindly, promptly, exactly all that I entrust to you.

1) On the night of the 2nd of August, you are to be in Rome, with your traveling papers. On the 1st, you will assist in the Portiuncula indulgences in Nepi, and for the entire morning of the 2nd, you will remain there in Nepi. After dinner, in Rome. The mornings are long: with help in the morning, depart in plenty of time so that you can be in Rome by nighttime. I believe that you will manage well with a mount and a footman, whom I will lodge in one of the inns next to my house, whenever a seat in the carriage cannot be obtained, according to our rule.

2) On Sunday, August 3rd, you are to be in Albano to have the Mass. I shall leave instructions with those in my house, just in case I should not be there.

3) I will need you for a short time, safeguarding, I repeat, your stay in Nepi. Bring along whatever you might need. Handle it as though you were going out on the Missions: for, perhaps, it might just turn out that way.

4) When you have arrived in Rome on Saturday evening, and you have not had any other time for it, should you wish to consult a doctor, as you mentioned to me, have Giovaninni take you directly to the Gesu, to Doctor Leonardi. But the best doctor, when necessary, is a small vow to the great Xavier, preceded by a Novena. I am hoping that you will get better.

While awaiting a line or so from you, in which you say: "I shall obey", I am and will always be

Your humble, devoted, obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

(Rome) July 26, 1834

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July 27, 1834

Msgr. Antonio Begni

Bishop of Montefeltro

Pennabilli

*Christus dilexit nos, et lavit nos in Sanguine Suo*¹⁴

¹⁴ Christ loved us and washed us in his blood.

Venerable Monsignor

Here I am sending a reply to your most esteemed letter. In regard to preaching for Lent, which would be something very helpful to our Mission House there, it is not feasible for us to follow the method that is ordinarily used. So, with regret I ask you to dispense our Institute from that charge. Our Institute participates in the spirit of St. Philip; thus, preaching Lenten series is not in accordance with the rule of our establishments. Nevertheless, if, at times, the bishops so desire, we do not refuse them, but the preaching is done from a platform, omitting nothing of whatever is proper for that type of preaching, maintaining, as well, the spirit of the holy season of Lent. The people, in learning that a Missionary will be doing the preaching, are not surprised. In fact, ordinarily a tremendously copious good ensues. With respect to the selection of a member of our group, if it is God's will for us to provide him, then have no doubts. Furthermore, since you are eager to go along with the feelings of the most reverend Chapter, please make whatever decision you feel is best, in the Lord.

If I do not get a prompt reply to this most humble letter of mine, it will be a sign that you will be making other arrangements. Indeed, you can be assured that because of the esteem that I hold for you, as well as because of my own temperament, I feel distressed that I have to write in this fashion to you. But, changing our rule is not within my capabilities. Please be understanding, for I am always ready to be of service to you in whatever way I can. Feel free to give your command.

With reference to the monasteries, since you are in favor of having our Missionaries contact them, I am preparing a list of instructions for Father Liparelli who will be getting in close touch with you. All will be carried out in keeping with your wishes.

Finally, if it pleases God that this autumn I will be able to be in Romagna for a brief spell, I hope to have the good fortune of seeing you again and, at the same time, renewing to you my humble sentiments of esteem, respect and gratitude. Venerable Monsignor, while asking you for your prayers, I am and will constantly be

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspere Can. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Rome, as the center for correspondence, July 27, 1834

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July 27, 1834

Fr. Giuseppe Tori

Perugia

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Canon

I have received word that the package of books or written works which you sent has already reached my house. I am writing from Albano. However, the center for all your

correspondence to me is still Rome. With pleasure will I read the Catechisms that you indicated, as soon as I have completed a few things pertaining to the ministry. A thousand thanks to you for your charity and exceedingly great kindness to me.

Father Adriani has also written to me the consoling news concerning the Pious Union of the most Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which has been canonically erected there. May praise be given to the Lord; and, for you, its principal promoter, what a reason for comfort and trust! Being tested by God, with the special exercise of holy patience, that is how we must concur in the projects that lead to his greater divine glory. And, oh! in what times do we find ourselves! ... We are in need of assiduous prayers, *ut Dominus miseratur nostri*.¹⁵

As best you can, take good care of yourself. Do not cease praying for me, and having others do so too. I am always so full of inexpressible obligations to you. Once again, with special esteem, respect and very particular affection, I have the pleasure of renewing myself as

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspere C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

July 27, 1834

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July 30, 1834

Fr. Pietro Spina

Roma per Nepi

Hail to the Divine Blood

Esteemed Fr. Pietro

After my last business letter to you, which I confirm in all of its content, I have received the sad news of the death of one of our best companions, Fr. Sebastiano Agostini, whom God has willed to call to himself. I cannot tell you the sorrow that I have felt because of it.¹⁶

This news compels me to set up a new arrangement. So, for that reason (departing from there according to our practice), you shall bring along with you all of your possessions. Do so in such a way that at the city gates you will not be compelled to go through customs. Do this, either by using another hired packanimal if you come by mount, or in the carriage if there is room. You are as signed to be a Missionary and, in particular, the Director of the Missions in Sermoneta. I am giving the management to Fr. Pontini, as I will explain further when I see you in person, but he is to be assisted by your advice, for I would like to have you free for the ministry to which I must assign you. Let this all be by way of a forewarning. We shall discuss it more in person, I repeat.

¹⁵ In order that the Lord have mercy on us.

¹⁶ In regard to the Missionary, Fr. Sebastiano Agostini, who died in Sermoneta on July 29, 1834, cfr. biographical section.

