

St. Gaspar's Letters

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3101

March 28, 1836
Fr. Giuseppe Bellisari
L'Aquila

Hail to the most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ

Venerable Canon

In reply to your letter I say to you that God looks into my heart and I can say nothing more on the matter except that "*patet cor meum*."¹ The priest in Aquila with whom I had a meeting will tell you everything in detail. So, let us remain in a holy, inseparable union with the Divine Heart. Therein, may we become inebriated with that holy divine love so as to do great work for the glory of the Lord, always through sufferings and through crosses. The Cross is the royal stairway to heaven. Sufficient for us is the testimony of a good conscience. The rest we leave to God "*nondum enim usque ad sanguinem restitistis*",² as the Apostle tells us.

I kiss your hands. With esteem, respect and a special affection, and asking you for incessant prayers, I remain

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Rome, March 28, 1836

3102

March 30, 1836
Msgr. Antonio Begni
Bishop of Montefeltro
Pennabilli

*Christus dilexit nos, et lavit nos in Sanguine Suo*³

Venerable Monsignor

Father Luigi Mosconi has already been informed about the Marian month and he is very

¹ My heart is open.

² You have not yet resisted unto blood.

³ Christ loved us and washed us in his blood.

capable in handling a Retreat for the clergy. With regard to the rest, for the time being, I can say nothing in reference to Father Gennaro⁴ since he perhaps will have to assume teaching our young men. More in another letter of mine; at any rate, I will propose another of our workers. Right now, I am writing in a hurry. I kiss your hands, and, while asking you for your prayers, I remain, with esteem

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. A.

House in Albano, March 30⁵

3103

March 31, 1836
Luigia del Bufalo
Rome

Hail etc.

Dearest niece⁶

I do not know whether I can be in Rome for Holy Saturday. Merlini is not returning. We shall see. Meanwhile, I will be sending word. I receive the box etc. I am in a hurry.

Your affectionate uncle

3104

Fr. Francesco Angelini
Rome

Christus dilexit nos, et lavit nos in Sanguine Suo⁷

Father Master

Please await other arrangements for your return to Todi, since I have a full coach for other appointments of individuals in our Institute who will be traveling. With regard to the rest, I am about to contact Father Luigi Cocci.

Recommend me to God, and, with esteem and respect, I remain

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspere C. del Bufalo

⁴ Father Gennaro Gamboa.

⁵ The year is 1836, as is evident from a date that was placed there perhaps by the bishop himself: "April 9, 1836".

⁶ From the postal markings, it is evident that the letter which left from Albano arrived in Rome on March 31, 1836.

⁷ Christ loved us and washed us in his blood.

Miss. Ap.
House in Albano, April 4, 1836

3105

April 4, 1836
Fr. Luigi Cocci
Todi

Hail to the Divine Blood

Venerable Father Luigi

Here we are at the brink of the holy Mission, and we must speak more precisely about it.

1. On Monday, April 18th, I will be leaving for Rome and on Tuesday, the 19th of the month, the beginning of the holy Mission will be had toward the afternoon, but in such a way that by the *Ave Maria* hour, the brief introduction will be concluded. The entrance on a weekday should not be changed since I would like to terminate the Mission on the 3rd of May, the feast of the Holy Cross. This will not interfere with the Marian month since, in handling the Oratory the same Missionaries will fulfill that good work and then proceed as usual.

2. As for the hospice assigned to us, I ask that it be proper for the ministry and, as far as I know, that will surely be so. While writing to you with freedom of spirit, I recommend that you see to the beds. They should be poor but clean. You already know what I mean.

3. Bartolomeo,⁸ whom I will be bringing along with me and one with whom you are acquainted, will discuss economic matters with you. See that there is freedom with regard to the kitchen and the table. You are knowledgeable about our regulations.

4. You know how our entrance is conducted. Absolutely no soldiers; only you for the entrance; later, we Missionaries will handle things.

5. Other matters, when we meet in person.

6. On Wednesday, the 20th, the Retreat for the clergy, only in the morning in a proper place to be selected and with freedom in respect to the time, which you as their deputy will a time that will be convenient for the clergy. It is set, customary to extend an invitation also to the Regulars. Sufficient for me will be a table and a chair, along with a small bell on the table, a crucifix with a supporting base, also on that same table.

7. You will have them include the Collect, *pro petitione lacrymarum*,⁹ during the Mission. afterwards, for three days (once the Mission is completed) the Collect, *pro gratiarum actione*.¹⁰ At the conclusion of the public singing, not excluding the nuns, the Marian Litany and an Our Father in honor of St. Francis Xavier for the benefits of the Mission. The other things you

⁸ Bartolomeo Panzini.

⁹ For a request of tears.

¹⁰ For thanksgiving.

already know about.

8. During the first week, since confessions will not be that numerous, the Missionaries temporarily and at a time that we will establish, will take care of the Monasteries after the noon meal without our having to stay on after the Mission. This is what I thought about even though, I had said to the Father Master of the Conventuals,¹¹ that this would occur after the Mission. More when we see each other in person. However, I believe that everything can be divided up within those 15 days of ministry.

9. It seems to me that there is nothing else of particular urgency.

10. I shall be awaiting a letter from you in Rome, informing me that the arrangements have been made *ut supra*.¹² The most reverend bishop¹³ will not be going out on visitation before May 4th, since the season, at least as far as we are concerned, still seems to be wintery.

Pray a lot for me and while sending my sincerest greetings to the most worthy reverend bishop, I remain, with esteem and respect

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspere C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Rome, April 4, 1836

For the entrance for the Mission, have someone seek out a fit location. When we are drawing near and in order to avoid disturbing situations:

1. Have all the church bells ring.
2. Then procession to the Cathedral church where a visit is made to the Blessed Sacrament, or, to the church where the Mission is conducted. The relic of most holy Mary is to be exposed, then the remainder of the entrance ceremony. If an organ in the church is available for the entrance, it should be played.
3. Preparations are to be made for the benediction with the most Blessed Sacrament at the end.

I add that the preaching platform should be ample, and placed in the middle of the church; not needed is a supporting stand for the crucifix.

Finally, the crucifix that is used at the ceremony of consignment of the souls should be at the pulpit.

3106

April 5, 1836

Fr. Vincenzo Giovannelli

¹¹ Father Francesco Angelini (cfr. the preceding letter)

¹² As above.

¹³ Msgr. Francesco Gazzoli.

Ascoli Piceno

Hail to the Divine Blood

Venerable Father Giovannelli

Oh how much I appreciate your most esteemed letters. I have heard about the great work that God is promoting through you.

