

St. Gaspar's Letters

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June 16 , 1837
Luigia del Bufalo
Rome

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dearest niece

1. Father Fontana is feeling better.
2. Father Pedini is leaving for Frosinone with the boardingstudents who, after the feast, will be going on to Sonnino. It is necessary that I get around as much as possible in order to be of help to those who are ill.
3. Father Camillo¹ has departed for Giano, and, even though he is feeling pretty well, in that climate there, which he has already experienced, he will be feeling even better. He left in the coach used by the boardingstudents; but, with a place in the Carrettella, which was paid for here, he passed through Rome as far as the Porta del Popolo and from there, by coach, in the fresh morning hours, he will go on to Nepi, stopping off wherever he wishes. In all things, praised be God.
4. The fever of Father Cristoforo² has abated. I hope to see him relieved of it and then I will make that quick trip to Rome. I would hope to be able to come and offer Mass in my small chapel next Monday morning, traveling in the fresh morning air. Get it set up and see that hosts are available. If there should be a delay of a day, more or less, I will let you know in Sunday's maildelivery. However, I am hoping that on Monday I will be in Rome to say Mass. Say a small prayer also for this intention.
5. Presently, I am occupied in making arrangements for the Retreat in Veroli where Father Gennaro³ will be going. Prayers.
6. I understand about Gentilucci and I give thanks to God. However, the brief must be with either Castracane or in the Secretariat or with the substitute for the Secretariat of Indulgences. Monsignor Ginnasi is the secretary. It is a good idea that Merlini look into this.
7. I understand about the copy of the briefs which I am anxious to see. In my opinion, it is

¹ Father Camillo Rossi.

² Father Cristoforo Frioli.

³ Father Gennaro Gamboa.

up to the Chapter to grant this direction to the Missionaries. Still, I see this as something difficult. In all things, the will of God.

8. I am appointing Father Cristoforo because Verili is not preaching at the present time, except for some very minor things. So, I repeat, I hope that he is not bothered further with that fever. All this is between us.

9. When will the indulgence of S. Nicola, for the Retreat, fall due, and are there other indulgences for the Month? The indulgence for general communion will be resumed on the morning of the day of Retreat, as Albertini used to do. With your zealous help, this too will be accomplished.

10. I am sorry to hear about the good Galeffi. I would like to have Cencio,⁴ with the assistance of Velletri, to do all that he possibly can to extend my warmest regards.

11. I will get the chairs.

12. You probably have Pedini's bill, or at least a remembrance of it. We will discuss it when we see each other.

In Jesus Christ, I remain

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

June 16, 1837

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June 16, 1837

Cesare Zinicola

Terracina

I hereby attest⁵ that Father Giovanni Battista Pedini, Missionary, and his companions, will be coming from our Mission House in Albano. Sworn etc. on this day, June 16, 1837

Gaspare Can. del Bufalo

Missionario Apostolico

3453

June 17, 1837

Fr. Orazio Bracaglia

Rimini

Hail to the Divine Blood

⁴ Vincenzo Severini.

⁵ This attestation was consigned to us on May 28, 1868 by the Archpriest, Anselmo Zinicola, the son of the deceased Cesare, of Terracina.

Most esteemed Father Orazio⁶

I understand about the arrival of Mosconi and the departure of Luigi Di Rosa. He has probably settled the expenses. For the sake of regularity, write and let me know since I hear of a reference to Monsignor Cadolini's carriage.

The trip for Silvestri and Gargari is all right since it was arranged for by me.

I am thinking about Viola's transfer; but first let me know whether you consider Antonio from Vallecorsa⁷ as fit. For now, keep this in reserve.

Mosconi will be only the President of the House. Later, the local superior will be coming. For now, in keeping with the rule, make adjustments. However, you be his guide whenever necessary. You understand; consider this reserved also. Burn my letters. Do not forget this. On the notices, nothing more should be used than "President" (in regard to Mosconi).

I have no doubt that the Marian month was blessed by most holy Mary. Be courageous in your work.

It is understood that on the first Sunday of July, the exposition and the ceremony of the seven bloodsheddings are to be had. But, (*ex circumstantiis*⁸) in such a way that the ceremony does not interfere with the S. Agnese celebration. The exposition should be carried out in a way that is in accordance with the economical status of church's administration. All should be decided in the congressus along with Mosconi, always safeguarding the rule. I think that, by that time, our men who are out on missionwork will be returning. That is what I am hoping for. The economic matters are not at all to be handled by the one you mentioned. I do not think that he is gifted along that line. Am I mistaken perhaps? Let me know. In the meantime, you continue just as I wrote in a previous letter of mine which I urge you to check again for its exact execution.