Pray for me who, with esteem and affection, am
 Your humble servant
G. C. del Bufalo
 Mis. Ap.
 Albano, July 30, 1834

2766

August 1834

NOTIFICATION OF MASSES

For the deceased Father Sebastiano Agostini¹⁷

- | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|---|
| (Masses) | Note sent | 20 Masses to Father Paolo Venerucci |
| (20) | | and the offerings of 15 <i>bajocchi</i> for each one. Notification has been sent to Father Merlini. ¹⁸ |
| (15) | Note sent | Another 15 Masses for Fr. Agostini.
The offerings satisfied and the note sent. |
| (23) | Note sent | 23 more Masses as seen on the sheet enclosed herein. |
| (1) | Note sent | 5 more Masses given to Sebastianelli with the offerings.
See the note. |
| (10) | Note sent | 10 more Masses given to Fr. Michele Palombi. Offerings of 15 <i>bajocchi</i> each were given. See the note. |
| (31) | See the | 31 more Masses given to Fr. Beniamino ¹⁹ and the offerings have been taken care of. |
| | note con signed | |
| (30) | | 30 more Masses to Fr. Biagio ²⁰ |
| (25) | | 22 more Masses to Fr. Don Pedini and 3 Masses to Merlini. |
| (159) ²¹ | | |

¹⁷ He died on July 29, 1834 in Sermoneta.

¹⁸ St. Gaspar had added: "I sent the intention on August 31, 1834", but then he crossed out that line.

¹⁹ Fr. Beniamino Romani

²⁰ Fr. Biagio Valentini.

²¹ The words and numbers in parenthesis are in Merlini's handwriting.

The Agostignani breviaries, already acquired, cost 4,30 *scudi*.²²

2767

August 6, 1834
Fr. Sante Rubertini
Pennabilli

*Christus dilexit nos, et lavit nos in Sanguine Suo*²³

Most esteemed Archdeacon

I understand that there is a young man who wishes to enter our House of Studies. You know who he is. Tell him, please, that since the year is far advanced, he should hold off for the time being until the new studies begin. I presume that he is one fit for us and of good character. I am writing while being deeply saddened by the death of our excellent Father Sebastiano Agostini.²⁴ God wished to have him back. May he, indeed, be blessed. Trusting that I will be able to see you once again, at least for a brief time, I am and will constantly be

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspere C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

House in Albano, August 6, 1834

2768

August 8, 1834

Msgr. Gregorio Muccioli
Bishop of Agatopoli
Rome

Hail to the Divine Blood

Venerable Monsignor

Please take care of the aggregations. Enclosed is one more. As soon as it arrives at the house, your messenger, who will be delivering the package, will receive the six *scudi*. I believe that the letter from that Vicar General, in his own handwriting, will be valid for the procurement. Even though it may include matters pertaining to the ministry for our Missionaries, that will not alter things. Hold on to that letter. I shall be awaiting the desired document for Frosinone relating to the transfer of the Pious Union of the Divine Blood from the church of S. Agostino to the church of S. Francesco Saverio in Frosinone, and specifically to the altar of the most holy Mary, *Auxilium Christianorum*. The *scudo* that I sent is for the the new certification for Frosinone; as

²² This paragraph is found on the fourth siding.

²³ Christ loved us and washed us in his blood.

²⁴ Fr. Sebastiano Agostini died in Sermoneta on July 29, 1834.

for the one of Veroli, I do not know whether it was obtained *gratis* or whether a *scudo* has to be paid. In case that is so, just drop me a line. Asking you for your prayers, I remain, with esteem and respect

Your humble servant and affectionate brother

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Mission House in Nepi, August 8, 1834

P. S. When necessary, send your letters to my house.

P. S. I do not think that there is another aggregation in Sezze. Allow me to make the following observations:

1. Have a meeting or so with Canon Giuliani in regard to the spiritual matters for the Archconfraternity; I, who am exceedingly weighed down with cares that seem always to be increasing, will not be able to occupy myself with that.

2. In the course of time, consider the selection of a member to cover the month, so that he can prepare himself for it.

3. The residual administration of the hospice, in reference to the contributors alone who still remain, now rests upon you *detractis detrahendis*;²⁵ it will be up to me to handle what pertains to me under this title, for at the present time, I am balancing out the past. I am making plans for the new hospice, keeping in mind especially the primary expense for beds etc. The letters of procurement that you drew up for me, you should assign to that account, indicating to me the costs involved. If I have overlooked anything, all you have to do is drop me a line. There is nothing more to be done than to pray for each other etc.

2769

August 10, 1834

Fr. Pietro Spina

Roma per Velletri per Sermoneta

Hail to the Divine Blood

Esteemed Fr. Pietro

You will please go to the Belardi house and remind them of what has been decided with Bartolomeo in regard to the Masses to be offered for the grain obtained from the Purgatory association for the House in Albano. In reference to the Masses, find out whether they can be said *ubique*,²⁶ and whether more time can be allowed than usual, as it appears to be necessary.

The letterexchange with me: "Rome".

Furthermore, in regard to the grain, work it out with Pontoni to have it transported to the

²⁵ Having removed what has to be removed.

²⁶ Wherever.

granary in Sermoneta, then to our Mission House. You will inform Merlini about the cost for transporting it from the city of Sermoneta to the Mission House, for this is something that will be the responsibility of Albano. Send me an answer.

I remind you of the exclusion of cats when you are eating dinner and supper, as well as when you are sleeping,²⁷ and, that in all things you abide by the rule: remember the conferences to the Brothers, the days of recollection for the Missionaries etc., all the practices of the Institute. Pray for me who, with esteem and respect, am

Your humble, devoted, obliged

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Nepi, august 10, 1834

2770

August 15, 1834

Vincenzo Adriani

Perugia

*Christus dilexit nos, et lavit nos in Sanguine Suo*²⁸

Most esteemed Vincenzo

Here I am sending a reply to your very kind letter, as I continue traveling for the holy Missions. However, you should always address your correspondence to "Rome".

Give my thanks to Canon Tori for the books that he was kind enough to send to me, and tell him that I received the package punctually. Ask him what I owe him; through your kind assistance, I would also be pleased to learn of the state of his health. Assure him that I do not fail, in my wretchedness, to pray for whatever his needs may be, while being certain of his charity in remembering my poor soul.