I spoke with the most eminent Prefect of the Propaganda concerning the good work to be promoted; but since this is a matter which depends on the Ordinaries, I would not be able to say what the success might be. Prayers. God knows how much I would like to see you once again. In my opinion, I would put the Retreat for the clergy first; after that, the rest. If the difficulty involved deals with the expense for traveling, thought will be given to finding a way of being of help etc. I repeat: prayers. In Jesus Christ crucified, I remain

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Rome¹⁴ for forwarding, April 5, 1836

3107

April 5, 1836

Pietro Barcaroli

Chiaravalle

*Christus dilexit nos, et lavit nos in Sanguine Suo*¹⁵

Most esteemed Pietro

Please send me the petition for the Mass of the *Buon Consiglio*. I am afraid that we will not be in time this year. Give in details the privilege that was obtained by your family, joining with that an *ad verbum*¹⁶ copy of the first grant, on a sheet separate from the petition.

As for the Mission, I would say: before the harvesting of the grapes. With particular esteem and respect, I remain

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspare C. del Bufalo

Miss. Ap.

Rome, for forwarding, April 5, 1836

3108

April 5, 1836

¹⁴ In the postal marking, "Albano" is written.

¹⁵ Christ loved us and washed us in his blood.

¹⁶ *Verbatim*.

Luigi Baldi
Meldola

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Luigi

Let us give thanks to God for the good work done in Meldola. At the first opportunity, I shall speak again about you to Monsignor Vannini. You were very correct in writing to him, etc. I am grateful to you for the sentiments that you expressed in your recent letter. Although in a hurry, I remain, with esteem

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Rome, for forwarding, April 5, 1836

P. S. If the time for the Retreat is to be changed, it would be necessary to arrange it in preparation for the feast of the Divine Blood, that is, the first Sunday in July. Possibly better, to continue the Lenten series, unless that might be the reason for changing the time. You think it over.

3109

April 5, 1836
Felice Corbi
Seminary in Velletri
Velletri

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Felice

If I have taken on the care of your vocation, it was because you asked me. I was not called upon to make the decision for you, but only to be of help. The question of health, as you rightly observe, is a serious obstacle. In this way, God is showing you that you will do good work in the diocese, with God's grace. Recommend me to God. Be most devoted to the Divine Blood. I am deeply contented by the news concerning the pious organizations. I am and will constantly be

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspere C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

House in Albano, April 5

3110

April 9, 1836
Fr. Luigi Cocci
Todi

Rome, April 9, 1836

Hail to the Divine Blood

Venerable Curate

The works of God are always tested through sufferings. Now, in your first letter I notice a confusion about our having to go to the Seminary and the arranging for the seminarians to sleep two to a room, which is something that is opposed to the regulations dealing with the caution that must be observed. In your other letter, a settlement of things is noted. Still I detect some note of disturbance. So, as far as I am concerned, I place myself in the hands of God. I shall be awaiting a letter from you in the mails which will bring tranquility to me. And, do not worry about me for I am likewise content to be coming, or, not to be coming, whatever God wills.

Meanwhile, I do confirm what I said in my recent letter and I will be expecting a prompt response to this one. The departure should take place on the 18th; before that, it is not possible. So, think it over as to whether you would like to have the Mission after the Marian month. I am writing with uncertainty; with more precision, the 1st of June. What am I to say? You tell me, furthermore, that I should write to the bishop,¹⁷ but, please, pardon me: if the bishop had written to me, I would have sent him a reply. He writes to me only through you; so, I must give my reply to him through you. While traveling about, or better yet in person, (which is more satisfactory) I shall take care of my responsibilities. In the meantime, you supply, which is something much better than a letter.

With esteem and respect, I remain, in Jesus Christ crucified

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

3111

Msgr. Antonio Begni
Bishop of Montefeltro
Pennabilli

Dear Monsignor

A couple of lines. The mail will soon be departing.

Everything is being worked out. More in a future maildelivery. In the meantime, just for your peace of mind, etc.

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

April 16, 1836

Please do me the favor of informing Mosconi that I will be writing to him etc.

¹⁷ Msgr. Francesco Gazzoli.

3112

April 16, 1836
Fr. Nicola Crescenzi
Veroli
Dear Canon¹⁸

Check the enclosed letter.¹⁹ See to getting the most reverend bishop²⁰ interested. I am depending on you and whatever you find expedient. I would like to see the petitioner satisfied. If a petition is needed, please have it drawn up etc. Keep me informed. Send the testimonial to some close friend of yours since I will be going out on Mission work. Your letters to me should be sent to "Rome". In a hurry, I remain

G. C. del Bufalo

Miss.

Speak to the Monsignor.

3113

April 16, 1836
Fr. Rocco Sebastianelli
Velletri per Sermoneta

Hail to the Divine Blood

Fr. Rocco

Enclosed is the testimonial of your Ordination.²¹ I am with esteem asking you for prayers. Advise me as to when you will be able to accept Masses so that with the offerings you can straighten out your debt. I do not intend to distress you at all, but only try to work something out. Consider me as etc.

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Rome, April 16, 1836

3114

¹⁸ This letter has no date. We date it, tentatively, with the letter to Gargari.

¹⁹ This is a letter which Missionary Fr. Francesco Maria Gargari wrote to St. Gaspar from Albano on April 16, 1836, in which he urges him to get in contact with the bishop of Veroli so that he might be given "a simple chaplaincy, not a residential one" which became vacant by the death of Cardinal Ludovico Micara.

²⁰ Msgr. Francesco Maria Cipriani.

²¹ Sebastianelli's ordination to the priesthood took place on Holy Saturday of 1836 (cfr. Lett. n. 3099, March 12, 1836) which in that year was on April 2.

April 16, 1836
Fr. Luigi Cocci

Todi

Hail to the Divine Blood

Venerable Father Luigi

You have figured it out very well that in two days the trip cannot be made. With that thought in mind, I point out that it would be to the greater glory of God to begin on a festive day; hence, to begin on Sunday, April 24th and conclude the Mission on Sunday, May 8th. Everything will be set up in the scheduling including each function. We get the faculties from the most reverend bishop,²² since the bishops in the State always provide them for us beforehand etc. All is arranged and no further correspondence is required. We shall be seeing each other again soon. Courage. I am enclosing a couple of lines for the most reverend bishop. Read them and then pass them on to him. We are in agreement. You need not write to me again. The coach has already been chartered. In Jesus Christ crucified, I remain

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Rome, April 16, 1836

3115

April 21, 1836
Fr. Vincenzo Gargari²³
Frosinone per Veroli

Hail to the Divine Blood

Venerable Fr. Vincenzo²⁴

Upon receiving this letter of mine, you will go to S. Paolo in Albano, where a room is already prepared for you. Merlini, the Superior; has been informed. Go there with your papers in order and with the consent and blessing of the Most Rev. Bishop, whom you will greet for me. Put in a petition to remain away from the diocese for a year, in order to make your decision. Entrust this to a priest from Veroli who is in Rome, since I will not be able to assume the responsibility.

