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3401

April 1837
Fr. Tomasso Meloni
Nepi¹

Hail to the Divine Blood

Fr. Tomasso

Well, everything has been concluded by mutual agreement in connection with Orte.

I want you to know beforehand that within a few days, Fr. Buffoni, one of our Missionaries, will be arriving in Nepi. As you will learn from him, he has been ordered by the doctor in Frosinone to go to the climate of Giano. When this man arrives in Nepi, you, acting as his guide for the trip, since you are more experienced, will take him with you by carriage when it is available, keeping in mind our usual rules. You can travel together as far as Spoleto. There you will get him transportation to Giano; you will continue on to Pievetorina where I have sent word to Fr. Beniamino to prepare a room for you.

I am sure that you get the general idea. I leave it to your charity to put my idea into execution. You will send me the bill for all the expenses that you incur, and it will be up to me to settle with you.

Pray for me who am in Jesus Christ Crucified

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

(Bassiano, April 1837)²

Your letters, to: " Rome "

¹ This letter was written on the third facing of a folio containing a letter sent to the Saint by the Bishop of Civitacastella, which had arrived in Rome on April 27, 1837. In that letter the Bishop says that, as soon as he learned of the indisposition of Fr. Meloni, assigned to preach the Retreat at the Seminary in Orte, he postponed that ministry, reserving to himself the option of writing again, if necessary.

² This letter which bears the postal markings of Sezze and Velletri, and which was contained within another letter that had arrived from Rome, as has just been noted, on April 20, 1837, certainly was written from Bassiano, a small town neighboring on Sezze (province of Latina). The Saint had arrived there from Rome on April 22nd to conduct a Mission, after a disastrous trip. The letter was sent to the post office in Sezze, from whence, through Velletri and Rome, it got to Nepi. The date of the day is the only thing that is not certain in this letter; it can be assigned, in a general way, toward the end of April.

3402

May 2 , 1837
Fr. Francesco Paradisi
Pievetorina

Hail to the Divine Blood

Venerable Canon

Think it over seriously. I have always said: "Put everything in order and then come". If you wish to return, write a letter to me, addressing it to Rome. With esteem, I remain, in Jesus Christ crucified

Your most humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

House in Sermoneta, May 2, 1837

3403

May 6, 1837
P'ietro Barcaroli
Chiaravalle

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Pietro

I wrote to you not too long ago. Presently, I am writing from Rome where I have returned, but somewhat afflicted with a cold, (a sickness that happens here), and not able yet to apply myself to new campaigns. I realize that this is more an inconvenience rather than anything else. Still, the voice is needed for preaching. The continuous rainfalls have brought this on. However, the Mission is not to be overlooked and the companions are all set. We must do the will of God. So, either I am to come or the Mission will have to be postponed until after the grain harvest and would, thus, be a lesser inconvenience for me. This, by way of a reminder about the observations given to you previously in response to your ideas. Also, you might let me know just about when the grain harvests are made and at that time we will see just what can be done. Finally, without a change in the time, the feast of the Trinity, you will welcome the companions and we will do good work. Other bishops, too, have been welcoming them and with satisfaction. God sees my heart. In the meantime, we must be conformed to the will of God.

While awaiting your prompt reply, I remain, with esteem and respect

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Rome, May 6, 1837

3404

May 7, 1837
Fr. Vitale Corbucci
Fossombrone

Hail to the most Precious Blood

Dear Father Vitale

At the office of the stagecoach, you will be receiving a small package of books which Father Rafaele Brandimarte requested from me. See that he gets them at the earliest possible opportunity.

Praise be to God for the holy Missions.

When God leads me to the Marche, I shall not forget the clergy of Fossombrone. With regard to Camillo, I have already settled with him and I have reduced the situation to seven *scudi*, including travel expenses and everything else. Let me know whether you will do the favor of celebrating Masses and when, and I will see that you get them. This same year, the one of your probation, is passing by. I hope that you still wish to move forward. I have entrusted you to the care of Father Lipparelli. Have I forgotten anything?

Pray for me. With esteem and respect, I remain

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Rome, May 7, 1837

3405

May 9, 1837
Camillo Possenti
Fabriano

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dear Camillo

Examine the enclosed matter and figure out how much would be needed for one thousand copies. Then, we will balance out the difference from the last accounting.

In a hurry, but with esteem, I remain

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Rome, May 9, 1837

3406

May 9, 1837
Fr. Orazio Bracaglia

Rimini

Hail etc.

Dear Father Orazio³

In my name, send someone to get Santarelli in Macerata or in Penna, for the Retreat to be given in the seminary. I have already sent word to Santarelli. Do so quickly etc. etc. More at ease, with my next letter.

G. C. d. B.

3407

May 9, 1837

Vincenzo Adriani

Perugia

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Vincenzo

You will be receiving through the mails three *scudi* for the devotion to the Divine Blood which you are so zealously promoting. More than this I cannot do. Have recourse to other pious persons. Pray for me. With esteem, I remain

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Rome, May 9, 1837

3408

May 14, 1837

Luigia del Bufalo

Rome

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dearest niece

Thank you for your recent letter; all is well. My efforts are directed, wholeheartedly, to a desire for all to have a feeling of contentment. Thus, for example, if I were able, I would like to provide every sort of thing for Nanna; however, I am not able. When I come, it will be necessary to give her advice for some plan or other. Let us move on now to other things.

My stomach disorder as well as that of my nerves is of longstanding. But, then, they are only minor inconveniences and are not always suffered. I must only be cautious about healthy

³ This letter does not have a date. The month and the day (May 9) are derived from the postal markings. The year (1837) is derived from a comparison of this letter with the letter (n. 3396) to that same person dated April 28, 1837, in reference to the Retreat to be given in the seminary. Cfr. also the letter (n. 3416) to him, dated May 19, 1837.

and light foods; and that is what I keep trying to do.

Canon Finocchi came to visit me and gave me the faculties. *Laus Deo*.⁴ Now, send me a ream of stationery: half of the finer kind for letterwriting; half of the *palomba* type. Include, with that, the de Sales volume entitled: *L'amor di Dio* or *il Teotimo*, if I have one. Also, send around twenty certifications for aggregators, since I will be sending those for the Collegio Greco, that is to say, the listing that I had given to Father Domenico and which Finocchi has returned to me.

Tell Minu to send me a copy of Vanalesti's *Quaresimale*.

It is to be sent to me here, along with the stationery, and also indicate the cost to me.

Seal and send out the enclosed.

Get 14 copies of the Chaplet; join to them other printed matters of the Divine Blood, a few of each type, and make a small package of them. In my name, send these to Maria Gesualda, a Capuchin nun in S. Urbano.

This is it, for now. When you learn that Finocchi has returned, see that he gets these things: in my name and with an outer covering, put together a copy of meditations for the Month, composed by Strambi, along with another copy of those composed by Father Amici, since I promised him these things.

If Minu is unable to find the book of Aurelj, write and let me know. Other things, later. The climate of Albano with which I am accustomed is doing me some good. I am feeling better in the condition of my stomach. Pray for me. Give my greetings to all. I am

Your affectionate uncle

House in Albano, May 14, 1837

P. S. Let me know whether you want me to send you a barrel of wine.

3409

May 14, 1837

Lawyer Arrighi

Rome

Most esteemed Lawyer

I have handed over to Father Filippo Gonelli the rescript for S. Galla so that he can place it in the archives. I thank you for your efforts. Willingly will I write to Canon Galli.

Pray for me. I hope that you will increase your zeal in behalf of the pious work originated by the Venerable de Rossi. Dear Lawyer, I am and will constantly be

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspere C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

House in Albano, May 14, 1837

⁴ Praise God.

3410

May 15, 1837
Fr. Luigi Mosconi⁵

Hail to the Divine Blood

Esteemed Fr. Luigi

Here I am sending a reply to your recent, very kind letter. Willingly will I negotiate with the Most Rev. Archbishop in regard to what you have written to me, and with even greater delight since that area has the Shrine of Blessed Giacomo.⁶ In all things may the will of God be done.

You therefore shall go to Rimini as its President, where you will find the room prepared for you and whatever else is needed. But, you must do me the favor of getting there in time to take care of the Month of the Divine Blood in S. Agnese, where you know how many people attend. Get there on time. I have provided for Pievetorina. For my own peace of mind, send a line to me in Rome.

I would like to know whether, in general, you would preach Advent and Lenten Series in Montefeltre. Freely let me know if I am inconveniencing you. I would like you to prepare yourself (perhaps you have done so already) for a discourse on S. Xavier in keeping with our practice, but at the same time, drawn out and wellcomposed, since I am afraid that in Meldola they are going to want a Triduum for the 3rd of December.

Let us do good. Pray for me. Send me a reply. I am, etc.

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Rome, May 15, 1837

P.S. If Monsignor wants someone for the Nuns in Bevagna, all he has to do is drop me a line and that will be taken care of. You however, cannot accept it because of the Month, which is much more urgent.