In regard to the Chaplet, in our churches we usually have it recited at the time of the first Mass, just like the Dominican Fathers have the Rosary recited. In some churches, it is recited at the last Mass, and both priests and clerics take turns. But, whenever it is recited at some other time, the compass, which keeps moving, usually manages to balance out the expenses.

In reference to the month, the most reverend bishop could either set aside a single offering which is available for a course of Lenten preaching, wherever it is preached in the diocese, or, at least in the cathedral alone; or, also, if some pious place is available and a bit of income is left over, one might make a request for this in behalf of the project, always in keeping with the judgment of the Ordinary. Finally, let me know what the expense there might come to. By communicating our thoughts to each other, we can figure out how this can be worked out.

²⁷ Cf. Gasparian History and Trivia: Cats, The exclusion of

²⁸ Christ loved us and washed us in his blood.

With esteem and respect, I am
 Your humble, devoted and obliged servant
Gaspare C. del Bufalo
 Mis. Ap.
 House in Pievetorina, August 15, 1834

2771

August 17, 1834
 Fr. Ferdinando Angelici
 Matelica

Hail to the Divine Blood

House in Pievetorina, August 16, 1834

Most esteemed Father Ferdinando

I am here just passing through. I ask you to send to me in Forli by way of Forlimnopoli the document for the Masses which I committed to you, for they will not allow for delay.

Please excuse this inconvenience. Pray a lot for me. With esteem and respect, I remain

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspare C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

House in Pievetorina, August 17, 1834²⁹

2772

August 17, 1834
 Camillo Possenti
 Fabriano

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Camillo

Indeed, with regard to the cloth or material and the thread, please send me what you indicated in your kind letter, and, with respect to the prices for the quantity referred to, I am completely reliant on you.

I am on the way for a Mission in Forlimpopoli. Recommend me often to God. You could write to me there, indicating the costs, so that I can then instruct them in Rome for the payment.

In one complete package, send to Rome the four reams of stationery, two of the usual type and two of the better quality, all to be used in the writing of letters. In the upcoming year, I will give you my orders with more precision, as you have suggested to me. For the time being, I have some Chaplets on hand.

The Mission in Forlimpopoli begins on August 31 and will conclude on September 14. Pray for me and have others do so too. Your correspondence during that period of time should be

²⁹ He repeated the date here, but he changed the day: from 16 to 17.

addressed "Forli per Forlimpopoli". After that time, use "Rome".

I am (though weighted down with immense obligations) with esteem and respect

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspere C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

August 17, 1834³⁰

2773

August 17, 1834

Fr. Nicola Crescenzi

Veroli

Hail to the Divine Blood

Very reverend Canon

I am writing this letter while traveling. Father Tomasso Meloni, our Missionary, a native of Veroli, will be inconveniencing you with a letter, asking you to be of assistance to him with a problem. I recommend him to your charity. The problem, as far as I know, is not of great moment; however, with due regard to all others, he has trust in you. I think that it has something to do with his relatives. So, after giving you this hint, your reply should be sent to Rome. Father Meloni would like you to handle this with reserve.

In Jesus Christ crucified, I remain, with esteem and respect

Obligingly yours

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

House in Pievetorina, August 17, 1834

Your letters to "Rome".

2774

August 17, 1834

Fr. Michele Brioli

Rimini

Christus dilexit nos, et lavit nos in Sanguine Suo³¹

Venerable Canon

I find your excellent nephew so well and content that one can clearly see the divine calling. I know that you are a bit anxious about the method etc.; but, ultimately, it is pardonable in the complexity of the circumstances. I am writing as I travel, and hence in a hurry. Having the

³⁰ From the postal markings it is clear that it was sent from Foligno.

³¹ Christ loved us and washed us in his blood.

desire of seeing you once again soon and asking you for your prayers, most venerable Canon, I remain, with esteem and respect

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

House in Pievetorina, August 17, 1834

2775

August 31, 1834

Fr. Carlo Gazola

Benevento

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dear Father Carlo

Having to make appointments of our members for the upcoming Lent, maintaining our rule (preaching from a platform), I am assigning you to the city of Frosinone. The travel will be undertaken during carnival time. So, I must make this known in time to the member involved. You will do great work in that city with your Lenten sermons; however, I point out that there will be an obligatory discourse on S. Benedict. Check with Father Camillo³² who is aware of this since he preached there himself. Starting now, make your preparations. Asking you for your prayers, I remain, with esteem

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Cesena, August 31, 1834

Send your reply to "Rome".

2776

August 31, 1834

Fr. Antonio dei Marchesi

Mosti

Roma per Benevento

Hail to the Divine Blood

Esteemed Fr. Antonio

A few lines in confidence

The holy enthusiasm of the people to keep there the two Missionaries, who are no strangers to you, is not pleasing to me and is discouraging for anyone who will be coming to Benevento. Institutes have their rules and impartiality must be the characteristic endowment of

³² Fr. Camillo Rossi.

the one who governs. God has no need of us: he makes use of us *pro sua voluntate*.³³ This does not deny the esteem that I have for all our companions; but, I love good order in the Society more, and I insist on saying that from this moment on, the residence there of Fr. Carlo and Can. Betti has been sufficiently long; eventually, they are to be transferred.

I would like Doctor Gioja³⁴ to take into consideration that the air of Benevento, as I have been told, is not good for Can. Betti's health. Likewise, the Doctor could do without making so many bombastic statements. I laud his zeal, but *est modus in rebus*.³⁵

However, neither the one nor the other will be leaving for the time being. With due caution, I beg you, to whom I open up my heart, to look for the opportune moment, *ut ex se*,³⁶ of offering them *monita salutis*.³⁷ I know the person with whom I am speaking and to whom I am writing.

When needed, send your letters to me in: "Rome".

With regard to Fr. Alderisio's patrimony, all should be finalized by now.

I kiss your hands. Give my regards to Salvatore³⁸ and anyone else who remembers me.