With this knowledge, and with greetings to Canon Crescenzi, I am with esteem

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

²² Mgrs. Francesco Gazzoli.

²³ Cf. biographical section

²⁴ These words are in someone else's handwriting.

M. Ap.
Rome, April 21, 1836²⁵

3116

April 21, 1836

Fr. Francesco Paradisi
Montalto

Hail to the Divine Blood

Venerable Canon

You are the boss, so go indeed to S. Felice in Giano to whom I am sending a letter. Leave your things in order, especially with respect to the residency of your canonry. With esteem, I remain

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Rome, April 21, 1836

3117

April 24, 1836
Fr. Luigi Cocci
Todi

Hail to the Divine Blood

²⁵ On this manuscript one finds glued (perhaps by someone who took care of the organization of this Volume) a very small piece of paper on which we read the following words written by the Saint: "The little key for the safe containing gifts to M. SS'a".

Venerable Curate²⁶

Please collect the baggage for the Mission and have it delivered to the place where we will be taking up residence. In a hurry, I remain

Your humble servant

Gaspare Can. del Bufalo

Miss. Ap.

3118

April 24, 1836

Luigia del Bufalo

Rome

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dearest niece²⁷

²⁶This letter does not have a date, but it is assigned to the time of the Mission in Todi which began on April 24th, 1836. Therefore, tentatively, we give it that date. The schedule for the Mission in Todi was the following:

Hail to the Divine Blood

Schedule

For the reverend Missionaries at the time of the
Holy Mission in the city of Todi, begun on April 24, 1836:

Morning: Recitation of the Divine Office at arbitrary time

Rising:	8 3/4
Mass with the Chaplet	9 1 /4
Catechism: Precepts of the Decalogue	9 3/4
Mass with an example from Mary's life	10 1/2
Examination etc., then the <i>Angelus Domini</i> etc.	16 1/2
Noon meal and recreation	16 3/4
Siesta and Hours etc.	17 1/2
After the noon meal End of the Siesta	19 3/f
Christian Doctrine	20
Catechetical instruction on confession	21 1/2
Principal Sermon	22 1/4
Pep talks and Oratory	24
Meditation in common for the Missionaries	1 1/2
Supper and recreation	2
Prayers and Examination	3
Retire	3 1/2

Providemus bona non solum coram Deo sed etiam coram hominibus

[foreseeing good things not only before God, but also before men]

Praised be Jesus and Mary

Amen

(The handwriting is that of Fr. Pietro de Victoriis).

²⁷ This letter does not have a date. From the postal markings it is evident that it left from Narni and arrived in Rome on Aril 29, 1836. Still, since St. Gaspar, in this letter, says that "today the entrance for the holy Mission will be held" in Todi, and since that beginning took place on April 24th (cfr. the letter (n. 3114) to Cocci, dated April 16, 1836), we assigned the date of this letter to that day.

I am writing a couple of lines from S. Gemini. Today the entrance for the holy Mission will be held. The trip was a very delightful one. I am in a hurry.

Your affectionate uncle

Brother Marchetti,²⁸ a native of Norcia, will likewise be arriving. Send him immediately to Albano along with a letter to Merlini, which you will write, telling him, in my name, to send him to Sermoneta immediately with a letter that Merlini will write to Father Buffoni, who will then assign him the job of cleaning the house and the church. Write everything. With reference to the other Brother, I have already given instructions.

3119

End of April, 1836
Fr. Orazio Bracaglia
Rimini

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dear Father Orazio²⁹

Using a safe person, send the enclosed matter to Cardillo in Pennabilli along with the small package for Fr. Gennaro,³⁰ likewise to Pennabilli, where he is going to preach the Marian month. Put it all into one bundle.

The other packet of money you are to send, again using a safe method, to Father Silvestri in Cesena.

Your Mass offerings are indeed on deposit and at your disposal. I am etc.

G. C. d. B.

M. Ap.

Give the enclosed to the niece of the deceased Father Paolo Venerucci.

3120

May 6, 1836
Luigia del Bufalo
Rome

Hail to the Divine Blood

²⁸ Vincenzo Marchetti, who entered the Institute in 1833.

²⁹ This letter does not have a date, but it surely must belong to the end of April of 1836. In fact, in that year, Fr. Gennaro Gamboa preached the Marian month in Pennabilli, except for the final days (cfr. the letter (n. 3139) to Msgr. Begni, May 29, 1836); Fr. Mattia Cardillo was in Pennabilli (cfr. the letter (n. 3135) of May 28, 1836).

³⁰ Father Gennaro Gamboa.

Dearest niece³¹

Everything is going along well. Let us give thanks to God. Time is lacking. Send Giovanni³² to the son of Giuseppino to get the safeconduct pass which you will send to Spina in Nepi, telling him to hold on to it for me. Send my letters here until I tell you about this in another letter of mine. I am etc.

G. C. d. B.

3121

May 9, 1836
Luigia del Bufalo
Rome

Hail to the Blood of Jesus Christ

Dearest niece³³

Send the mail from Monday or Tuesday to Nepi where I will be staying for the feast of the Ascension. On Friday, I will be there in Rome for the noon meal so that I can then pay a visit to Monsignor Piatti. When Piatti's chamberlain gets there, it will be sufficient that, on Friday, you send the coach, I would say, at the 23rd hour. As far as I am concerned, I do not know just whom of our men I will be bringing along with me. For Zamboni in Rome. I am

Your affectionate uncle

3122

May 10, 1836
Vincenzo Adriani
Perugia

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Vincenzo

With reference to the Month of the Divine Blood, remind me in Rome of what I gave you last year, and, willingly will I give it again this year, provided that you have people pray for me. Hoping for the assistance of others just does not work for me. Our ministry gives and not receives. It would be a good thing if the Mission were conducted in the same city where the Month is being promoted.

³¹ From the postal markings, it is evident that this letter was sent from Todi and, after passing through Narni, arrived in Rome on May 6, 1836.

³² Giovanni Minicucci.

³³ From the postal markings, it is clear that this letter was sent from Todi and, after passing through Narni, arrived in Rome on May 9, 1836.