3411

Middle of May, 1837

⁵ We do not know where Mosconi was located when he received this letter, which bears no address. One could suppose that it was forwarded to him at Trevi dell' Umbria, his home town, from which he had previously written to the Saint. As a matter of fact, from certain expressions used by the Founder in a letter (n. 3396) to Fr. Orazio Bragaglia (April 28, 1837) it seems that at that time Fr. Luigi might have gone to his home town, nursing the idea of leaving the Institute. Still in Trevi, as is noticed from the two following letters [n. 3424 and 3483] (May 24 and August 1, 1837), he was occupied in promoting the Pious Union of the Most Precious Blood and the opening of a Mission House. He applied himself at the same time to one or the other ministry in the neighboring localities, for example, in Bevagna, mentioned in this letter.

⁶ Cf. Additional Biographical Data: Blessed Giacomo Bianconi.

Luigia del Bufalo
Rome

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dearest niece⁷

1. It appears that Palombi's bill for the cassock was 2,24 *scudi*. Is that correct? Did I make a reimbursement? And, did you pay 1,10 *scudi* for Rocco's cloak? Make a note of everything on the sheet; but from now on I want Pelzolet to put the name of the Missionary and not mine. Otherwise, he might say: "I received the settlement from Canon del Bufalo". However, the payment for the work should be attributed to the one for whom the work was done.

2. You have probably written to Father Gennaro⁸ concerning the pills.

3. Have you written down 50 *bajocchi* for sugar for Vallecorsa, in addition to the price for the Brother's shirts? Did you tell them to send the receipt?

4. I received the hat of the deceased de Victoriis; it has already been given to a Brother. Also, the stationery, the sweets, for which I give you thanks, the letters etc.

5. With Minu's help, get hold of a De Colonia and send it to me at the first opportunity, since there is no hurry, thus not having to pay so many tips. However, when there is an urgent need, then one must be patient.

6. Father Gentili sent me a practical reminder that a favor of help be provided for his father. I shall recommend this to Monsignor Galante because it is not necessary to always inconvenience one person. I am not too hopeful. We shall see. The room is near the stairway across from the Missionaries in Monte Citorio.

7. Tell Father Filippo⁹ that he should give me the letter from the Kingdom that I gave to him in reference to those indulgences already received; I need that in order to send a reply.

8. I have received your letter. I thank you for your efforts. I do not want you to pray to take on the inconveniences that are altogether mine. Let us surrender ourselves to his will.

9. Write to Gentili in regard to the expense involved with the picture of the miracle. You have probably sent the bronze cornucopia to the nun. Did you get the information about those cornucopias?

10. I am content with your plan of 38 *scudi* for your clothing.

11. You will have to plan to tell Spallodoro that he should make a beautiful Madonna for our Missions; a beautiful one, not sadlooking, not with a drawdown face, not languid. Tell him

⁷ This letter does not have a date. It certainly belongs to 1837 (cfr. the reference to the deceased Fr. Pietro de Victoriis). Other elements, ("the inconveniences" to his health following the Mission in Bassiano; the 12 *scudi* to Fuschi, mentioned in this letter and in the letter (n. 3419) to the same person, dated May 20, 1837; the wine, referred to here as well as in the letter (n. 3408) dated May 14, 1837 etc.), all these items compel us to assign this letter to the middle of May, 1837.

⁸ Father Gennaro Gamboa.

⁹ Father Filippo Gonnelli.

very clearly what I am pointing out here. You will not have to give him anything; but, if he asks, just a small part of the account. The remainder, when the work is completed. In the meantime, Graziano has de Victoriis, and God will provide later. Let me know how much Spalladoro gets.

12. I would say that the Finocchi books should not be leatherbound; it is sufficient that they be paperbound; that is, the less expensive sort.

13. As regards the amount for the hat, the price is not important; it is quite old.

14. De Victoriis' discipline is to be put in a package so that no one knows that it is a discipline and then send it to Father Rocco Sebastianelli in Sermoneta, enclosing a line or so in which you say: "This is to be placed with the Mission luggage". Fuschi can deliver it.

15. I am waiting for the bill for Bassiano.

16. I shall be sending the wine; to the one who delivers it, you are to give six of those red chairs which belong to the house; not the older ones, but those that are serviceable and in good shape. Then, purchase for the house, at the expense of the Institute, six new ones, similar to those that are left. See that all is handled with exactitude. The one who will be delivering them should see that they are not damaged.

17. The old shoes of de Victoriis are to be given to the Pace woman with the charge to attend one Mass for the deceased. All the other de Victoriis things are to be cleaned and kept on deposit. I imagine the old shoes. Not the buckles.

18. All is O.K. with regard to Monsignor Piatti and the feast of the Purification. It is very, very true that I will not be eating those cookies. You eat them at home.

19. You will be getting a package addressed to Francesco Rossi, the brother of Father Camillo. To this, you will have to add five copies of the Month, meditations composed by Strambi on our devotion. It is sufficient that they be of the usual bound type like those sold by Contedini. Once those five booklets or copies are prepared, then add to them as many Chaplets of the Divine Blood that would come to the amount of one scudo, asking Contedini to give you the most economical consideration. Send me your answer. Then, have a small crate made of light veneer wood in which you will place the abovementioned articles that I have written about. Once the crate is closed, address it as on the package, to Father Camillo's brother and mark a forwarding address to Father Giovannelli. In a separate notification, send me the cost for that crate, and thus too for the forwarding, always seeking to be economical. If I have not explained myself clearly, please ask. To Father Giovannelli, write a line or so saying: "Father Camillo Rossi, Missionary, will be asking for this forwarded material". In writing to Giovannelli, his name is Vincenzo and it would be a good idea to add the word: Filippino in Ascoli.

The white sacks are making the rounds of the Institute.

The packets and other things, tomorrow for the *carrettella*. In a hurry, I remain

Your affectionate uncle

Hold on deposit the 12 *scudi* for Fuschi until my return, unless I make a disposition of them beforehand.

3412

Middle of May, 1837
Luigia del Bufalo
Rome

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dearest niece¹⁰

When needed, you will be receiving the listing of the names of those people who are to be informed about the Pious Union of de Sales.

If Zamboni says that the Missionaries were only three in number, you will say that sicknesses and the Missions have brought this about. If he was not content, he will not be invited. Everyone says that sleeping where one sleeps requires a special virtue. At any rate, in this too, may the will of God be done, and let us continue to move forward.

You will soon be getting the wine that is being taken care of by Bartolomeo.¹¹

Here is something else that is needed. Let us exercise patience also with regard to Gentili. You will have to prepare as many packages bearing the names and the notification of expenses for Father Gentili in keeping with the receipt, as you will write to him.

Also, the paper dealing with the Collegio Scozzese is not in order, and I am unable to draw up the certificates. I am enclosing the sheet for the Rector with the pertinent directions.

Notification for Sonnino

Two pairs of summer stockings for Brother Filippo Fabrini.

A shirt, two pairs of summer stockings for Giovanni from Veroli.¹²

Two shirts, two pairs of summer stockings for Nicodemo.¹³

A white handkerchief (but adapted).

From Grimaldi's packet for the House in Cesena, remove the fallen drops of sealing wax, if possible.

Have Giovanni¹⁴ speak to Father Manera about any expense, telling him that I shall be away for a bit of time.

I am writing in a hurry.

Your affectionate uncle

¹⁰ In the register of administration for Sonnino, on the 20th of June, 1837, Father Gentili registered the expenses mentioned in this letter in the "Notification for Sonnino". In the letter (n. 3419) of May 20th to Luigia, mention is made, as in this one, to Zamboni, the Missionaries and the wine which Bartolomeo is taking care of. Hence, this letter is assigned to the middle of May, 1837.

¹¹ Bartolomeo Panzini.

¹² Giovanni Fontana.

¹³ Nicodemo Ioppi.

¹⁴ Giovanni Minicucci.

Order from Montanari.
 Bollante has not received any further response.
 Look after whatever has to be mailed.

Seal everything

3413

May 16, 1837
 Maestro Antonio Fini
 Bassiano

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Fini

Within a short time you will be receiving some printed matter which does not necessarily have to be given out; also, the directory of blessings for the priest who does the aggregating, since aggregation can be made only by that authorized person.

I am not acquainted with the Torlonia household except by name. If you would care to have my advice, I would say: the situation has fallen through; we are to do nothing further. Because of the complexity of circumstances, there is no damage to your respectability at all.

Pray for me. With esteem and respect, I remain

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

May 16, 1837

3414

May 18, 1837
 Fr. Domenico Silvestri
 Macerata Feltria

Hail etc.

Dear Father Domenico¹⁵

In a hurry. Send me quickly the notification of Masses. Time has passed. You will preach the month of June in Cesena, following the course of the booklet. Thereafter, you will return to Macerata. On the 1st, in Cesena. You will begin on the 2nd; work things out etc. Father Mattia¹⁶ will be preaching in Macerata etc. I am etc.

G. C. d. B.

Trust in obedience, etc. Lipparelli, who is presently preaching the Marian month, will

¹⁵ This letter does not have a date, but one is derived from the postal markings (Rome, May 18, 1837).

¹⁶ Father Mattia Cardillo.

cover the expenses. Try to observe thriftiness, as I have no doubt you will.