With esteem and respect, consider me as

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

House in Cesena, August 31, 1834

2777

September 2, 1834

Luigi Baldi

Meldola

³³ For his own will.

³⁴ Cf. Additional Biographical Data: Gioja, Doctor Giacomo

³⁵ There is method in things.

³⁶ As from itself.

³⁷ Admonitions of salvation.

³⁸ Cf. Additional Biographical Data: Mosti

Dear Luigi³⁹

I would like to have, at the soonest possible, the decision about the Mission. I assure you that I will be coming in person. With esteem, I remain

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

2778

September 2, 1834

Antonio Sarto

Mola di Gaeta

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Antonio

I give you wholehearted thanks for the kindness that you show me with so much attention and for the inconveniences that you endure for me.

Your sons will become Passionists. I regret to say that I do not know the Father Provincial directly; however, I shall continue to consider what can be done in this matter.

I shall refer what relates to your problem to Morichetti. Always fully obliged to you, I am and will constantly be

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspare Can. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

While on the Missions, September 2, 1834

2779

September 8, 1834

Camillo Possenti

Fabriano

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dear Camillo

I am sending my reply from Forlimpopoli, and, who knows, maybe I will be able to stop off and see you again on my way back, if it pleases God.

I have learned about the good work being done in Cereto etc. and, who knows, do you suppose that at some other time God will be sending our Institute there?

³⁹ St. Gaspar writes these few words on the same sheet of the letter sent to him by Baldi on September 2, 1834 to Forlimpopoli where St. Gaspar was preaching the Mission. He wrote it in opposition to a "rumor" according to which he, after Forlimpopoli, was supposed to be going back to Rome. He assures him of his participation in the Mission in Meldola. Consequently, we date St. Gaspar's letter September 2, 1834.

Through the maildelivery, you will be receiving the money, since I have sent orders to Rome. I am in a hurry.

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Forlimpopoli, September 8, 1834

2780

September 12, 1834

Msgr. Bernardino Panzacchi

Bishop of Terracina, Sezze and Priverno

Terracina

*Christus dilexit nos, et lavit nos in Sanguine Suo*⁴⁰

Venerable Monsignor

I have written to Father Pietro de Victoriis that he should get in touch with your most illustrious and reverend lordship in regard to the withdrawal of Lampreda to Sermoneta. Be assured that as a matter of principle I would like to go along with your desires as you express them. However, in matters dealing with our Institute, since I have no other responsibility than that of watching that our established methods are safeguarded, I am distressed when those practices are altered. We are accustomed to conduct our Retreats for 12 or, at the most, 15 days. So, with respect to the aforementioned Lampreda, only at the beginnings of his career, he became a student of ours (returning to his home eventually); he will be able to remain in Sermoneta for an entire month.

I am writing while in the course of conducting a Mission. However, your correspondence to me should be sent to Rome. I had the consolation of speaking about you with Father Paolo Venerucci who sends you his best regards. Our family in Sonnino, at first, were not able to get things going smoothly. You simply cannot imagine how greatly we were occupied with the problems dealing with the sacred furnishings, the beds, and work of construction etc. By the feast of All Saints, the House of studies in Sonnino will be set up in keeping with the desires we have in common.

I kiss your hands. With total reverence and esteem, and ready to be of service at any word from you, most venerable Monsignor, I am and will constantly be

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspere C. del Bufalo

Miss. Ap.

Forlimpopoli, September 12, 1834

⁴⁰ Christ loved us and washed us in his blood.

2781

September 18, 1834
 Madre Abbadessa
 Monastero di M. SS" a del Buon Consiglio
 Roma per Velletri per Cori

Hail to the Divine Blood

Mother Abbess

I have received your most esteemed letter while on the Missions; and immediately I am going to instruct Merlini, the Superior of the House at Albano, to get in touch with you in regard to the visit of the Extraordinary Confessor.⁴¹

Whatever need you may have, write to me freely.

The address for your letters: = Rome =

Asking for your prayers, I am with esteem and respect

Your humble, devoted, obliged servant

Gaspere Can. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Meldola,⁴² September 18, 1834

2782

September 19, 1834
 Camillo Possenti
 Fabriano

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Camillo

I shall do everything I can to see you once again. I will give you more precise information at the beginning of October. From Rome, you will be receiving the money. Oh how many obligations I have toward you. I would like to have a report on the money received. Up to the 28th I will be in Meldola. Then, I move on to Cesena. In extreme need, send your letters to me to Rome from where they forward them to me. Full of consolation for the fruits produced by the word of God, I remain, in Jesus Christ crucified

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

⁴¹ *Straordinariato*: a ministry of an extraordinary nature, which is held from time to time in the course of a year for Religious Communities of women. As it was conceived in those times, it consisted usually of a sermon after the manner of a Day of Recollection or a Retreat, followed by the Confession of the Nuns. According to varying circumstances, it could last from two to fifteen days. The Saint dictated a "*Metodo per il Confessore Straordinario ai Monasteri di Monache*." in which he explains everything in detail, including practical wise counsels. He reviewed and revised it in September of 1835. It is found in Vol. XII of the Writings of the Founder "*Rigolamenti*".

⁴² Cf. Geographical Data: Meldola:

M. Ap.
Meldola, September 19, 1834

2783

October 4, 1834
To a nun

Hail to the Blood of Jesus Christ

Very reverend Mother

Since Father Benedetto Corbucci will be handling the holy Mission in S. Giovanni in Marignano, having contacted the bishop and the pastor, you need have no doubts that I shall send Missionaries who are capable of handling the needs. May God bless your intentions, and, let us continue praying.

Return my very best wishes to the Mother Abbess, to the Vicar Mother and to the entire community. With esteem and respect, I remain

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspare Can. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

House in Cesena, October 4, 1834

2784

October 5, 1834
Fr. Francesco Paradisi
Montalto

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Canon

Having learned the advice of your director, which you quoted to me, I would say that you should stimulate good work in your hometown as well as in the neighboring places, and, in particular, to propagate the devotion to the Divine Blood. It appears to me that community life is not something indicated for you.