Please tell a certain priest, Father Ferdinando Sassa, that he will be preaching there; that in regard to the pulpit used for the Lenten preaching in Todi, he himself should correspond with the bishop of this city.³⁴ With esteem and respect, I remain

Your humble servant

Gaspare C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Todi, May 10, at the time of my departure.³⁵

3123

May 1, 1836

Pietro Barcaroli

Chiaravalle

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Pietro

I am writing as I travel about. Send your letters to me to "Rome". Check the memoranda and the rescripts so that everything is in good order and see that there are no mistakes. Recommend me to God. With esteem and respect, I remain

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspare Can. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Mission and Retreat House in Nepi, May 12, 1836

P. S. With regard to the Mission, you handle things as you are enlightened by God and as God inspires the most eminent bishop.

3124

May 12, 1836

Luigia del Bufalo

Rome

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dearest niece³⁶

Here I am in Nepi. As I wrote to you, I shall be in Rome around an hour after midday.

Besides Bartolomeo, I will have one or two Brothers with me. I am etc.

G. C. d. B.

³⁴ Msgr. Francesco Gazzoli.

³⁵ The year is 1836, indicated by the Mission in Todi.

³⁶ From the postal markings indicating its departure (Nepi) and its arrival (Rome, May 12, 1836) we note the date of this letter.

3125

May 23, 1836
Fr. Luigi Cocci
Todi

Hail to the Divine Blood

Venerable Curate

I give thanks to God for the holy Oratory. You will be receiving what you mentioned in your letter.

Return my sincere best wishes to the most reverend bishop and to anyone else who remembers me. Courage in your doing of good work etc. This time, I am writing in a hurry. Always filled with feelings of obligation to you, I remain, with total esteem and affection

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Rome, May 23, 1836

3126

May 23, 1836
Fr. Pasquale Virgili
Vallecorsa³⁷

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Father Pasquale

I give thanks to God for the holy Missions.

Willingly will I send 12 *scudi* in francs to Angelo Bernabei in Cammerino and thus pay for the mailing. Please forewarn him of this since that money will be sent from Rome in his name. You take care of getting an answer from the aforesaid Bernabei, giving me, at your leisure, a line or so for my own peace of mind. I got the document you sent for the 30 Masses. In all, it comes to the sum of 7, 50 *scudi*, if I am not mistaken. Now, as for the residual, we will work something out and I will be able to let you know about the postal costs. In the meantime, I am sending you 32 Masses which you will sign down on a sheet of paper and celebrate them as soon as possible. When packages arrive for you, they will be mailed to you immediately. Be ready to go out for the Mission in Roccaguglielma. When you get back, you will get further directions and you will find a letter from me in Vallecorsa. Then, too, the Director of the Mission in Roccaguglielma will be arriving. With esteem and respect, I remain, in Jesus Christ crucified

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspare C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

³⁷ First, St. Gaspar had written "Roccaguglielma", but then corrected it to "Vallecorsa".

Rome, May 23, 1836

3127

May 23, 1836

Luigia del Bufalo
Rome

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dearest niece

It is necessary that you send to Angelo Bernabei in Cammerino 12 *scudi* in francs for postal costs in the name of Father Pasquale Virgilj, indicating to me the amount for the mailing, while you hold on to the bill. When it is a question of private commissions, I would like the report to be put in the name of the one who is sending the money. You need not write a letter to Bernabei. Enter this on the page of reminders.

I received Fratellini's package, the devotional materials, my handkerchief, the trimming material for Sermoneta, Father Biagio's³⁸ clock and the certificates for aggregators.

For the pastor Father Luigi Cocci, it will be necessary to get 12 hymnals, I would say from ours, as you determine their value, or buy them from Contedini, observing the greatest possible thrift. Let me know how much all of this comes to, namely, the images and the hymnals. The images are the ones bought from Bianchi. You understand. Send me a reply. I am referring to Cocci's account.

Needed is a colored handkerchief for the boarding student Ravasio. Tell me the cost.

Prepare an image from among those larger ones made in Rimini and pack it in a basket covered with wrapping paper and put the following address on it: "*Al Signor Curato Agnus Dei Todi*". In addition, a bound booklet of the Chaplet along with two linked rosaries of the most Precious Blood. This package, too, is to be addressed: "*Al Signor Curato Agnus Dei Todi*". Have it prepared. The deposit for the Brotherinservice from Norcia³⁹ should come to 5,60 *scudi* which I left there. Is this right?

The decrees for the Masses for the saints from the Riti, it seems to me, cost 1,65 *scudi*. Is this right? Otherwise, check with Father Filippo⁴⁰ to whom I made the last payment.

I forgot about the chocolate. Send me two pounds.

I will write to you about other matters. I am swamped in a sea of business matters. Prayers.

Send me that cassock used by a Brother but see that it is repaired.

³⁸ Father Biagio Valentini.

³⁹ Vincenzo Marchetti.

⁴⁰ Father Filippo Gonnelli.

Let me know whether the red vestments have been blessed along with the maniples and stoles. Merlini has immediately noticed (and it is true) that the cut of the stole and maniple is distorted, according to the usual style.

Be insistent about the lectern which Fumante has.

From the ones that have been repaired, send me a biretta.

Send me six candles, the onepound each type. I would say from the ones in my chapel, along with new ones from Poggioli. These are to be used in Sermoneta. The cost for the new ones is under the heading of the Society. See that they are beautiful. Also, for Sermoneta, send three, or even four, pounds of wax for Masses, like the ones that I use in my chapel. Take care of this if you have some in the house, indicating the expense as you already realize. Send me the bill for everything.

Finally, send me the draping in *terzo* along with the cope that came from Romagna. Let me know the approximate value since this will be remaining in Sermoneta. A notification must be kept. Let me know the cost for the two walnut lecterns and the repair of the *Carteglorie*. I would like to have another different printing of the *Carteglorie*.

Send me a relic of the Holy Sepulcher or of the Holy Pillar which should be there among my relics.

With greetings etc. to all, I remain, in Jesus Christ crucified

Your affectionate uncle

Albano, May 23⁴¹

I received the letters.

Send me a listing of the Institute's things that are available there, and remind me about Vallecorsa. Everything will be done, little by little.

Tie up the small package which is going to *Gesu e Maria*.

I am sending the small case for the draping.

Put one *scudo* on deposit for Santarelli and enter this in the record as usual.

Register the letters of the Kingdom.

You probably have written to Rimini concerning the sashes from the Venerucci woman.⁴²

3128

May 24, 1836

Luigi Fuschi

Norma

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Luigi

⁴¹ The year is 1836, the year of the Mission in Todi, where Father Luigi Cocci was pastor. Cfr. also the letters (n. 3125 and n. 3126) to Cocci and to Virgilj of May 23, 1836.

⁴² The last three paragraphs are found on the fourth page.

Missionary Father Giovanni Chiodi will give you a document for the Masses celebrated and you will give the appropriate offerings to him. With esteem and respect, I remain

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. A.