3415

May 19, 1837
Fr. Domenico Silvestri
Macerata Feltria

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dear Father Domenico

I am adding a couple of lines to tell you three things.

1. The bishop of Cesena¹⁷ will not be there in June. He is coming to Rome for his *ad limina*.¹⁸

2. Be as helpful as you can with Pontoni, giving him and the congressus your advice.

3. As for your spiritual direction, it seems to me that Father Santarelli would be the one indicated to be your guide, since he has more acquaintance in handling your conscience. Pray over this. But what I suggest should work out.

With all my affection, I remain, in Jesus Christ

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

House in Albano, May 19, 1837

P. S. Send me a listing of the places and the years when you preached Lenten series. Do you know that Riparotta has asked for you for the upcoming Lenten season?

Mosconi will handle the month of June in Rimini.

Tell Pontoni that when necessary he should write to me and if he does not have Masses, he should tell me. Send me the notification quickly.¹⁹

3416

May 19, 1837
Fr. Orazio Bracaglia
Rimini

Hail to the Divine Blood

May 19²⁰

¹⁷ Msgr. Antonio Maria Cadolini.

¹⁸ "To the door." - official visit to the tomb of St. Peter and report to the Holy See.

¹⁹ The last two paragraphs are written on the fourth siding, near the address.

²⁰ The year is 1837 (cfr. the letter (n. 3410) to Mosconi, dated May 15, 1837).

Most esteemed Father Orazio

1. Prepare, in the large section and the part facing the garden, a room for Father Mosconi who is coming there as the President of the House and will preach the month of St. Agnes. Let me know which room you assign to him.

2. You stay put and, until a new arrangement is made, stay on as the Prefect for the church and sacristy as well as the Economist, maintaining the strictest cooperation with me. More, later. Take good care of my room and the room next to it for Bartolomeo, beating and airing out the bedding. Let me know which room you occupy. Keep separate the record of economical matters for the House from that pertaining to the church and sacristy. Record everything for the sake of regularity, with the exception of minute expenses; it is sufficient that you simply give your approval for them. Later, other duties.

3. If Father Santarelli is there, tell him that I have written to him, addressed to Penna, where he is to go, at the earliest possible opportunity, after completing the Retreat in the seminary.

4. Father Gargari will be there with you until the arrival of Father Mosconi. Thereafter, along with the Brother Balducci who will be accompanying Gargari, the two of them are to go immediately to Father Lipparelli in Cesena. Let us be in agreement.

5. I urge you to maintain good order, cleanliness, accuracy, and observance of the rules. Try to direct Mosconi well. See that nothing of the necessities is lacking for the Brothers.

6. Father Verili has received the package. You can write to him too, if you wish.
as for other matters, later on. I am

Your humble, devoted servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

3417

May 19, 1837

Pietro Barcaroli

Chiaravalle

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Pietro

Except when some physical cause makes it impossible, I certainly, as a matter of principle, maintain order in keeping my appointments. However, in regard to Chiaravalle, it will be necessary, as you say, to arrange for either the 10th or the 15th of August. I would say that, if it is possible, you should select the 10th, though there is just a minor variation from the 10th to the 15th. Right now, I would like to have the precise date set. So, I shall be awaiting another of your most appreciated letters. The reason for this is that I may be coming in person. Indeed, the Institute would not fail to observe the appointment. Share these feelings of mine with the excellent Father Abate, to whom I send my greetings. Likewise, you will be able to bring them to

the attention of his Eminence, the bishop. If it were simply a question of a weakening in the voice, one could readily take care of that, but this is a question of a heavy cold which was caught during some torrential down-pourings, and its cure is continually being sought. It requires a bit of rest in using the voice. When you write, remind me of what arrangements you have worked out with regard to our place of residence and meals.

Let us continue to pray. With total esteem and respect, I remain, in Jesus Christ crucified
Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspare C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Rome, May 19, 1837

3418

May 19, 1837

Fr. Tomasso Meloni

Pieveterina

Hail to the Divine Blood

Fr. Tomasso

I have already asked my niece to place the order for the medals.

You will receive postfree your reimbursement, in keeping with the notification.

I understand the details about your trip and your worries, about which I have no doubts.

Take care of your health and pray for me; and let us do good.

I am sending you 30 Masses, I say thirty, to be celebrated *quam primum*.²¹

Am I forgetting anything? Pray for me who am in Jesus Christ

House at Albano, May 19, 1837

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

3419

May 20, 1837

Luigia del Bufalo

Rome

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dearest niece²²

²¹ As soon as possible.

²² From the postal markings, it is clear that the letter, sent from Albano, arrived in Rome on May 20, 1837.

Remind Cencio²³ about the body of the saintmartyr of Vallecorsa. It is not necessary that he be vested, but only that the bones are properly arranged in an urn which I will have someone make.

I have understood about the book which could not be located.

Upon my return, I will check to see what Sister Gesualda has given; you are to send her, along with my thanks, 12 more Chaplets and a book of the monthly meditations; use one of the small cartons which Father Amici had.

In another year, we shall see whether I will be able to send four individuals to the *Divin Amore*, if Zamboni is still living. However, three of them should be sufficient. This is what my companions have also said. Just when I will be coming I am not able to say, since four Missionaries will be going to Sezze and two to the shores of S. Felice. Therefore, here in Albano there are only three of us, Merlini, myself and Verili. The things belonging to me in the Institute, I do not wish to produce. We will do the will of God. I will be coming when I am able and at the earliest possible opportunity. I understand about the prayers that were ordered and the shrines of most holy Mary placed in special veneration. For sure, many, many prayers are needed.

With regard to the 12 *scudi* from Fuschi, take out 8,82 *scudi* along with postal costs and send them to Father Tomasso Meloni. Let me know, after subtracting postal costs, what still remains of the 12 *scudi*. Indeed, in view of the fact that Father Tomasso has given you the task, in accordance with the enclosed, you take care of the reimbursement and then write to him, saying: "I am supposed to send you such and such an amount; after subtracting the expenses involved, this much still remains...". He, then, is to pay the coachfare, withdrawing that amount. You have understood.

Check over the enclosed matter and then seal it. In Jesus Christ, I remain
Your affectionate uncle

3420

May 20, 1837
Ponziano Morichelli
Rome
Hail to the Divine Blood
Most esteemed Ponziano

I give thanks to God for the good work which will be carried out in S. Andrea delle Fratte.

During this present season, watch yourself carefully.
Pray for me. With esteem, I remain
Your humble, devoted and obliged servant
Gaspare C. del Bufalo

²³ Vincenzo Severini.

Mis. Ap.

House in Albano, May 20, 1837

P. S. To the one in S. Andrea who has the faculty of enrolling, give him the reminder of sending the usual notifications to S. Nicola, year by year. Check to see whether the rescripts are in need of confirmation.

3421

May 20, 1837

Camillo Possenti

Fabriano

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dear Camillo

Only about a thousand of the printed matter will be sufficient, being private prayer for us. I will instruct you as to how to divide them. I shall be awaiting the package. The first one has already been received. Ever more deeply obligated to you, I remain, though in a hurry

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Rome, May 20, 1837

3422

May 20, 1837

Fr. Francesco Paradisi

Pieveterina

Hail to the Divine Blood

Venerable Canon

With regard to the things that have happened, it means that the devil has become thoroughly angered at our Institute. In history, these things are nothing new, even though we pray that they do not happen. Let us place our trust in God. Everything has been provided. May the mantle of charity preserve everything. With regard to you, I say that you are the boss in reference to staying in the Institute; and, if you were to renounce your canonry with its pension, if necessary and discreet, then all would be concluded after consulting with the bishop, and, your patrimonial title would be provided in another way. I conclude by saying that I am not able to take on myself the burdens of your conscience, otherwise, as the Council of Trent pointed out, how could you make the fruits your own? Read Liguori. You are capable.

Recommend me to God. Though in a hurry, I remain

Your most humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Rome, May 20, 1837

3423

May 21, 1837
Luigia del Bufalo
Rome

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dearest niece²⁴

Write to Father Rocco²⁵ that he is to place the discipline with the baggage and see that it is listed in the inventory. You have understood.

I am sorry about Fuschi, relative to the arguments causing him to be distant because of expenses.

I received the de Colonia. Enter those 35 *bajocchi* under the account for Albano.

Send to Father Gennaro²⁶ a small ritual of the older and less expensive type. However, ask him that if Frosinone does not have one, he should keep it in the Archives; but, if he wishes to have it for himself, he should use it and nothing more is required.

In a small package, send me ten copies of the hymnals, the ones from Benevento, and, as you judge, ten copies of the printed booklets, dealing with confession and communion, recently produced by the apparatus.

If I am not mistaken, soon a priest, a friend of Father Francesco Zamitti, will be stopping off at Cencio's²⁷ house. If that is so, have him write down the address where letters are to be sent, since I will have to be writing to him. Take care of all this at your convenience. There is no hurry. Let us be in agreement. Send me a reply.

Always at your total convenience, please let me know the cost for about ten yards of wool and ten *palmi* of lining for mattresses in order to make a *giunta* of that white and blue material. After I get your answer, I will make a decision.