Pray for me. With esteem and affection, I remain

Your humble, devoted servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

House in Cesena, October 5, 1834⁴³

P. S. If your director should approve of your coming, you are the one to make the decision. Send your letters to me in Rome.

⁴³ In the copy, the date is given as 1837. However, in that year St. Gaspar was in Albano, sick.

2785

October 18, 1834
Fr. Pietro Spina
Roma per Velletri per Sermoneta

Hail to the Divine Blood

Esteemed D. Pietro

You will keep the *rubbio* of grain from Sezze in the storehouse.

When Fr. Lampreda comes, he is to be considered as a Retreatant and should pay room and board, applying etc.

In reference to the Belardi grain, I must have more details. As for the Masses, however, take that up with Merlini. Summarize the whole deal for me, and keep me informed.

Likewise, keep me informed concerning the widow, Pietrosanti.

I urge you to look after things there. Since the Institute will be getting a payment of 100 *Sc.* from the Commune in the next installment, the last of the payments for the 300 *Sc.*, nevertheless, remember that as far as the building project is concerned, we cannot spend more than what is available from the actual money collected.⁴⁴

Your letters to me: "Rome". Upon my return, which is not too far away, we shall see. I am
Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Cessena, October 5, 1834

2786

October 19, 1834
Student Fr. Stefano Pigliucci
S. Felice in Giano

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Canon⁴⁵

In the event that you might be going to Rome, you could make use of our carriage which is in Fuligno, where, by sharing the expenses, you would have little to bear. This does not stand in the way of what you might be in the process of deciding. With esteem and respect, I remain

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

House in Pievetorina, October 19, 1834

⁴⁴ Cf. Gasparian History and Trivia: Sermoneta (State Subsidy)

⁴⁵ The letter does not have an address, but it undoubtedly was sent to Pigliucci who had returned at that time to S. Felice in Giano, as is evident from the context (cfr. also the letter (n. 2761) to this same person dated July 25, 1834).

P. S. In Fuligno, you can work it out with Bartolomeo.⁴⁶

2787

October 31, 1834
Camillo Possenti
Fabriano

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dear Camillo

In the mails you will find the money that is due to you. I would be pleased to have a letter of acknowledgment sent to Rome, reminding me of how we stand in our accounts.

I am writing from Pievetorina while on the verge of moving on to S. Felice in Giano. To send an immediate letter to me, you should address it to Fuligno for Giano. If you hold off, then send it to Rome.

Now, here I am giving you another inconvenience. I would need some yardage of material or goods for 100 bed sheets of the same quality that you were kind enough to send to Rome. You will have to send it to the Superior of the House in Giano; if you can manage to get it quickly, then send it immediately; if you would have to wait, it will be necessary to make other arrangements. In sending me your reply, let me know the cost, so that I can send you the money. Please excuse all the inconveniences I cause you. What in the world could I ever do for you?
*Dominus retribuet pro me.*⁴⁷

On my return trip, in order to pay a visit to the shrine in Loreto, I was not able to stop off in Fabriano. God knows how much I would have liked to do that. *Quod differtur non affertur.*⁴⁸ I am hopeful that it is the Lord's will to provide me with another occasion. In the meantime, with esteem and respect, I remain

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspare C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

House in Pievetorina, October 31, 1834

2788

November 6, 1834
Luigia Del Bufalo
Rome

Hail to the Divine Blood

⁴⁶ Panzini, St. Gaspar's helper.

⁴⁷ The Lord will repay on my behalf.

⁴⁸ What is spread abroad is not brought in.

Dearest niece⁴⁹

1. Among the letters that came, there was the notification of the Masses of Father Camillo, sent to me by Father Biagio. *Laus Deo*.⁵⁰ Now it appears that everything is in good order. Check once again the number of Masses of the Marchis.

2. Enclosed is the notification of Masses of Liparelli for Cencio. In all, there are five. He told me that you should ask Cencio to pass them on later to another Missionary. The very needy House in Cesena does not provide him with the means to do anything more. In Albano, there are two new Missionaries; so, see whether something needs to be done there in some way. I hope that you will not be burdened by this.

3. Likewise enclosed is the notification of the three Masses of the Archpriest of Ronciglione. Contact Zamboni, to whom you will give my greetings, and check the account of 200 Masses.

4. Wherever you have sent some money, be sure to get the receipts, unless you might have written that they should send them to me.

5. With regard to the tight clothes concerning which you wrote to me, we will discuss that in person.

6. I give thanks to God that our uncle, the monk, has recovered. I told you that you should pay him a visit.

7. As for the funeral, everything that you did was very good.

8. I have received the packet that was sent to Giano.

9. It will be necessary to explain something about the hat that was sent. It will be good for the wintertime. We shall see.

10. If you need some candles for the house, get them out of the package, leaving the more beautiful ones there.

11. I understand everything else that you mentioned. That small amount of money that I provide for you, I intend to give you without any obligation of almsgiving, for when it comes to almsgiving I have more than I should have. Govern yourself in the best way that you can.

12. The reply in behalf of Mola di Gaeta should be given to you by Father Filippo Gonnelli or Father Merlini, and it should be forwarded etc.

13. Bartolomeo has arrived. Presently, I have put Giano and Pievetorina in good order; soon we shall see each other.

14. I accept the 20 Masses of Father Filippo Gonnelli.

With respect to the Mission in S. Galla, until I return, I am unable to say anything for sure. In saying this, I do not intend to bind Father Filippo, to whom I send my greetings, and to

⁴⁹ This letter does not have a date; however, from the postal markings it can be seen that it came from Camerino (therefore it was written in Pievetorina) on November 6, 1834.

⁵⁰ Praise God.

whom I have recommended this great work of S. Galla.

The mail is leaving soon. I am

V. A. Z.

[Your affectionate uncle]

Tomorrow I shall write to you about the address that you are to use for letters.