May 24, 1836

3129

May 26, 1836

Fr. Giuseppe Ottaviani

Ancona

*Christus dilexit nos, et lavit nos in Sanguine Suo*⁴³

Most esteemed Canon

The Mission in Todi has delayed me and also prevented me from having the pleasure of getting to know the priest whom you were sending to me. In all things, may the will of God be done.

Continue your affectionate concern for me in Jesus Christ, in whose adorable Heart I remain and will constantly be

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

House in Albano, May 26, 1836

3130

May 26, 1836

Mother Maria Nazzarena De Castris

Piperno

Hail to the Divine Blood

Very reverend Mother

I have received your letter and I understand everything that you mentioned in it.

With regard to your nephew,⁴⁴ you are to conduct yourself in all things as you think best with God's help. I shall always approve whatever you do.

Next Saturday, June 11th, I shall be in Piperno sometime after the noon meal. Depending on the time of arrival, we shall see whether the introduction is to be made then or deferred to the following morning. As usual, Bartolomeo will be with me.

⁴³ Christ loved us and washed us in his blood.

⁴⁴ Enrico De Castris.

Please extend my good wishes to the most reverend Mother Abbess and to the community as well as to any others, thus saving the burden of postal costs.

Help me a lot with your prayers. I now add nothing more since there will be time for discussions when we see each other in person. I shall be awaiting, here in Albano, a line or so from you. In the adorable Heart of Jesus Christ, I remain, with esteem and respect

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

House in Albano, May 26, 1836

3131

May 26, 1836

Fr. Vincenzo Giovannelli

Ascoli Piceno

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dear Father Giovannelli

It is necessary that the Missions be promoted by the bishops. Recently I was in Todi and oh the great work that was accomplished through the mercy of God!

I sent a reply to Canon Paradisi that he should go to S. Felice in Giano. I did this out of respect for your oracular counsels. I shall recommend him to our companions. Pray for me, and, as I kiss your hands, consider me to be, in Jesus Christ crucified

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspere C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

P. S. It would be a good idea to precede the Mission with a Retreat for the clergy.

3132

May 27 1836

Fr. Tomasso Meloni

Cammerino per Pievetorina

Hail to the Divine Blood

Esteemed Fr. Tomasso

Insist that Girolamo does not go into the kitchen.⁴⁵ You know how often I have inculcated this point. Communicate these express sentiments of mine to Santarelli. Whenever a footman arrives, for example, is not the room adjacent to the main entrance available?

⁴⁵ Girolamo was a peasant from Pievetorina who worked for the Mission House. The Saint was always insistent that outsiders should not be allowed to enter the kitchen. Even in the event that an unexpected footman (that is, a footrunner, sent expressly to pick up communications, or one who handled mounts while walking on foot) should arrive, he was not to eat in the kitchen but in the room adjacent to the main entrance.

Gio. Battista will not be long in coming and he has changed. You are correct in keeping me informed. Although they are good people, it all arises from their rustic upbringing. I have learned about the other one who has already departed.

You yourself should speak with Sig. Feliciangeli and, if using a peaceful approach is not sufficient, register a protest with the Curia, doing this in my name and with the knowledge of Santarelli, who has written me nothing concerning this matter. We are obliged to safeguard the properties of the Church. This is a reference to that thicket or hedge. To allow this kind of thing to continue uncontrolled is a mistake. Absolutely not to be.⁴⁶

I continue insisting on this question of the bridge. In the meantime, to the best of your ability, try to prevent any damage to the lands.

You are very correct in saying that it is not right to burden the House with mail by sending letters to others. Prudently make this known.

With regard to the hedge around the premises, discuss it in Congressus and make provisions with regard to this matter, *prout de jure*,⁴⁷ and in keeping with the administration of sacred property. Since I am so distant, I am not able to make a judgment as well as one who is *in faciem loci*.⁴⁸ I recommend, therefore, that all observe good procedure, cooperate together, and always *debito modo et servata charitate, quae semper in nobis erit*.⁴⁹ In reference to the boxwood⁵⁰ investigate to see *quid expediat*⁵¹.

Whoever is Economist, with due respect for everyone, is to keep everything locked up. In reference to the financial question dealing with the wages for the workers, this is a matter for the Congressus.

Let all be done with purity of intention, with gentleness and kindness. I am sending you 20 Masses to be celebrated.

I am, etc.

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

⁴⁶ Carlo Feliciangeli, a neighbor to the piece of land referred to as the "Vallone" (cfr. footnote to Lett. n. 316, April 4, 1833), had illicitly planted a thicket or hedge on the borderline and had introduced other servants on the Mission House's holdings.

⁴⁷ As by law.

⁴⁸ After the fashion of the place.

⁴⁹ In due manner and preserved by charity, which will always be among us.

⁵⁰ *Busso*: this is an outdated word; it means the same as "bosso". The latter is a wellknown evergreen, especially useful for making garden hedges.

⁵¹ What should be expedient.

House at Albano, May 27 (1836)⁵²

3133

May 27, 1836
Fr. Pasquale Virgilj
Vallecorsa

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Father Pasquale

Instead of the Mission to which I would have assigned you within a few days, you are rather to do me the favor of preaching the Month of the Divine Blood in Frosinone. So, upon the receipt of this letter of mine, arrange for a coach, working it out with Father Ricciardi there and go to Frosinone for the aforementioned purpose. By departing early, the coach can get you there and back in one day. The expense for the coach will be paid in Frosinone by Father Camillo.⁵³ By following the book for the Month and by preparing yourself with a thought developed with a narration of an example, the task will be manageable. Convinced of your charity, I am and will constantly be

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

After the Month, the places of residence⁵⁴ will be established.

3134

May 28, 1836
Fr. Anacleto Giliucci
Ancona

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Father Anacleto

I inconvenience you with this letter of mine to find out about the cloth which, in case you have not as yet gotten it, you can hold off, always most obliged to you for your charity.

Recommend me to God and, with esteem and respect, I remain

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

⁵² The year is derived from the context and from a comparison with the Congressi of the House at Pievetorina, particularly the one cited previously, dated August 3, 1836.

⁵³ Father Camillo Rossi

⁵⁴ This postscript is on the fourth page, near the address.

House in Albano, May 28, 1836

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May 28, 1836
Fr. Mattia Cardilla
Pennabilli

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Father Mattia

I have been reviewing some of your letters and I am now sending a reply.

1. With regard to the Mission of the Balze, please contact Lipparelli from whom you will receive instructions concerning the matter.

2. In Pennabilli, they will have preached, after the noon meal, the Marian month in the cathedral.

3. With respect to the notification of Masses, we are all even up to now, if I am not mistaken, in regard to the offerings. Also, Mosconi has probably received what was coming to him.