How is it that the economy of Rimini is so restricted? They had written and given me a very different impression. Have trust in providence. For the *Beneficenza*. If I am not mistaken, you are to make the offerings from the 50 *scudi* of the bishop, but not in one lump sum, since we too have to provide for our livelihood; also, use the Ferrari legacy. Tell me the name of the church where Virgilj preached the Lenten series. It seems to me that it was S. Lorenzo ... you let me know, etc.. I am etc.

G. C. d. B.

I would like to have details with regard to the distribution of rooms there. Mosconi has already understood.

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⁶ This letter does not have a date. However, one is derived from the postal markings (Albano, June 19). The year is 1837 (cfr. the letter (n. 3416) to this same person dated May 19, 1837).

⁷ Antonio Di Girolamo.

⁸ From the circumstances.

June 29, 1837
 Ignazio Lesinelli
 Rome
 Venerable Ignazio

House in Albano, June 29, 1837

I am most obliged to you for your pleasant note and with this letter I am sending you my most humble words of thanks. May the Lord increase in you, ever more and more, the zeal for his glory to which you surrender yourself with so much edification. While asking you for your prayers and extending to your sister my best wishes, I am and will constantly be

Your humble, devoted and obliged

Gaspare Can. del Bufalo

Miss. Ap.

3455

End of June, 1837
 Luigia del Bufalo
 Rome
 Dearest niece⁹

Hail to the Divine Blood

I will be writing to Monsignor Catolini.¹⁰ What am I to do? He can write to me and thus supply. Who donated the pound of chocolate? If this is a secret matter, all you have to do is let me know if you can assure me that it is of good quality. Give our thanks to the donor.

I am grateful to God that the observances of the month are all going along well.

Possenti wrote and said that he has received the money.

Tell Father Filippo¹¹ to give you the memorandum from Nepi; then, pass it on to Merlini so that he can check with Gentilucci in regard to the Pope's personal rescript.

I have understood about the additional 13 Masses requested by the Bonarelli lady. The missing *paolo* is something very, very curious, since she wanted them to be for two *paoli* each. That makes no difference. However, since I have to send something to Fontana and tell him to use them for the coppercasting, can I send this using the offerings of the Bonarelli lady, especially since I do not have others to send to him? Send your reply to this immediately.

⁹ This letter is to be assigned to the end of June, 1837. In fact, St. Gaspar expresses his joy because the months of the most Precious Blood are going along well. In the postscript, he says that he will be in Rome "generally speaking" after the feast of the most Precious Blood. That could not be the 3rd. In 1837, July 3rd was precisely the first day after the feast. In the letter (n. 3445) he wrote in June to Father Spina, St. Gaspar speaks of the arrival in Rome of Monsignor Cadolini etc. Hence, tentatively, we assign the date of this letter as the end of June.

¹⁰ This is how it appears in the original. However, it should be Cadolini.

¹¹ Father Filippo Gonnelli.

Send one hundred holy cards of S. Luigi to Father Filippo Galli, including 12 booklets dealing with preparation for confession and communion. They are to be gotten from Contedini; indicate the cost to me. I would like those S. Luigi cards to be really beautiful.

More, tomorrow, when I will be sending a package for the house, etc.

G. C. d. B.

When Alderisio arrives, he is to proceed immediately to Albano

Maybe Chiodi can bring the enclosed to Cadolini. He should not worry if there is one day different, more or less. Generally speaking I should be there after the feast. I say this because I see that it will be difficult to leave things in good order on the evening of the 3rd.¹²

3456

End of June, 1837

Luigia del Bufalo

Rome

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dearest niece¹³

1. Speaking of the storekeeper, druggist in S. Pantaleo, I do not know whether I told you that his name is Grasselli; this, in order to send the money, etc., etc., etc..

2. I would say that Chiodi should set up the Retreat as in S. Andrea delle Fratte, presenting the reminders on the feastday. Also, invite a cardinal for the *Te Deum*. I would not invite the cardinal for the Saturday, but for the feastday itself. If Galleffi is unable to come, then they should invite Patrizi or Barberini; that is what I would suggest. I am saying all this for the sake of the records, not recalling what practice they have in S. Nicola. How are our men doing? Offer prayers that they will achieve great work.

3. Check to see whether there is any text at all on those small holycards that I sent you. I think there is none.

4. In addition to the things that I already wrote about, there is needed another shirt for Brother Franco, the cook here in Albano. Also, for him, two pairs of summer stockings, the larger size, since he is so tall.

5. It will be necessary to send someone to Father Manera for that aggregation, thus satisfying him. Perhaps Chiodi could go, or even Giovanni,¹⁴ it is all the same.

6. Have Chiodi make a copy, a little at a time, of the briefs of the Archconfraternity.

¹² These postscripts are on the fourth siding, near the address.