I understood the other things you mentioned to me. Maria Clementina Bonarelli will be taken care of and at the earliest opportunity, I shall hurry the settlement and quickly return the papers.

The 25 *bajocchi* given by the Bonarelli lady for a Mass in honor of St. Joseph is for the house. In a hurry, I remain

Your affectionate uncle

²⁴ From the postal markings, it is clear that this letter, sent from Albano, arrived in Rome on May 21, 1837.

²⁵ Father Rocco Sebastianelli, resident in the House in Sermoneta (Latina).

²⁶ Father Gennaro Gamboa.

²⁷ Vincenzo Severini.

3424

May 24, 1837

Fr. Luigi Mosconi ²⁸

In a hurry. If the certification has been signed already by me, fill it out and then send me the information of the name, surname, day, month, year. He can enrol only in Trevi, where I do not believe there is an aggregator and also that the Pious Union has not been canonically erected. Instruct him how to enrol and have him promote the Chaplet. Let me know more about this. As for the Masses, send me a detailed memorandum.

We shall deal with the other matters through our correspondence in Rimini, where I hope you arrive in time.

In a hurry, consider me as

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Albano, May 24, 1837²⁹

3425

May 25., 1837

Fr. Innocenzo Betti

Terracina per Benevento

Hail to the Divine Blood

Esteemed Canon

I have received your most appreciated letter. With deep regret do I learn of the death of the good Salvatore whom I shall never forget.

With regard to Fr. Cotino, what can I say? It pains me to have lost him. I am more than convinced that you will do all that you can.

In reference to Brother Domenico, see whether you can change his duties, for the time being at least, or, that God might inspire him to move on to another Institute. As for Fr. Bellini,³⁰ he ought to go along with this since he was the one who proposed him. I am writing in this fashion, but I am leaving it up to you. As far as the rest is concerned, you are in charge of carrying out all that I wrote to you on the matter in another letter of mine. What I am writing now does not change anything, but only for the records.

In a hurry this time, but I am

²⁸ Like the one of May 15th, this letter too was forwarded probably to Trevi nell'Umbria.

²⁹ Other letters (n. 3419, n. 3423, and n. 3426) written on these same days were sent from Albano: cfr., for example, to Luigia del Bufalo, May 20; again to her on May 22; to Luigi Fuschi, May 25, etc.

³⁰ Cf. Additional Biographical Data: Fr. Giuseppe Bellini

*Ora pro me.*³¹
 Your humble servant
G. C. del Bufalo
 M. Ap.

(Albano) May 25, on the feast of *SS. Corporis D.N.J.X.* (1837)

3426

May 25, 1837
 Luigi Fuschi
 Norma

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Luigi

This time we were not able to see and speak to each other conveniently since our occupations prevented that. How are you? How has the cause gone? Be courageous in handling the Oratory during the month of the Divine Blood. Though in a hurry, I remain, in Jesus Christ

Your humble servant
G. C. del Bufalo
 M. Ap.

Albano, May 25, 1837

3427

May 26, 1837
 Camillo Possenti
 Fabriano

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Camillo

For previous accounts, you are still to receive from me 22 *bajocchi*, always safeguarding any involuntary mistake on my part.

The other package (in addition to the first one) has arrived and, for your peace of mind, I am now giving you this information.

I owe you 2, 25 *scudi* for the printing of the prayer; so, adding to that figure those 22 *bajocchi*, I therefore owe you 2,47 *scudi* which you will be receiving through the mails. I am informing you of this with the present letter. So, up to now we should be even in our accounts, except for my deeply immense obligations to you. I would appreciate getting a line or so from you.

Once the printing which I have recommended is completed with exact corrections, please send me the package; the transportation charges will be covered in Rome, as usual. If you would

³¹ Pray for me.

like to have a number of them for yourself, please feel free to take them.

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

Your humble servant

Gaspare C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Rome, May 26, 1837

3428

May 28, 1837

Fr. Vincenzo Cotini

Benevento

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dearest Father Vincenzo³²

I cannot conceal my displeasure with your decision. You should form a plan for yourself which is in compliance with your physical abilities. If they were to diminish, what would happen to you? In the Mission House, healthy or sick, you will be assisted and nothing will be lacking. As for clothing, you require very little. The offerings for Masses, the appointments to be procured from the sisters, the trust in some pious person whom God will provide as a help, all of these things will be available. You should look at things in their total perspective. I shall not enter into the discussion about how God led you to our Society, nor of the blessings that he has accorded to the ministry, and the security of that [...] ³³ Institute? If the archbishop would have on hand some available subsidy for the family, why do you not plan [...] ³⁴ Think this over at the foot of the Crucified; in my wretchedness, I shall not fail to pray. As for the other things that you wrote to me, I have understood that, always safeguarding respect for all the others.

Pray for me. In the Heart of Jesus Christ, I now renew myself always as

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Albano, May 28, 1837

³²The name of the addressee is missing, but without doubt it deals with Father Vincenzo Cotini. In the register of administration for the House in Sonnino, under the outgo for May 31, 1837, the economist, Father Michele Gentili entered the sum of 30 *bajocchi*, expenses for Brother Fabrini "as the person accompanying Father Cotini to Terracina". This does not necessarily signify that Cotini departed from Sonnino on May 31st. As a matter of fact, looking at the letter (n. 3425) to Betti, dated May 25, 1837 and what St. Gaspar wrote to Cotini in reference to getting advice from Betti, this causes us to suppose that on May 28, 1837, Cotini was already located in Benevento.

³³ The page is defective here.

³⁴ The page is defective here.

P. S. Everybody, everybody sends you their greetings, including also Bartolomeo.³⁵

P. S. Seek advice from Canon Betti, since he is the one who directed you to the Institute. You know his abilities and that he is a good man for counseling.

3429

May 28, 1837
Fr. Tomasso Meloni
Pieveterina

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dear Fr. Tomasso

You will please pass the enclosed on to the excellent Fr. Palombi, as soon as he arrives. To provide a change in preachers and also not to wear you out, Fr. Palombi will be there to conduct only the month of the Divine Blood.

Perhaps Fr. Beniamino will be back before the feast, or at the latest, soon after the feast. He will change places with Fr. Palombi.

I have received your letter and took note of everything in it. Pray a great deal for me. Whenever you are in need of Masses, write to me. Consider me, in Jesus Christ

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Albano, May 28, 1837

3430

May 29, 1837
Luigia del Bufalo
Rome

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dearest niece³⁶

Today, I was very, very busy. Just a couple of lines. More, later on.

I received the package with the linens for the refectory. Everything is fine. Necessary is the bill for which I will be sending you the letter from Possenti.

See that other napkins are made, as large as the new ones, from the old toweling. The additional three, new napkins you are to include when you send the old ones, but, distinguishing them.

Chiodi and Merlini will be coming Thursday morning and will be there for the noon

³⁵ Bartolomeo Panzini.

³⁶ From the postal markings, it is evident that this letter, sent from Albano, arrived in Rome on May 29, 1837.

meal. I am etc.

Your affectionate uncle

P. S. I will try to make a hasty trip, whenever possible. Father Camillo³⁷ has gotten sick. I am hopeful that he will recover quickly.

P. S. I have always written.

3431

May 31, 1837

Madre Abbadessa

Monastero della Purificazione

Rome

Hail to the Divine Blood

Mother Abbess

With pleasure I received the news of the happy result of the Chapter dealing with the Nuntobe. Since he is not able to come in person, her uncle asks me to give you his personal thanks for the care that you have taken and are taking in bringing to realization the desires of a soul that yearns to consecrate herself to God.

On this occasion I would like to renew my sentiments of esteem and respect, with which I am and will constantly be

Your humble, devoted, obliged servant

Gaspare C. del Bufalo

Mis.Ap.

House at Albano, May 31, 1837

3432

MayJune 1837

Luigia del Bufalo

Rome

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dearest niece³⁸

I have given Giovanni³⁹ the reply for Cardinal Doria.

I thank God for your good status of health; so, be most tranquil. I send my greetings to

³⁷ Father Camillo Rossi.

³⁸ This letter does not have a date. It seems that it ought to be assigned to 1837 (cfr. the reference to the condition of health) and more precisely to the months of MayJune rather than OctoberNovember (cfr. the reference to the promise to go some time or other for a brief stay in Rome, just as occurs in the letter (n. 3430) to this same person, dated May 29, 1837 as well as the ones (n. 3446 and n. 3449) of June 11 and June 15, 1837 etc.).

³⁹ Giovanni Minicucci.

everyone. Pray for me. Whether I will be able to come in for a noon meal or not, I am not able to say. Believe me to be

Your affectionate uncle

Tell Cencio ⁴⁰ that we will discuss Cardinal Pacca on Saturday morning.

As from you, not in my name, inform Ramerini that if he does not have the means and a person wellknown to him, he should let things be. That is what I would suggest. At any rate, he will do whatever God inspires him to do.

3433

June 1, 1837

Pietro Barcaroli

Chiaravalle

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Pietro

I am sending a reply to two of your most appreciated letters.