4. Concerning the offerings to Silvestri for the eight Masses, perhaps that was my error and I have already seen to it that they have been forwarded to him.

5. Tell Lipparelli to try to get exemption from the dutypayment and that he should inform me of this in detail.

6. The changes that are made are due to an effort to satisfy the requests of the bishops and to try to content individuals. Ultimately, the letters of Xavier provide a solution for me: what an apostolic man should be. Residencess of a permanent nature are for other institutes, except in cases of poor health, age etc.. Thus, God wishes from us greater trust and more joy in serving him.

7. I will have further investigation made for the books given to me by way of notification, and I will give you an accounting.

8. It is a very good idea for our churches to be closed at noontime. So may pastors think. If necessary, communicate this information to Lipparelli and also speak to him, or write, concerning the repairs for the church etc.

9. Father Nicola Palma, Canon in the cathedral of Teramo in the Kingdom, is the author of the book treating the mysteries of the Divine Blood! When writing to him etc., encourage him, in case there might be a reprinting.

10. I have already written to Robertini: no more Lenten series in the countryside.

11. Be strengthened evermore in your holy vocation.

12. As for other matters, *ad alias*.⁵⁵ I am sending 20 Masses which are to be said immediately. I shall be awaiting your reply.

13. I will send you an accounting for the books that we have received from you.

14. Pray for me. Be zealous in the observance of the rule. I am etc.

⁵⁵ For another time.

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. ap.

House in Albano, May 28, 1836

3136

May 28, 1836

Luigia del Bufalo

Rome

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dearest niece⁵⁶

Needed is a Chaplet, crucifix and small chain, and a coatofarms for a member of the St. Xavier group. Indicate the cost to me. As soon as this material is ready, send it to Frosinone, using a secure method, addressing it to Father Camillo Rossi.

Likewise, purchase four small, beautiful, silverplated vases, like the ones we have, and then send them to Missionary Father Camillo Rossi, Superior in Frosinone and enter the cost under my name. We are in agreement.

It would be a good idea to obtain a couple of copies of the Novena to the Holy Spirit. Again, as usual through the mails, send them to "Father Antonio Manenti, Rector of the seminary in Urbino per Pennabilli". Enter the expense on the sheet of reminders and indicate that it is my expense.

Keep in mind the images for the scapulars to be sent to Vincenzo from Ariccia,⁵⁷ our Brother in Nepi. The two skullcaps are to be entered under the Nepi accounts.

I received the letter from Father Portelli and the package from Gentili's friend. I have understood about the coffee for Monsignor Piatti.

Gentili wishes to have two *libre* of incense and three *libre* of wax for the service of Mass. Send these items to him and the cost to me. From Sermoneta, you have received a lantern to be repaired. Let me know when that is completed.

You have probably received the small case and a bundle of packages. I will be sending still another.

Send me four pairs of stockingsoles for boardingstudent Ravasio. They can be of the smallest type. Likewise, send *Il Divoto di Maria*, written by Father Paolo Segneri, indicating, also, the cost involved. In Jesus Christ crucified, I remain

Your affectionate uncle

⁵⁶ From the postal markings, it is evident that this letter, mailed from Albano, arrived in Rome on May 28, 1836.

⁵⁷ Vincenzo Barberi.

Let me know whether you recall what the cost was for the two copies of Biamonti for Chiodi, or, at least, an approximate cost.

3137

May 28, 1836
Domenico Antonio Gagliardi
Castelforte

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dear Domenico Antonio

You will receive, or, perhaps you have already received some devotional materials that you requested. As for the other matters, these are not things to be handled in letters. Let us offer prayers and let us become saints. Pray for me. In Jesus Christ crucified, I remain

Your humble servant

Gaspere C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

House in Albano, May 28, 1836

3138

May 29, 1836
Vincenzo Adriani
Perugia

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Vincenzo

In the mail, you will be receiving three *scudi*, addressed to you. Have prayers offered for me. With esteem, in Jesus Christ crucified, I remain

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

May 29, 1836

3139

May 29, 1836
Msgr. Antonio Begni
Bishop of Montefeltro
Pennabilli

*Christus dilexit nos, et lavit nos in Sanguine Suo*⁵⁸

Venerable Monsignor

⁵⁸ Christ loved us and washed us in his blood.

You would be perfectly right in being saddened, were I to remove Father Gennaro⁵⁹ from Penna to assign him elsewhere outside of Rome, where he is assigned to preach the Month of the Divine Blood at a second church. At the primary church of the Archconfraternity, another of our men has been provided. So, in dealing with this question, it appears that you can be at ease. It is quite true that I promised him for the Marian Month, but that means that in making this promise, I did not take fully into account the days involved. The Month of the Divine Blood always concludes on the first Sunday in July. I must confess my mistake of computation. So, in making arrangements for the Marian Month, there will be no change in providing for a different preacher. Often, we have a division and a sharing of the work by several members, which is somethins quite different from the preaching of a Lenten or Advent series.

Pray to the Lord for me. With the usual sentiments of esteem and respect, venerable Monsignor, and while kissing your hands, I remain
 Your humble, devoted and obedient servant
Gaspere Can. del Bufalo
 Mis. Ap.
 House in Albano, May 29, 1836

3140

May 30, 1836
 Madre Abbadessa
 Monastero della Purificazione
 Rome

Hail to the Divine Blood

Mother Abbess

On Friday, June 3, after the meal, I shall come there for the usual Day of Recollection, since it is agreeable to you and the Community. If there is anything to the contrary, let me know by way of the mails, with a line from you.

As for getting you a domestic, I shall have the Superior of the Mission House look after that for you.

I am in Jesus Christ Crucified
 Your humble, devoted, obliged servant
Gaspere C. del Bufalo
 Mis. Ap.

P. S. If I do not get a notice to the contrary, I shall be there. On another day, I would not be able.
 House at Albano, May 30, 1836

⁵⁹ Father Gennaro Gamboa.

3141

End of May, 1836
Luigia del Bufalo
Rome

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dearest niece⁶⁰

With regard to the alb for Vallecorsa, I would like you to remind me of whether Pedini left any money and what he said; furthermore, the cost involved and whether the money has been withdrawn.

In reference to the brocade vestments, likewise let me know what Pedini had to say and what he would like to have done.

I received the trimming materials for the House in Sermoneta.

The handkerchief for the boardingstudent was all right.

I received the wax and the Bonarelli woman's package.

Read the enclosed for directions. Monsignor Galante lives across from the gateway of the Missionaries of Monte Citorio. This is in reference to a memorandum from Gentili.

The letter to Bianchini can be given to Father Filippo Gonnelli. Sterbini lives on the Strada Papale, just beyond the Stimmate. The other things, in tomorrow's maildelivery.