2789

November 17, 1834

Fr. Orazio Bracaglia

Pennabilli

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Father Orazio⁵¹

Here I am sending a reply to your very dear letter.

1. Your correspondence to me, to "Rome".
2. Your duties there are Prefect of the church and economiist with special books for income and outgo.
3. I would like you to get acquainted with the practices in that House and maintain with me the strictest communication. Imitate Segneri junior in your own little way just as he was the economist in the Collegio Romano. I have no doubts about your virtue, your strict observance as well as your obedience which is the ship that leads one safely into port.
4. As regards preaching and other things, I am ready to support you in what we discussed in person.
5. Prepare and sharpen yourself for the Marian month.
6. In addition to the Congressus, as well as in the matters of business, keep in lettercontact with Liparelli and Father Luca, and then get in touch with me. A certain priest with the family name of Besi, if I am not mistaken, can advise you there in many things dealing with Campagna. Above all, in everything, prayers, humility and courage.
7. The Mission in Russi⁵² has delayed our scheduling. Now, Father Domenico Silvestri (keep this between us, he is very well accepted there as I hear), at advice of Liparelli, will be the President in Penna; he will preach the Advent series; but Liparelli will preach the Lenten series and then give the final touch to the work there. I have written to Silvestri to get moving since the Mission in Russi has to be concluded.
8. I have not given my approval for your turn at conducting the Triduum, and I have written to Rimini. Next, you are to occupy yourself with internal matters and only give visiting

⁵¹ This letter is without a date. The month, day and the place of departure are derived from the postal markings (November, 17; Foligno). The year is 1834 (cfr. the letter to this same person dated December 2, 1834).

⁵² The Mission in Russi, diocese of Faenza, preached by Fr. Isidoro Paoletti and Fr. Domenico Silvestri, began on the evening of all Saints, November 1. This is another indication that this letter belongs to 1834.

sermons after the noon meal, going and returning. For a short while, I, myself, intend to regulate your handling of other things. You can tell anyone at all that this is the instruction that you have received. I am doing this for your own benefit. I would like to carry this out in my own way. Because of a shortage of time, another companion will cover the Triduum. That is what Santarelli was supposed to do, with you remaining in Rimini. Do not worry about Advent. In the meanwhile, perfect what you already have on hand. See that nothing is lacking in behalf of the Brothers. As I have no doubt that you will, use affability, following our usual method, encouraging everyone to the practice of virtue etc.

9. Your possessions, consisting of one trunk and a bundle, are in Rimini. I was not given the key to the trunk. Work it out with Santarelli for its transportation, making use of the little burros from the other Houses. There is also a large case, but light, in which there is a picture of St. Francis Xavier which we already have agreed with Santarelli to place in the doorway in accordance with our usual practice and with an inscription saying: Pious Mission and Retreat House directed by the Missionaries of the Institute of the most Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Next, it will be necessary to place a support behind the picture so as to protect it during stormy weather and a covering above it. I do not know whether the painting must be treated with boiled oil. Look into this, so that everything turns out well. Presently, I am hopeful that the House there is getting along in better fashion, since it is entrusted to Xavier. Make plans for the transportation.

10. If necessary for handling the Mission baggage, the small case for the St. Xavier, which should be arriving within a short time, is to be kept by you, and is to be used as indicated, as long as your budget will allow for it. If it has not been sent yet, let me know.

11. Brother Carlino, as gardener, should remain in the room which he now occupies.

12. Because of the presence of the retreatants, Filippo Fabrini, whom I am sending there as the cook, should be assigned to the room where Palombi used to be. See that this is done; if you have any doubts, ask me questions.

The room in the *Arcoa*, where the library is, should be, for now, the room for the archives, the library and a hospitable guestroom for our Missionaries. For example, Liparelli will inhabit it during Lent.

Then, there is a room opposite (where Bartolomeo stayed while I was in the *Arcoa*; that one is for you. The door in between can be closed, with Fabrini inhabiting the nextdoor room, as I mentioned above, namely, Palombi's room.

Near the main recreation parlor, there is a room that looks out onto the street; this you are to prepare for Father Domenico Silvestri, the Missionary President. It is a bedroom. The entrance to that room is from the main parlor. The room where Father Luca was, I reserve for myself for when I come there; it is not to be used for anyone else who might come there. If necessary, by providing a different bed, Bartolomeo might also stay there. However, Father Luca could use it whenever he would return there for a short time, but with permission, according to the rules.

12. In time, the locale there will take on another form. In the meantime, I urge you to

clean things up the best you can, being economical; do whatever can be done in our way.

13. Where Brother Titta resided, there are two rooms. In one room, I would set up the refectory which presently is in an area that is too confined. In the other one, there is a fireplace and can be used by the Missionaries in wintertime. If this matter cannot be worked out, let us allow it to remain as is; but keep writing to me. Perhaps that room will be too small for a refectory.

14. With regard to the distribution of rooms, all that is to be done is only to assign them on an individual basis. However, the beds should be adapted, the furniture etc. I hope that I have made myself sufficiently clear. Reading at table is to be done in turns, even though you are few in number. Later, we will discuss other things pertaining to the glory of God.

15. You are to hear confessions, *pro utroque sexu*,⁵³ but as least often as possible for women. This refers only to hearing their confessions, and no reference is being made now with regard to spiritual direction. As strongly as I can, I urge you to follow this advice for your own real good. May God fill you with emery blessing. Prepare the other rooms for retreatants (this, for the timebeing, in the best way possible).⁵⁴

Perhaps I may send you out for the Mission in Cervia.

However, there is still time.

2790

November 19, 1834

Fr. Tom. Meloni

Cammerino per Pievetorina

Hail to the Divine Blood

Fr. Tomasso

I said: copies of the Fidanza opinion together with the folio, etc. should be sent to the Secretary of State and to Card. Frasoni. Understand these words of mine. If there has been a delay, it is not my fault. At first, it was not necessary to act, for the folders containing the combined opinions were still needful of redaction. Furthermore: the correspondence with Card. Frasoni was still pending. Finally, I do not know whether even the Delegate has the envelope that I left for him. That, perhaps, was due to an oversight. In short, the hearings are being opened now.