1. My cold is getting better; I am hopeful that soon I will be completely rid of it.
2. All is well with regard to the date set for the holy Mission. This delay has occurred for the better. After the harvesttime, the people, this year, will be better disposed, even though this good work would be advantageous at any time.
3. I am consoled with the news of the devotions that have been promoted for the Marian month as well as for the imminent one of the Divine Blood.
4. In my behalf, extend my warm greetings to his Eminence, the bishop, who in his reasonableness has taken note of my physical incapability, the cause for the delay of the Mission.
5. Pray that I will be able to correspond to my desires to be there.
6. The only Mission that I will be able to do will be the one in Chiaravalle, since my schedule of appointments is quite full; however, my companions in the Institute, if asked for, will satisfy the desires of the people. God disposes all things in accordance with his holy will.
7. The Retreat for the clergy will not be overlooked.
8. In July, I shall send instructions with reference to our entrance for the Mission and anything else that you should need to know by way of information. They are things that can be easily accomplished.
9. It will be necessary for some pious person to prepare a beautiful cross which is to serve as a reminder of the Mission and set up where you determine it is best.
10. You tell me that our residence will be in the monastery. But will there be sufficient room? The other time, we stayed in the Palazzo. But, in this regard, I am very content wherever it will be. I am writing this because I would not want the monks to become overly anxious about us.

⁴⁰ Vincenzo Severini.

11. I would say that three Missionaries will be sufficient, or would you say four? Bartolomeo,⁴¹ who is quite wellknown by the monks and one who has been with me for years, will also come; so, a room will be needed for him.

12. Our meal arrangements are to be separate; but is there really a reason for me to communicate my ideas about this? Still, write and let me know what you have worked out.

13. I remind you about the paper signed by the pastor; also, it would be a good idea to have a paper from his Eminence, the bishop! You can reflect whether it is a prudent thing that I am suggesting. I shall do whatever I can.

14. I am not acquainted with the organization of S. Dorotea. You probably have its directory.

15. More when we speak in person; that is understood.

16. It seems that I have nothing more to say.

While extending my best wishes to Father Abate and the religious family, I remain, with esteem and respect, in Jesus Christ our Savior

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspare C. del Bufalo

Miss. Ap.

Rome, June 1, 1837

P. S. Let me know whether there have been Missions given other than mine. I would appreciate getting a document in which there is a statement that during the past Missions liberty was given to the workers at the time of the preaching.

3434

June 1, 1837

Msgr. Luigi Ugolini

Bishop of Fossombrone

Fossombrone

*Sanguis Christi emundat nos ab omni peccato*⁴²

Venerable Monsignor

In order not to delay the good work, please contact Father Rafaelle Brandimarte, the director of holy Missions, and have him read this letter of mine in which I manifest my highest delight for the good work that will be promoted in Fossombrone along with the Retreat. After the grainharvest, I have appointments that I have made. I would have liked to join with the Mission the Retreat for the venerable clergy of that city. But, at the moment, I am not able to set a date. If you would like to take advantage of Father Rafaelle's presence, please do so. But, I point out that

⁴¹ Bartolomeo Panzini.

⁴² The blood of Christ cleanses us from every sin.

if he has to work hard for the people, then, perhaps, I do not know whether he will be able to take on this other task, especially since he has also been promised to Pergola.

One might conclude as follows: You set the date for the clergy, and then perhaps I will be able to be ready and free, and I will come. Otherwise, I will look into it and will send another of our men who is talented in this line of the ministry.

In the meantime, full of obligations to you. I have the honor and the pleasure of stating once again that with esteem and respect, I remain

Your humble, devoted servant

Gaspare del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Rome, June 1, 1837

P. S. Do me the favor of telling Father Rafaele that in a future maildelivery, I shall be writing to him in Fossombrone.

3435

June 2 , 1837

Mother Maria Nazzarena De Castris

Piperno

Hail to the Divine Blood

Reverend Mother

With your usual charity, give to the priest in Maenza who is at the head of the organization of S. Xavier (upon getting the information) the things that are noted here enclosed and addressed to him. Father Biagio⁴³ has given me this chore. See that you collect the reimbursement which you will send, in my name, to Father Michele Gentili. If it should happen that there would be no one who would want the objects sent, please hold on to them on deposit and keep me informed. With regard to the enclosed packet, I have no comment.

I am placing myself at risk in opening the boardingschool in Sonnino after the feast of the Divine Blood and I have already begun sending young men there. Pray that God will give me help. After the feast of the Divine Blood, I hope to get to Sonnino for a short while, Godwilling. Always obliged to you, I remain, in Jesus Christ

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

S. Paolo in Albano, June 2, 1837

P. S. Offer prayers for me during our great month etc.

3436

⁴³ Father Biagio Valentini.

June 5, 1837
Luigia del Bufalo
Rome

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dearest niece

You are to tell the young man, who is coming back for the reply of Father Biagio,⁴⁴ that he is to repeat his letter.

But, this time, address it: "Frosinone per Vallecorsa". In this way, they can work things out between themselves.

Check to see whether there are any bundles of feathers available.

As usual, keep good order in the page of reminders.

With reference to the letters of the Missionaries, the lettercarrier is to hold them at the post-office, even though they may indicate my name as the forwarder. Thus, I am confirming my usual practice. Giovanni,⁴⁵ then, or the Missionaries themselves, from time to time, can stop off at the post-office and they can be given their reimbursements. In this way, we are saving that *bajocco* to the lettercarrier; he has already been informed of this procedure of mine. I imagine that you, too, will give this your approval.

Send someone to the watchrepairer where Bartolomeo⁴⁶ left Father Biagio's clock which has an alarm similar to the one that Bartolomeo has. Surely, it must be repaired by now. Pay the cost and then indicate that to me. Send it to me immediately, but in a box that is secure, using a deliveryman to whom you will give the instruction that it is a clock. Or, perhaps, that I find it there at the time when I make a quick stop in Rome. You take care of this. With regard to that quick trip, right now I cannot say anything definite.

On Saturday morning, Giovanni will find at the post-office 29,40 *scudi*, addressed to me and coming from Cesena. From this amount, you are to take 24 *scudi* (which you might even anticipate, since you will later be reimbursed from the sum withdrawn) and while sending them for a certain merchant, Grasselli in S. Pantaleo, you are to make out an order for Frosinone to Father Vincenzo Fontana that it is a payment to be made to his correspondent Minotti, the druggist in Frosinone. Enclose that to me also. Let us be in agreement.

If Father Biagio's clock could be had immediately, I would be pleased. For the noon meal on Wednesday (of this week), Ricciardi should be there. At least, that is what I hope for. He should be leaving for Nepi at the earliest possible time. I shall write a couple of lines to him, asking Mariani to obtain immediately a passport for him and to prepare immediately for a coach.

I will see that the 13 Masses requested by the Bonarelli woman will be said. How much was the offering? I am etc.

⁴⁴ Father Biagio Valentini.

⁴⁵ Giovanni Minicucci.

⁴⁶ Bartolomeo Panzini.

Your affectionate uncle

G. C. del B.

June 5, 1837

Other things, later. Time is lacking.

Tell Minu that he should try to locate a copy of the Lenten sermons of Valsecchi.

Read over the superscripts.

Having withdrawn the 24 *scudi* from the money collected at the postoffice, whatever is left over is for Mamma to cover house expenses.

Paciucchelli's *Litanie di Maria Santissima*.⁴⁷

3437

First part of June 1837

Luigia del Bufalo

Rome

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dearest niece⁴⁸

1. Place the 15 *paoli* from Mugnaj on deposit for the coppercasting of the most holy Mary; Merlini is surrendering the offerings for that purpose. It seems to me that the notification was regularly set for the number ten. You have seen it.

2. I do not know whether I wrote and told you that in compensation for the book given to me by Chiodi it should be rebound. He has asked me for some precious scapulars. So, I told him that you would give him eight of them. You make a selection of them when Chiodi is not at home; however, the more beautiful ones of those precious items you are to hold on to them for my use. You already understand what I mean. But, in general, Chiodi also should have some of the precious ones; but do as I have directed.

3. Cardillo would like someone to purchase the Paciucchelli work. But, I believe that it cannot be found. At any rate, have Minu look into this.

4. Send postagefree 6,80 *scudi* to Lipparelli in Cesena, making a note of this, as usual, on the sheet.

5. Contact Minu and, after opening the large breviary which I am sending, you will notice that there is a piece of white paper there and you will see that some pages are missing. You take note of this and have Minu do so also. In some way or other, they have fallen out accidentally. In the meantime, try to have this repaired, using old breviaries. Send me the summer volume of my

⁴⁷ Except for the first postscript, the others are located on the outer covering, on the fourth siding.

⁴⁸ In the following letter, to this same person, mention is made of the 15 *paoli* from Mugnaj, the codfish that had arrived, the presence of Chiodi in Rome (he was preaching the month of the most Precious Blood), the seal of the Institute brought by Merlini, etc. Hence, this letter comes a bit before the following one which is assigned to the first part of the month of June.

small breviaries for that will soon be in use. Otherwise, Minu could sell that other one and get whatever he can for it.