See that the copy of Biamonti for Chiodi is bound. As soon as Minu has taken care of this, inform me of it and also of the cost. The binding should be done at a reasonable cost. The biography of de Vita should be bound in *Cartaeecora*. Let me know the cost, and it goes to Albano. In Jesus Christ crucified, I remain

Your affectionate uncle

3142

End of May, 1836
Luigia del Bufalo
Rome

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dearest niece⁶¹

⁶⁰ This letter does not have a date. Comparing it with the letter (n. 3127) written to her on May 23, 1836 (mentioning the handkerchief for the boardingstudent Ravasio, the trimming materials for the House in Sermoneta) it is evident that this letter is to be assigned to the end of May, 1836. This date is confirmed by the reports of the administration of the church in Sermoneta, where, under the date May 30, 1836, there is a notation of an expense of 30 *scudi* "for a wallhanging in *terzo*, furnished with everything needed, along with a cope etc. "

⁶¹ From the letter (n. 3137) to Gagliardi (May 28, 1836), the one (n. 3138) to Adriani (May 29, 1836) and from the decision not to send any more letters to Albano, since on June 1st at night, the vigil of *Corpus Domini*, St. Gaspar would be in Rome, this letter should be assigned to the final days of May, 1836. In 1836, in Rome, the Month of the most Precious Blood was preached by Father Pietro de Victoriis in S. Nicola in Carcere and by Father Gennaro Gamboa in S. Andrea delle Fratte, as is referred to here in this letter.

Get a copy of the compendium of the Life of St. Xavier, a copy of the Fridays, inexpensively bound, and two copies of the Novena that Portelli has given, and prepare these in a single, small package, addressing it to Signor Domenico Antonio Gagliardi "in Castelforte, diocese of Gaeta". For the first step, using an outer covering, send it to Father Francesco Saverio Ricciardi, Missionary President in Vallecorsa, along with a line or so telling him to send the package on, using a safe method. On the paper covering the package to Gagliardi, all that needs to be written is: "Il Canonico del Bufalo, Missionario Apostolico".

Get a copy of the Fridays in honor of St. Xavier. Write on it "Casa di Rimini" and at the first opportunity, have it ready, bearing the address to Father Antonio Lipparelli, telling him that someone wrote to me that such a book was not had in Rimini.

Send by mail three *scudi* to Perugia, to Vincenzo Adriani. I will write him a letter. Let us be agreed. Note this in the reminders.

I understand about Canon Valentini and I will look into this, etc. So, the two copies for Chiodi cost 2,45 *scudi*. Gentili is in Sonnino. Keep a record of the cost of the alb for Vallecorsa and let me know whether it has been blessed. Then, I will tell you how you are to write to the President in Vallecorsa in sending it to him within a short time.

With regard to the vestments for Vallecorsa, I will look into that.

Read the enclosed sheet from Ilaria Giuseppe, and carry it out.

When Father Gennaro⁶² comes, have him leave a small bundle of what he will need for one night and all the rest should go to S. Andrea delle Fratte, making use of a porter with the accompaniment of Giovanni.⁶³ Let us be in agreement. Brother Fabrini is to go immediately to Albano. The possessions of de Victoriis are to be gathered together in the large room where the statue is. The room where I sleep, altogether free. Write where de Victoriis is to sleep, with Father Gennaro in the library, removing those covered chairs which I will see are returned after Father Gennaro's departure. For the time being, take them into your own room. Let us be in agreement.

I will be coming to Rome on the evening of the Vigil of *Corpus Domini* and I hope to be there on time. At that time, I will think about sending them to Monsignor Piatti, and I will regulate everything else.

De Victoriis can prepare beforehand whatever is necessary in S. Nicola, and Father Gennaro in S. Andrea delle Fratte, keeping Ponziano⁶⁴ informed. Let us be in agreement.

Both together should go to visit Monsignor Muccioli, bringing him my greetings. As for the other things, have them await me. I hope that I have expressed myself clearly. De Victoriis should work out the conferences. Possibly, in the church of Sant 'Uomobono.

I will be coming to Rome, but just for a short while, since I must urgently go to Piperno.

⁶² Father Gennaro Gamboa.

⁶³ Giovanni Minicucci.

⁶⁴ Ponziano Morichelli.

Offer prayers that the Months will all be handled well. Let us be in agreement.

Read the directions for the enclosed matter, and regulate yourself accordingly. As for the Purificazione, I would say Gonnelli, as long as you offer it quickly.

For other matters, more in person. See that I find purchased a pair of black, *Capicciola* stockings, fit for the boardingstudent Ammirati. I hope that you understand me.

A ream of ordinary paper, and enter the price on the sheet of reminders; a halfream of letterstationery, recording this likewise; in this way, I will not alter my accounts in Fabriano. Other things, in person, on Wednesday evening.

Have Giovanni go to Cavalier Salvi, in my name, and speak either to him or to the young man; write to him these words: "We would like to know whether the vote concerning the bridge in Pievevitorina has gone to the Secretary of State"; include my greetings etc.

From among the relics, select three containers, but not those of silver, and relics of saints for whom there are duplicates; but be sure that they are not *ex ossibus*.⁶⁵ You understand already.

Things belonging to me, keep in the cupboard where I sleep. I am referring to packages etc.

No more letters to Albano.

If the Missionaries do not request money, do not give them anything. Otherwise, make out a receipt.

3143

June 4, 1836

For the Economist's report

S. Felice in Giano

Rome, June 4, 1836

Since the benefits of the Paolucci legacy, assigned to the Mission House of S. Felice in Giano, are paid out to my credit against the economic report of that House, I, the undersigned, testify that I have received 16 *scudi* and 18 *bajocchi* from that account, reserving the residual amount, up to 50 *scudi*, in full agreement with the aforementioned legacy, for next October, being content with this deferral because of the circumstances in the same Mission House. *In fede etc.*⁶⁶ I say 16 *scudi*, 18.⁶⁷

Gaspare C. del Bufalo

Mis. ap.

⁶⁵ From the bones.

⁶⁶ In faith, etc.

⁶⁷ In this receipt, written in the handwriting of Father Pietro M. de Victoriis, president of S. Felice in Giano, only the signature is that of St. Gaspar.