In the meanwhile, after getting the opinion of the Companions, register a protest on the matter, if it should be necessary and try to obtain a postponement in the execution of the project. Both the Leader and the Commune are dealing also with the Delegate. We shall pay attention in order to see what answer he gives to the Cardinal. Ultimately, it will be necessary to have it

⁵³ For each sex.

⁵⁴ At this point, a piece of the original sheet, where the signature would be placed, was torn away and removed.

venued *in foro fori*.⁵⁵ I shall write more, when things have developed more. This is a question of the property of the Church. Together, the Archbishop, the Commune and we must come to a decision. In the meantime, prayers and prudent activity. Act, but do not discuss it, except with one who has etc. I would consider it most useful if you were to inform the Archbishop with conciseness. I have written to the Archbishop as well as to the Delegate. Above all, prayers. May all in Congressus be in agreement. Consider me as

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Rome, November 19, (1834)⁵⁶

2791

November, 1834

Fr. Pietro Spina

Sermoneta

Hail to the Divine Blood

Fr. Pietro

Lorenzo from Zagarolo should be arriving there. You can locate him where Vincenzo from Ariccia used to stay, unless that room has to be done over. In that case you could put him wherever you think best, at least for the time being.

Give the room alongside Viola to Antonio Gallina. He will be in charge of the church, house, etc., as I explained clearly in another letter of mine.

Fr. Pedini will conduct the Retreat called for by the rule. Situate him in one of the vacant rooms. With reference to the faculties, give him the ones that I listed for you, unless there is something new: but that is something that I do not think is so.

I am

Your humble serant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

⁵⁵ *In foro fori*: in a higher court, that is, in the Roman Tribunal, located in the *Curia Innocenziana* (cfr. footnote in biographical section: Meloni, D. Tomasso). This is still a treatment of the question of the bridgebeam over the river Chienti (cfr. footnote of Letter n. 316, April 4, 1833). The Saint wishes to say that, should the Delegate of Camerino stick to his decision, the Institute would make an appeal to the judgment of Rome. He had already spoken in these terms during the Congressus held by him in Pievetorina in July of 1834 where it mentions, among other things, that "wherever the case may be heard, it is best to entrust it to (Lawyer) Fianza, who is already informed about the entire case".

⁵⁶ The year's date is deduced with certainty when compared with the aforementioned Congressus at Pievetorina.

Rome, November (second half) 1834⁵⁷

2792

November 20, 1834
Camillo Possenti

Fabriano
Hail to the Divine Blood

Dear Camillo

I am writing in a hurry, just having returned.

God willing, we shall see each other again on another occasion.

I should have written 100 *canne* or, better said, *braccia*, and surely never for more than fifty bed linens. Never, never. That bolt of cloth or material should be sent to Father Alessandro Pontoni, the economist in S. Felice in Giano, addressing it to Fuligno for Giano, and, for forwarding, to Father Filippo Petruccioli, in Fuligno.

Send me the comprehensive bill so that the money can be remitted. After the ordination in Giano, I shall send you that money after you write your letter.

I have enough Chaplets; thus, for the timebeing no more are needed.

I am

Your hum ...

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

November 20⁵⁸

⁵⁷ In this date, the year is deduced from the fact that only in the years 1831, 1833 and 1834 was Fr. Pietro Spina located in Sermoneta when the annual Retreat was held. However, in 1831 he held only the position of Economist and not that of Superior as the Saint puts in the address of this letter and what he says in the body of the text, something that has no connection with the situation there in 1831 (cfr., for example, Lett. n. 2252 of November 22, 1831). In 1833 Fr. Spina was the Superior, in addition to being Economist, but the annual Retreat in Sermoneta was not preached by Fr. Pedini but by Fr. Pietro De Victoriis. So, the only year left is 1834, when Fr. Spina was indeed the Superior of that House and likewise the content of this letter lines up with the two following ones which are dated December of 1834.

The month, furthermore, can be none other than November, since on the 22nd of that month the annual Retreat regularly began. In view of the fact that the letter speaks of this Retreat as something that is to occur soon, if not imminently, one has to give preference to the second part of that month.

The place of origin, finally, is Rome, since in November of 1834, after completing the Visitation of the Houses in Romagna, March, and Umbria, and then staying over in Giano until almost the middle of the month, the Saint set out for Rome in the company of Fr. Giov. Pedini. He stopped off at the House in Nepi on the 18th, staying there scarcely a day, and arrived at his destination point very probably on the 19th or 20th.

Granting the fact that this letter was evidently delivered by hand, one can surmise that, once Gaspar had arrived in Rome, he wrote immediately and entrusted it to Fr. Giovanni Pedini who would be going on to Sermoneta to preach the Retreat.

⁵⁸ The year (1834) is derived from a notation made by Possenti. The letter was sent from Rome, as is evident from the postal markings.

Send your reply to Rome.

2793

November 24, 1834
Madre Abbadessa
Monastero della Purificazione
(Roma)

Hail to the Divine Blood

Reverend Mother Abbess

Next Sunday I will be starting the Advent series. Pray for me, so that the Lord will concur in this great good.

I will be at the Monastery around 22 hours on the clock.⁵⁹

With esteem and respect, consider me as

Your humble, devoted, obliged servant

Gaspare C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

(Rome), November 24, 1834

2794

November 27, 1834
Fr. Giacomo Righini
Forlimpopoli

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Canon

I regret that you have to pay for the postage. However, I did not want to delay sending you the enclosed. I do not know whether they fulfill your wishes. Nevertheless, let us be content with these rescripts.

Presently I am reviewing the regulations for the Confraternity of the Divine Blood. Let me know whether I should enclose them for the Canon Penitentiary or whether I should wait for a more prompt and secure opportunity. You look into this. Give my best regards to the most reverend Vicar and tell him that I have not forgotten about the small tasks that he gave to me.