6. I am sending along a pair of shoes that need to be repaired. Another pair will be necessary, in your next package.

7. Keep a record of the loan made to Virgilj. I do not have a remembrance of it.

8. The book that Minu is binding you are to send, since the volumes are not able to be kept divided.

9. All is well with regard to the dried codfish that has arrived, the bag etc.

10. Also, spend whatever is necessary for what Mamma has promised. I am sorry to hear that she has not been feeling well. This year, however, the coughing sickness has been a general one. See that she takes care of herself and let me know how she is doing. Give her my greetings.

11. The letter dealing with the enterprise is from the Marquis del Bufalo, relative to an endowment from the Marche. These are involvements which I can now no longer take on.

12. As for other matters, check tomorrow's mail. Time is lacking. We will talk about the other things. Right now, I am rushing off some packages. In the adorable Heart of Jesus Christ, I remain

Your affectionate uncle

P. S. For Merlini to take a rest after the noon meal, I would say that he should use the sofa bed which has the wellcovered mattress.

Merlini will be bringing the seal, concerning which I shall write.

I gave one or the other package to Chiodi and one to Merlini to bring to you. I gave the packets for the Vicar to the companions, etc.

3438

First part of June, 1837

Luigia del Bufalo

Rome

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dearest niece⁴⁹

1. Quickly send three *paoli* to Canon Father Telesforo Pelli, enclosing them with the letter to Canon Giuliani.

2. Spina says that the Archpriest of Trivignano has written nothing to him about Gonnelli.

3. I shall say the Masses in honor of St. Joseph, requested by Maria Clementina; but I will have the other ones, received from her, fulfilled by other members, since there should be no delay. Write to me about this. Those in honor of St. Joseph, I repeat, I will say. I shall give the

⁴⁹ In numbers 14 and 18, mention is made of the Mission in Pergola and the package of devotional materials for Father Brandimarte, which Fr. Vitale Corbucci was supposed to take care of. This is also referred to in the letter (n. 3444) written to the latter, dated June 11, 1837. Consequently, this present letter must be assigned to a time shortly before June 11th.

others to whom I judge most needful in the Institute. Send your reply quickly.

4. I told you that the 15 *paoli* from Mugnaj are to be assigned for the coppercasting for the most holy Madonna.

5. In sending the devotional materials to Father Camillo,⁵⁰ you probably also dropped a line or so to Father Giovannelli. It seems to me that I already suggested this to you. If not, write to me and I will look into setting things straight.

6. All is well with regard to the 21 *scudi* to Belardi.

7. All is well with reference to the small chest.

8. All is well with regard to the underclothing and the stockings for the Brother. I do not have the time, now, to check to see whether you have sent me the bill, which, in any case, I shall be awaiting.

9. Hold on to the white stockings of de Victoriis. It will be necessary to have all the things left by de Victoriis cleaned and repaired.

10. The dried codfish has arrived. Once the images are printed, write and let me know. I already wrote to you about the bills from Maenza, as well as from Bassiano.

11. I shall pray for the deceased son of Bianchi Santoro.

12. Minu is to give his full attention to the Bordoni, keeping in mind all the ideas that I expressed to him. I sent these in another letter of mine and I told him that this volume will complete the work, the one that he is binding. So, etc.

13. I have understood about the Zamboni Masses. I have received the other new napkins.

14. Father Brandimarte is to take care of another Mission and he says that he does not have devotional materials. It will be necessary to content him, but I want you to inform me about the cost approximately; regulate yourself accordingly. In that package, you will place⁵¹ the packet which I addressed to him. Furthermore, figure out the value and include the bundle of devotional materials that I sent from Albano. Add whatever you judge to be necessary for the Mission in Pergola where Brandimarte will be going. But, the less expensive things. Include printed matters or small leaflets which are quite numerous. You take care of this.

15. I am considering dropping the large seal of the Institute. The crucifix will serve for stamping the certifications of aggregators without having to inconvenience the President. In time, you will try to find out how much a new seal, with the customary inscription and the names of Jesus and will cost. If it would be necessary for Mary in the center, Merlini to go, send him. After consulting the organization, I shall decide about the ordination.

16. Send 20 Chaplets, 100 images and the printed matters, about which you wrote to me to Ponziano.⁵²

⁵⁰ Father Camillo Rossi.

⁵¹ Here a few words were crossed out by St. Gaspar himself.

⁵² Ponziano Morichelli.

17. For redying, I am sending a few pairs of stockings belonging to the Brother, the sacristan in Albano, Giuseppe from Nepi.⁵³ Write to me when you send them back and, as usual, let me know the cost.

18. Send the devotional materials to Father Rafaele Brandimarte in Fossombrone, using a forwarding address to Father Vitale Corbucci, a Filippino Father in Fossombrone, to whom I will send word. Send that either with a coachdriver or with the stagecoach, in accordance with thriftiness. Make an accounting of it and indicate that to me, entering it as usual on the sheet.

19. I am waiting for the bill covering the new supply of linens made for Albano.

20. Until my return, hold on to the two certifications signed by me and do not give them to anyone.

21. I am sending an old breviary that belonged to de Victoriis. Contact Minu and, without consulting Chiodi, ask him whether it is possible to rebind it in black leather or in colored paper on the outside and make a small case for it; he should check to see whether it is complete and whether it is worth the expense. My impression is to say that it is just too old. He will have to remove all the tobacco stains. If he decides in favor of not doing it, as I think he will, then put it with the other belongings of de Victoriis.

22. I think that the breviary appears to be entirely too old. Minu should give it some good thought.

23. Giovanni⁵⁴ should pick up at Simonetti's a certain paper of Giorgi from Bassiano; for this reason, I am sending the letter.

24. The letter for Fabriano is to be prepostaged.

Other things will be dealt with in Sunday's maildelivery.

I received the shoes, the breviary etc.

Your affectionate uncle

A shirt for a Brother is needed. Once you get it, send it to me.

In regard to the devotional materials for Pergola, if there are ordinary scapulars for those making their first communion, include a few. You take care of it. Also, some holy cards, those with thin and ordinary paper. I am sending some images to be added and given a value.⁵⁵

3439

First part of June, 1837

Mother Maria Nazzarena De Castris

Piperno

Hail to the Divine Blood

⁵³ Giuseppe Montagna.

⁵⁴ Giovanni Minicucci.

⁵⁵ These postscripts are found on the outer covering.

Very reverend Mother⁵⁶

I received your letter, with pleasure. Prayers for the House in Sonnino. The glory of God gives me courage; however, the means are very scarce when compared to the needs. Still, God will do great things.

In regard to your spirit, what am I to say? I seem to view your imagination like a boat being battered by contrary winds; however, the heart, which is its pilot, is steady in God and the lashings will not prevail. Jesus is in the boat; verified will be what happened with the apostles: "*Ipse vero dormiebat*";⁵⁷ so, *quid timetis, modicae fidei?*⁵⁸ To put it briefly: Your imagination is the crucible in which God does the refining. But, I do not want you to ask for any particular thing in your prayers. Let me explain this further. Just pray for a greater love of God, and request the same thing for me; simply ask for whatever is needed to practice the virtues as well as for whatever is urgent in temporal matters; finally, petition for whatever is expedient for an ever greater good for the monastery. But saying: "O Lord, this cross ... this suffering ..." is something that I do not clearly see as being in accordance with the will of God. It appears as something beyond the ordinary method. In order to apply this to particular things, it is necessary to recognize that. It appears to me that you might be asking God for suffering in your imagination. Whenever it will please God, I would like to know how this situation is developing, as a help to my memory. In short, you might write and let me know. Indeed, I will not cease stimulating you to be courageous; greatly so, confidently so, magnanimously so in God. In his Heart, I remain

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

3440

June 8, 1837

Mother Lilia Maria di S. Luigi

Monastero di Maria SS. del Suon Consiglio

Cori

Hail to the Divine Blood

Reverend Mother

You will be receiving a small package containing a shirtsleeve, quite wornout, that belonged to the nowdeceased de Victoriis, to comply with your own wish as well as that of the

⁵⁶ This letter does not have a date. Because of the reference to the House in Sonnino, where St. Gaspar had reopened the boarding school, mentioned also in the letter (n. 3435) of June 2, 1837, this letter should be assigned to a time a bit later than that one. Therefore, we place it at the first part of June, 1837.

⁵⁷ But he himself was sleeping.

⁵⁸ What do you fear, O you of little faith?

other nuns.