3144

Jmne 4. 1836
 Msgr. Guglielmo Aretini Sillani
 Bishop of Terracina, Sezze and Priverno
 Sezze

*Christus dilexit nos, et lavit nos a peccatis nostris in Sanguine Suo*⁶⁸

Venerable Monsignor

Your wishes are and will always be precise commands for me. Furthermore, in the complexity of my present occupations, we will do it this way *pro hac vice*.⁶⁹ ... 1. I shall write to Maenza so that they can send for the Missionary in Sermoneta, where I will see to it that he is one who is very experienced in the ministry. With the grace of God, he will do great work. 2. I shall go, for one day only, to Piperno to give a sermon to the people there, as a sign of my affection for them. 3. The Retreat for the nuns will not have a change of time. 4. I shall write to Maenza in order to save you that inconvenience since you have so many other serious occupations; I am always ready to be of service to you in the best way that I can. So, I hope that I have given you a response to your concerns. Asking you for your prayers and kissing your hands, I am and will constantly be

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspare Can. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Rome, June 4, 1836

3145

June 4, 1835
 Fr. Mattia Cardillo
 Pennabilli

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Father Mattia

I am afraid I may have sent one or the other letter to you, addressed to Macerata. For now, just a couple of lines since I am short of time. Stay on there in Pennabilli for the time-being. Then, the rest; and let us pray. My dearest Father Mattia, just one thing: "*Signa apostolatus in multa patientia*".⁷⁰ If you were to spend only a few hours with me, I would be hopeful that you would see things in a better light. For example: Mosconi is asking to be moved from Penna; here is a variation. ... Some day, perhaps, everything will become known. I am etc.

⁶⁸ Christ loved us and washed us from our sins in his blood.

⁶⁹ For this office.

⁷⁰ Signs of the apostolate in much patience.

Your humble servant
G. C. del Bufalo
 M. Ap.
 Rome, June 4, 1836

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June 12, 1836
 Luigia del Bufalo
 Rome

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dearest niece⁷¹

Here is the recent notification concerning, the de Marchis Masses. Check the account and send the packet of papers.

Needed are the following items:

For Giovanni From Veroli⁷² in Sermoneta, a pair of black, summer stockings.

For Vincenzo from Norcia,⁷³ a shirt and a pair of black, summer stockings.

It would be a good idea to prepare separate packages, and then, on the outer covering, put: To Father Pietro Buffoni, Economist in Sermoneta. Send to me in Piperno the particular bill, repeating as above.

Vincenzo from Norcia would like his deposit to remain at only five *scudi*. So, let me know how many *bajocchi* remain beyond the five *scudi*. Those *bajocchi*, which should come to around 60, you are to indicate to me and remove them from Vincenzo's deposit, leaving there only the five *scudi*. The *bajocchi* that you remove, you are to place in the cashbox of the Institute for expenses that keep coming up.

Furthermore, two shirts are needed for Brother Leoni from Sonnino, who is in residence here in Sermoneta.

They have brought here some money for Paravani. However, since this is a question of money in gold, he will be getting it as soon as we return to Rome. He will be getting it along with a small piece of paper consigning it, which is to be retained so that it too can be presented, upon our return to Rome. In this way, I feel that he will be content. I am leaving now for Piperno and I remain

Your affectionate uncle

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⁷¹ The letter was written from Sermoneta, as is evident from the text; from the postal markings, we note that, after passing through Velletri, it arrived in Rome on June 12, 1836.

⁷² Giovanni Fontana.

⁷³ Vincenzo Marchetti.

June 13, 1835
Luigia del Bufalo
Rome

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dearest niece

See if you can find a copy of Baldeschi, with a simple binding.

Once the brief for Merlini is confirmed, send it to him in Albano.

Tell Father Filippo Gonnelli that he should get me a certification from Annivitti. Keep it protected well and locked up, and write to me about this.

I have already given you instructions with reference to the package to Virgilj.

See that a reliquary is purchased, but an inexpensive one, for the enclosed request for relics, charging it to Muti who will obtain what he can. For Maria Diomirra, be mindful of the relic of S. Filomena that she knows about. Write to me about this.

Send the Institute's seal to Merlini and let him know the expense; also, that he is to send me a receipt. I will take note of the total cost in that account and later it will be up to me to take care of it. Be insistent with Fratini. You have probably given some thought to the biretta that is to be gotten, etc. Keep everything in mind. Get the trimming from Paliotto in Albano, but see that the cost does not exceed the figure you mentioned to me; write to me about this, indicating to me the exact expense.

Has the package to Perugia gone out? I am referring to the devotional material.

Pray for me. I am

Your affectionate uncle

Piperno, June 18⁷⁴

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June 20, 1836
Luigia del Bufalo
Rome

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dearest niece⁷⁵

It would be a good idea to check to see whether the packages to S. Gemini and Acquasparta have gone out.

Those old packsaddles that have been returned to Rome should be sent, at the first opportunity, to Nepi, to Vincenzo⁷⁶ from Ariccia, telling him to put them to use just as they are.

⁷⁴ From the postal markings, it is clear that the year is 1836.

⁷⁵ From the postal markings, it is evident that this letter was sent from Priverno and, after passing through Terracina, arrived in Rome on June 20, 1836.

⁷⁶ Vincenzo Barberi.

Father Biagio⁷⁷ is corresponding with his father; I know this for certain.
That is all for now. In a hurry, etc., I am etc.

v. a. z.

G. C. d. B.

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June 20, 1836
Luigia del Bufalo
Rome

Hail to the Blood of Jesus Christ

Dearest niece

Send me a listing (excluding the relics of St. Xavier) of the relics that are duplicates, and also, whether they are *ex ossibus*,⁷⁸ or something else. Take a moment when de Victoriis is not there.

Upon my return, I shall read the letter of our deceased uncle, the monk.

Keep on working things out with that matter of the dowry.

You probably have settled or will be settling everything. I recommend the books. Remind me of what I may have overlooked.

I have received the memorandum from Father Filippo.⁷⁹

Hold on to the faculty of the *Concezione* for Verili.

Send letters to me to Frosinone where I will be next Saturday at some time or other.

Write to me about my certification, enclosing it for me immediately, or, holding on to it for me by locking it up so that no one else reads it.

Give a *quintern* of stationery to Father Filippo, or, two of the memoranda type. If you select the longer type, one *quintern* will be sufficient. I am in a hurry.

Your affectionate uncle

June 20, 1836⁸⁰

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June 20, 1836
Vicar Forane of Torri

⁷⁷ Father Biagio Valentini.

⁷⁸ From the bones.

⁷⁹ Father Biagio Valentini.

⁸⁰ The postal markings indicate the place of departure, (Piperno), passing on through (Terracina) and arrival (Rome, June 20, 1836).

Torri

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Vicar

I shall be in Frosinone next Saturday. On Monday, the 27th, send me the young man whom you would like to have join us. I will be delighted to see him. Have him come early; in that way, he can return, etc. to his home town after having spoken with me.

With this understanding, then, I remain, with esteem and respect

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Piperno, June 20, 1836