I am already thinking about (you might inform him) the member who will handle the Three Hours of Agony in Folimpopoli, in accordance with the request that he made to me.

If ever you would see the pious works there beginning to dwindle, try to arrange a revival triduum. Ask the most reverend Vicar to bring the clergy together and assign to them the sacred

⁵⁹ 22 hours was two hours before the Angelus of the evening (24 hours) according to the computation of time commonly in use then.

tasks, being insistent, as I have no doubt he will be. Whatever may be needed on my part, all you have to do is drop me a line.

In particular, I recommend the work of the Oratory and the procession with the crucifix which invites the people to this very salutary work.

Let me know whether there is in Rome any person who is responsible for the needs of Forlimpopoli. Pray a lot and always for me. Give my sincere greetings to the Golfarelli household and in particular to Conte Giorgio, as well as to anyone else who has a remembrance of me.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ crucified always abound in our hearts. Meanwhile, I remain

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspare C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Rome, November 27, 1834

2795

November 27, 1834

Fr. Giacomo Righini

Forlimpopoli

Canon del Bufalo, Apostolic Missionary, asks Canon Righini for the safe forwarding of the enclosed small packages to our Houses in Romagna.⁶⁰

2796

November 28, 1834

Msgr. Vicar General

Forlimpopoli

*Christus dilexit nos, et lavit nos in Sanguine Suo*⁶¹

Venerable Monsignor

I inconvenience you with this most humble letter of mine so that I can enclose the two Briefs pertinent to the Visitation of the seven churches which, as you can read, will maintain evermore the fervor aroused during the recent Missions. God will also give an abundant supply of blessings for this great work.

I have not forgotten about your memorandum in regard to the faculties requested. All you need do is drop me a line for whatever can be done by me in order to help maintain perseverance in the fruits of the Mission. With esteem and respect, I remain, in Jesus Christ crucified

⁶⁰ We do not know when this small note, written on a sheet of paper, appeared. Probably it was relative to the letter (n. 2794) written to this same person, dated November 27, 1834.

⁶¹ Christ loved us and washed us in his blood.

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant
Gaspare C. del Bufalo
 Mis. Ap.
 Rome, November 28, 1834

2797

November 29, 1834
 Msgr. Antonio Begni
 Bishop of Montefeltro
 Pennabilli

*Christus dilexit nos, et lavit nos in Sanguine Suo*⁶²

Venerable Monsignor

Father Gennaro Gamboa will be preaching the Advent series in Macerata Feltria. All will go well with the blessing of God. In regard to the annuity of Fabriano, my Monsignor, see that Santarelli is again peacefully listened to in behalf of Alessio Castrica, so that together with his wife, some sort of plan can be worked out, and always without expense, dependent, of course, on your counsel. Please excuse us if the one who was supposed to come there for the Advent series is not there. His state of health has impeded him from doing that. That is what they have written to me. So, I am immediately trying to make other provisions. However, the arrangement for the Lenten series in your cathedral church is all set with Father Liparelli. He has wished to come there only for that time.

With esteem and respect, in Jesus Christ crucified, I am constantly

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Rome, November 29, 1834

P. S. Very soon, his Eminence Fransoni will present the petition.

2798

November 29, 1834
 Msgr. Innocenzo Castracane
 Bishop of Cervia
 Cervia

*Christus dilexit nos, et lavit nos in Sanguine Suo*⁶³

Venerable Monsignor

⁶² Christ loved us and washed us in his blood.

⁶³ Christ loved us and washed us in his blood.

Father Antonio Liparelli has written to me that he has come to an agreement with your most reverend excellency, to begin the holy Mission immediately after Christmas. I recall that in our meeting, the 8th was the date mentioned; but, since I had entrusted the decision of the matter to the aforementioned, highly to be praised, Liparelli, President of our House in Cesena, I would conclude, my Monsignor, as long as you give your nod to it, that the Mission should begin on the feast of St. Stephen and end on the feast of the Epiphany or a bit beyond. Feastdays will be involved and the good achieved will be greater. Please send a line in reply.

I kiss your hands. With profound reverence and esteem, I assure you that I am always ready to do whatever you direct. Asking you for your prayers, venerable Monsignor, I am and will constantly be

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspare Can. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Rome, November 29, 1834

2799

December 2, 1834

Fr. Pietro Spina

Velletri per Sermoneta

Hail to the Divine Blood

Fr. Pietro

By next Saturday, at the latest, I shall send someone for Advent. Fr. Pedini is supposed to go to Sonnino, according to another letter of mine.

At the present time, you are to examine again the order for payment to be issued from the Caserta house. They are maintaining that it was for the Franciscans, and not for us. We shall await the outcome. I am working on it.⁶⁴

As for other things, I will write from Albano.

I am etc.

G. C. d. B.

M. Ap.

Rome, December 2, 1834

Your letters: "Always to Rome".

2800

December 2, 1834

Fr. Orazio Bracaglia

⁶⁴ This is a reference to the order for the payment of 48 *Sc.* from the Gaetani legacy, of which we spoke in the third footnote of Letter n. 2627 of November 16, 1833. The Gaetani house is here called the Caserta house because the Gaetani Dukes of Sermoneta also had the title of Dukes of Caserta. The difficulties that had arisen with regard to the payment of the legacy were successfully overcome (cfr. Lett. n. 2823 of January 8, 1835, n. 6).

Pennabilli

Hail etc.

My dearest Father Orazio⁶⁵

Only a couple of lines to assure you that the Missionary for the Advent series will be coming from Rimini. Silvestri says that he has not been feeling too well. So, within a very short time, the President there will be coming from Rome. Prayers and courage etc.

G. C. d. B.

Sometimes this lack occurs likewise for Lenten series because of health questions etc.

⁶⁵ This letter does not have a date. The year, month and day are clearly evident from the postal markings.