Thank you for the charity of your prayers. In my own wretchedness, I never forget to pray for your monastery. In the adorable Heart of Jesus Christ and with the intercession of most holy Mary, St. Xavier and St. Aloysius, I remain, with esteem and respect

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

House in Albano, June 8, 1837

3441

June 8, 1837

Luigi Fuschi

Norma

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Luigi

I understand about the cause. Let us continue to pray. Speaking of those cardinals with whom I am acquainted, I am never hopeful that they will supply notes. If I were acquainted with the Ponenti, I might be able to do something, even though you may think it inconclusive. Let us place our trust in the Divine Blood that the Lord will manifest justice and truth, as the cause continues to pend. Let us strengthen all of this, using the intercession of Mary most holy and of Xavier. With esteem and respect, I remain, in Jesus Christ crucified

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

House in Albano, June 8, 1837

3442

June 10, 1837

Fr. Francesco Can. Paradisi

Pievetorina⁵⁹

Hail to the Divine Blood

Esteemed Canon

Given the complexity of circumstances, I too agree that for the sake of your tranquility, it

⁵⁹ On the back of this letter (which is written on a halfsheet and is devoid of any address, removed perhaps at a later time from the other halfsheet), Fr. Giovanni Merlini placed this notation: "Written to Can. Paradisi of Mon'alto". Can. Fr. Francesco Paradisi in September of 1836 had received the appointment as Prefect of the Church and Sacristy of the House in Pievetorina. His presence in the House for the succeeding months, at least until June 17, 1837, is attested to in the minutes of the Congressi of the Community, by the Register of Administration (where one of his donations in favor of the House is noted under date of June 17) and by the Register of Masses, the earnings for 1837.

is expedient that you make a trip to your hometown, since you may not have received any letters that would quiet you down. I look upon this as something very difficult. We have here a question of the acquisition of properties and other things, which, as you observe, is a matter of strict obligation in conscience. There is, also, a problem concerning the income⁶⁰ from your Canonry, of not adhering to the laws. In regard to all of this, the very fine Father Giovanelli will give you direction.

Once you have settled your affairs, go back again to Pievetorina, where, it seems to me, you will find that you will be sufficiently provided for. If, however, there should be something more that you would need, which I could provide for you, all you have to do is let me know.

With this understanding, I am and shall constantly be in J.C. our Savior, with esteem and respect,

Your humble, devoted, obliged servant

Gaspare C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Rome, June 10, 1837

3443

June 11, 1837

Fr. Giuseppe Ottaviani

Ancona

Hail to the Divine Blood of Jesus

Most esteemed Canon

A severe cold, contracted dur[ing]⁶¹ the re[cent] Missions, and brought on because of the heavy rains etc., has delayed [the] Mission in Chiaravalle that I had promis[ed] and which, as a consequence, I must carry out. Starting f[rom] now, offer prayers for a successful outcome.

Oh how deeply grieved I am upon getting the news of the death of the good Canon Alessandrini. He certainly was a fervent worker.

Oh, indeed, if only one of our Mission and Retreat Houses could be established in Ancona! Who could ever not see the very urgency for it? In regard to the place adjoining your church for bringing about this establishment, you can be sure that if his most reverend Eminence were to write to the Holy Father, he would obtain it, as long as it is freed by the Reverenda Camera Apostolica. Otherwise, to present the memorandum of his most reverend Eminence, I would have Cardinal Fransoni do it, for he would offer his services, if necessary, even though,

⁶⁰ *Percetto*: from the verb *percipere*, with the meaning of collect. The Saint is alluding to the fruits of the Canonry, concerning whose legitimacy some uncertainty must have arisen.

⁶¹ The page has some tears in it which remove some of the letters. However, the words are still decipherable. We indicate this situation by the use of brackets.

within a short while, he will be going to the baths. Your pious organizations would thereby be given security and would be perennial, and a great boost would be given to the city of Ancona. With the passage of time, the Institute could join to it a Retreat House which we would still be able to keep separate from the Mission House. Therein, we could set up an ecclesiastical boardingschool for our young men who are preparing for the ministry. May Mary most holy bless your intentions. The plan laid out for the hall could also be rectified. God is wonderful in his workings. His most reverend Eminence will look after the chaplaincy in order to make it secure, unless the heirincumbent might have obtained some special favor, which does [not] seem to be the case.

Three th[ings] are to be kept in view: 1. The church and the locale are to be ada[pted] and free; 2. exempt from the jurisdiction of pastors; 3. an endow[ment], at least sufficient for a livelihood, since the one who is gi[ving] himself to the work of the Society, renounces every other career and he must be provided with food and clothing. I would say that the Cardinal would be willing to participate in this since he has spoken to me with concern and he liked the Institute. If you would extend my best wishes to him, you would be doing me a favor.

I do not know about Camerano, since there are religious there. All that would be needed is to find out from the superiors if a setup of this type would be an interference for them. In the meanwhile, let us apply those two words: "*Oratio et operatio*,"⁶² May an industrious charity and a trust in God direct this holy undertaking. Ultimately, God will accept our good desires: "*Desiderium pauperum exaudivit Dominus*".⁶³

With reference to the relic of Lancia, I understand. I will be pleased to get the relic of S. Anna along with that one, if possible. You are to provide the reliquary and indicate to me the cost as well as the postal expenses etc. At your first opportunity, keep me informed. Since there are convents in that area, it should be easy for some one or the other religious to have the means of getting it to me. The packet could also be forwarded to the Salesian nuns, telling the Mother Superior to pass it on to the confessor in their monastery who is wellacquainted with me and he will quickly forward it to me.

I am very deeply obliged to you. I kiss your hands, and, with esteem and affection, I remain

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Albano, June 11, 1837

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June 11, 1837

⁶² Prayer and work.

⁶³ The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Fr. Vitale Corbucci

Fossombrone

*Beati qui lavant stolas suas in Sanguine Agni*⁶⁴

Venerable Father Vitale

I sent a quick response to the most reverend bishop in reference to the Retreat requested for Fossombrone. I also wrote that if it were possible to work things out for Pergola I would be very pleased. Father Raffaele is compatible and has understood the appointment since that is our way of doing things; otherwise, all sorts of confusion would result in the appointments of the ministry.

I have seen to sending, by way of the stagecoach, a package of devotional materials for Pergola, with a forwarding address to you. Please do me the favor of taking care of this yourself, and please excuse the inconvenience I cause. Also, check the mail delivery since there could be some letter or so for Father Brandimarte, Father Virgilj and perhaps Father Alderisio. They are the three Missionaries who will be going to Pergola, and I remember addressing some letters to Fossombrone. In my letter to Father Virgilj, I mentioned that he should learn from you when you thought the Masses should be applied, while I, too, would be sending some, but surrendering the offerings for the first investing of Brother Camillo who has just come to us and is presently testing his vocation. If there should be some sort of misunderstanding, give me that information. And, please, excuse all of these inconveniences that you are bearing in behalf of our Institute and me.

Give my sincere regards to the most reverend bishop. In Jesus Christ crucified, with esteem and respect, I remain

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

House in Albano, June 11, 1837

3445

June 1, 1837

Fr. Pietro Spina

Nepi

Hail to the Divine Blood

Fr. Pietro

1) With respect to the stipulation of the deed, I am convinced that you will come to an agreement with Merlini.

2) Vincenzo is to be ready for his departure to Giano. Many things cannot be worked out. You look into it.

⁶⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes in the blood of the Lamb.

3) In regard to Ricciardi, concerning the room, etc., we agree.

4) See to obtaining the Rescript for the Pious Union of the Divine Blood. It would be good if you could find a way of dividing up the expenses among the devotees. From this source, so to speak, indulgences will flow to the associations.

5) At your convenience, give me your evaluation of the meeting with Ricciardi, a priest who will do great good.

6) Get yourself ready for the Lenten series in Giano. There will be catechism instructions which will release you from other talks. The sermons are few in number and they can be prepared along with Ricciardi. Fr. Pedini, who will soon be passing through, can inform you. You get together the materials that you have.

7) In reference to the Bishop of Cesena, I wrote and suggested to you Msgr. Basilici's hospitality. In an extreme case, with us. I gave you an indication as to how you are to conduct yourself in the discourses.

8) Here are a few things from the last Visitation, without my writing everything down, since it is all in the book. "The Carpelloni Legacy is to be recorded (*salvo equivoco*⁶⁵).⁶⁶ Make it clear that the testatrix has reduced the number of Masses: it is to be erected in certificate form in the sacristy. The everyday chalice and paten are to be goldplated (send them to me in Rome). The ciborium is to be relined (perhaps you have done it already). Four underneath cloths are to be made (you will see to that) as well as a cincture.

The matter of taxation. The document of ownership. It will be necessary to inform the Bishop that the faculties for our devotion, given orally by Albertini, have expired with his death, just as if he would have received them from Msgr. Muccioli. Likewise: the aggregators must sign: the given name the family name the day the month the year and the home town of the person enrolled. Furthermore: no one has the *ubique*⁶⁷ ordinarily, but each one exercises the canonical act *in loco suae jurisdictionis*.⁶⁸ Finally, the records of those enrolled are to be placed in the archives either in Rome or in the nearest Union, as long as it is canonically erected. I have had to learn all this on my own.

9) Get a bed ready for Fr. Camillo who is in transit; but stick to our regular methods.

10) I have appointed Fr. Pedini. So, listen. He is supposed to arrive in Nepi with three resident students. He is using the burro from Giano and the mount from Pievetorina and some other pack animal, on hire. So, the Brother, or the footman who comes with Pedini, is to return

⁶⁵ Safeguarding being mistaken.

⁶⁶ This is a reference to the Legacy of Sig^a Cupelloni (and not Carpelloni), the widow of Tiberi, mentioned in the footnote of Lett. 3151 of June 21, 1836.

⁶⁷ Everywhere.

⁶⁸ In the place of his jurisdiction.

immediately to Giano with the hired beast. He is to transport Vincenzo's baggage, for you shall provide for the latter only what he actually needs. Then, Giovagnoli, with the mount from Nepi and, if there is a burro available, then that one too, along with the mount from Pievetorina, the burro from Giano and, if necessary, another packanimal to be obtained in Nepi, is to accompany Pedini and the three resident students with their baggage here to Albano. They are not to pass through Rome, but rather by way of the walls outside of Rome. They should refresh themselves wherever they can get a good bath, etc. Then, Giovagnoli is to return from Albano with Fr. Camillo and his baggage, following the same route of travel going back. After they have arrived in Nepi, Fr. Camillo, using the mount from Pievetorina and the burrow from Giano, plus the mount from Nepi, if necessary, is to go, by way of S. Gemini, to Giano. We are agreed. I leave the execution of this to you, to the letter.

I am

(Albano Laziale, first of June, 1837)

⁶⁹ Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

3446

June 11, 1837

Luigia del Bufalo

Rome

Hail to the Blood of Jesus Christ

Dearest niece

I have understood the message from Simonetti, and I shall write it to Giorgi.

Ask the artisan whether he can make the seal for four *scudi*, and let me know what his answer is.

I give thanks to God if all that the contributors gave is found.

Chiodi should be able to copy at least the brief that has been found, a little at a time. In the meantime, we shall also check Gentilucci's response. I would not want Gentilucci not to have them, since this is something antique.

⁶⁹ This date was derived with certainty 1) from the full agreement of the "few things from the last Visitation" mentioned in the letter above under n. 8 and the report of the Congressus of Visitation held in Nepi on January 9, 1837; 2) from the comparison of the trip for the Missionaries and the resident students, so minutely specified under n. 10 of the letter, and what the Libri dei Congressi of Giano and Albano have. As a matter of fact, Fr. Giovanni Pedini left Giano with the resident students on June 12, 1837, and arrived in Albano where he took up the position of Director of the Missions, while Fr. Camillo Rossi, who on June 8th was still in Albano, on the 24th of that same month, was located in Giano with the appointment as President. The other circumstances mentioned in the letter also square with the dates listed here. In June of 1837 Gaspar was situated in Albano, where, in spite of his vacillating state of health, he preached a part of the month of the Divine Blood and gave theology lessons to the resident students.

All is well in regard to the money for the postal service.

From the Carrettella, you have received everything, and I point out the cloth that has been sent. It is to remain for use in the house, if needed.

I am awaiting some boarding students traveling with Pedini along the walls. I am awaiting them from moment to moment. Later, I will make a rapid and very short trip there; however, as you can see, I will not be able to designate the actual day. I am in the greatest hurry, but I remain

Your affectionate uncle

June 11⁷⁰

The good Fontana's condition has worsened. Prayers.

3447

June 13, 1837

Fr. Innocenzo Betti

Terracina per Benevento

Hail to the Divine Blood

My esteemed Canon

I understand all that you tell me with reference to Fr. Cotini. He, too, has written to me. I did not fail to have him reflect carefully on everything that is necessary in the situation. I am very, very sorry about this: but the will of God is the center of peace and comfort. Because of his health, I cannot tell you how many different changes of climate he has requested. I have always sought to keep him happy: but what is one to do?

I hope that all those who were ill there have recovered. I, too, have had a very bad cold; but now I am back on my feet again.

In every House, without exception, there are sick members. Blessed be the Lord. Fr. Fontana is the one who is giving me most concern, for his gout is now threatening his breathing. Prayers.

In the adorable Heart of J.C., let us confirm our holy union of charity, and let us pray that soon the health cordons will be removed. With regards to all, etc., consider me in all esteem and affection as

Your humble servant

G. C. del. Bufalo

M. Ap.

House at Albano, June 13, 1837

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June 13, 1837

⁷⁰ From the postal markings, it is evident that this letter, sent from Albano, reached Rome on June 12, 1837.

Mother Maria Nazzarena De Castris
Piperno

Hail to the Divine Blood

Very reverend Mother

I am looking over your letter and am sending you a reply. Depending on their size, the cornucopias are costly; hence I have given up the idea.

My health, by the grace of God, has shown some improvement. Pray that the life that still remains for me will be usefully employed for God and for his glory.

In Sonnino, either I or Merlini will be coming. Pray that God will clearly manifest his will. Generally speaking, I am hopeful to come in person.

*Laus Deo*⁷¹ for the good work achieved with the holy Missions. What is further needed is that approximately each month each settlement should have a triduum for the grace of perseverance. You might suggest these triduums.

I notice from your letter that you are still not altogether well. Take good care of yourself since you have the duty of serving the Lord.

Be happy in the Lord, and we will arrive at that degree which was attained by the apostle when he said: "*Superabundo gaudio in omni tribulatione*".⁷²

You will be doing great work in that monastery.

In the adorable heart of Jesus Christ, I remain, with esteem and respect

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.
Albano, June 13, 1837
Burn my letters.

3449

June 15, 1837
Luigia del Bufalo
Rome

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dearest niece⁷³

1. With regard to Zamitti, all that needs to be done is give the priest the enclosed note which you will first make a copy of and know the reply.

⁷¹ Praise to God.

⁷² With superabundant joy in every tribulation.

⁷³ From the postal markings, it is evident that this letter, sent from Albano, arrived in Rome on June 15, 1837.

2. To the extent that I am acquainted with Giovan Battista Fochi of Bassiano, I do not think that he has received the packet from Madaleni, the druggist. Investigate this.

3. I received your letter of the 13th of this month. With reference to the sealmaker, be as economical as you possibly can. Have Merlini speak to him; and be sure that the seal makes a good impression; thus, make an agreement that if it does not produce a good impression, it will be at his expense to fix it or take it back. I urge you to handle it this way and make that agreement. However, the cost is not at all to exceed four *scudi*. The work should then be suspended.

4. See whether the Secretariate of Indulgences or Cardinal Castracane, the Prefect of that Congregation, has the brief from the Archconfraternity. Who knows, perhaps Monsignor Muccioli may have laid it somewhere in his own house. Look into this. In the meantime, check with Gentilucci; or, perhaps, Canon Fiaschetti might be more helpful. We shall see.

5. I do not wish to provide a copy of our rule; besides, I do not think that we even have a copy of it available. So, when we have the means on hand, we will have some printed. That is also the reason why, even having one available, I would not submit it for printing; I would have a handwritten copy of it made since there were some things that were not correctly expressed in those earlier drafts. It would be a better idea to have a meeting with Merlini and Chiodi, along with Monsignor Balducci; then, afterwards, offer a written document. Once the printing is done, a copy will be provided as a gift. It might be added that of the few that were put into print, there are none left. That is the absolute, unshakeable truth. It would be necessary to remove a copy from the archives; but, that is something that is not to be done. So, try to work things out in the best possible way. You understand.

In all of our Houses, we have sick members, but none of them serious. I have not heard anything further about Canon Fontana. Let us hope that he is feeling better.

With regard to Galli, I have already made provisions for the rice and other things. All is perfectly well in the aggregation made by Father Manera. I will pick it up when I make my quick, quite rapid stopover in Rome.

6. Take a bit of time to find out whether there is someone who might have Ambrosini's package.

7. The clerk's letter comes from the Capuchin nuns. The response is enclosed here.

8. With reference to the devotional materials for Chiodi, let us do things this way only one time: tell him to offer one Mass according to my intention; then, using your own discretion and thriftiness, give him whatever you think would be fair.

9. Friday, after the noonmeal, I will be coming to Rome.

10. Have Giovanni⁷⁴ find out at what time Cadolini will be free in S. Carlo. I am etc.

Your affectionate uncle

⁷⁴ Giovanni Minicucci.

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June 15, 1837
Luigia del Bufalo
Rome

Hail to the Blood of Jesus Christ

Dearest niece

At this point, Pedini has arrived with some boardingstudents, making their way from the walls for the baggage; and, to tell the truth, I simply would not have had that many beds. So, now, it is necessary to set things in order for our people. Father Camillo⁷⁵ will be leaving with Pedini's coach tomorrow; therefore, God does not wish me to get to Rome now. These are things that are piling up at this moment. Add to that the situation that I have some members who are sick, even though not seriously. One of them is Father Cristoforo⁷⁶ who today was surprisingly seized with a very strong fever. Now, however, with the grace of God, it has been declining. So, right now, I simply am unable to leave. There are sick ones all over the place. I shall write to you in tomorrow's mail and let you know when I am coming, and when I certainly will be coming. Even more so because I have not sent yet for my summer clothing. One day, more or less. Patience.

Immediately send the enclosed to Cavalier de Marchis. The other things will be taken care of, I repeat, in tomorrow's mail.

I would be pleased if, tomorrow night, you could send the letters, using an outer wrapping, in a sort of package.

In Jesus Christ crucified, I remain

Your affectionate uncle

Let me know the cost for the glass sent to Sonnino.

⁷⁵ Father Camillo Rossi.

⁷⁶ Father Cristoforo Frioli.