¹³ This letter, sent from Albano, must be assigned to the end of June, 1837. In fact, in that year Father Chiodi preached the month of the most Precious Blood in Rome in the church of S. Nicola in Carcere. Furthermore, mention is made here of the feast which in 1837 fell on July 2nd. Hence, this letter comes before that date.

¹⁴ Giovanni Minicucci.

7. Perhaps, I will be sending you my watch to be taken to the watch repairman to have it fixed; or, I might just wait until I get there.

8. You will have to get 15 *paoli* worth of wax from Poggioli and send it to me immediately; it will be used at the Crucifix where Mass is celebrated. If, in doing this, one or more *paoli* is needed, or a few *bajocchi* more than the 15 *paoli*, you take care of that. However, as usual, write and let me know exactly.

9. That small book that I recently sent you to be rebound, I keep it on the desk in the room where I sleep until my return. The supply of wax gotten from Poggioli should be prepared in such a way that it can be delivered by the usual carriages. All the wax is to be formed into candles of four ounces each. All possible haste is called for.

10. About so many other things, I will write later.

11. Have you received a small package covered with a cloth that was sent to you, but reduced?

12. Among the books on the hearth, there ought to be one entitled "*La Sinagoga disingannata*". If it is there, send it to me.

13. I will be writing a couple of lines to Mariani to get a passport for Ricciardi. I simply cannot express to you how interested I am in his going.

Pay for the place in the *carrettella* and call Spina's attention to the fact that in paying for it from Rome, one saves.

How much does the shirt cost that you sent me?

I am sending you a pair of my stockings that have to be mended.

Loaded down with tasks, I remain

Your affectionate uncle

In order to keep you informed, I will see what can be worked out in regard to all the Masses requested by the Bonarelli lady.

Read the letter of Mariani and then seal it.

If asked, the age is around 40. I am speaking of Ricciardi.¹⁵

3457

End of June, 1837

Luigia del Bufalo

Rome

In tomorrow's maildelivery, I will inform you about the departure of the Missionaries. In the meantime, they are continuing their preparations and will be ready.

What is left over from Zamboni's account, which you will indicate to me, will be used for the upkeep in the house. I advise you of this from this moment.

¹⁵ These last two paragraphs are found on the fourth siding, near the name of the addressee.

That large¹⁶ breviary which I sent you that was lacking one office, you are to send back to me here.

3458

July 7, 1837
Fr. Raffaele Ruffoli
Palestrina

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Canon

Please excuse me if I have delayed in sending a reply to your most appreciated letter. In reference to the Three Hour Agony devotion, it is necessary, before concluding this matter, that you examine to see whether the grant of the pious legacy covers only the expenses. After I receive your answer to this most humble letter of mine, I will come to a decision.

I give thanks to God for the good work that you are accomplishing and in particular our interested devotion. Pray for me. With esteem and respect, I remain

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspare C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Rome,¹⁷ for your correspondence, July 7, 1837

3459

July 7, 1837
Fr. Orazio Bracaglia
Rimini

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Father Orazio

1. I will not permit at all that the second room facing the garden be inhabited by the sacristan. He went there for the sake of his health; and, for now, that is all. He should be placed in the middle room, on the opposite side where the others are.

2. Because of the collections to be made, I am not able to move Antonio of Vallecorsa¹⁸ from Macerata. Viola would not make those collections.

¹⁶ In the letter to Luigia (n. 3438), under numbers 21 and 22, mention is made of an "old breviary" which was to be examined to see whether it was "complete". Also, in number 13, it speaks of the Masses of Zamboni. In all probability, this present letter is related to that one and comes after it. We assign its date as End of June, even more so since mention is made of the departure of the Missionaries, which, in all probability is a reference to those who had preached the month of the most Precious Blood.

¹⁷ The postal marking indicates "Albano".

¹⁸ Antonio Di Girolamo.

3. Viola is not to do the shopping, but rather one of the collectors selected by you and Viola should remain in the House. He should go out only when one of the collectors is not available. He may be good; but, considering everything, let him keep busy, staying in the House. In order to act in a prudent way, tell Viola, and not the others, that this is my definite order.

4. Send Gallina immediately to Pennabilli as the cook. Santarelli has already been instructed. Send one of your letters along with him.

5. Virgili will be leaving immediately for Cesena where he will take up residence. He will find my letters there. More, later on.

6. Missionary Palmieri is coming or perhaps has already arrived. He is to be placed in the room on the small passageway where the sacristan roomed up to now.

7. I will be moving the sacristan; but, I will write about this in a future maildelivery.

I am, in Jesus Christ

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Rome,¹⁹ for your correspondence, July 7²⁰

3460

July 7, 1837

Pietro Barcaroli

Chiaravalle

Hail to the Divine Blood

Rome, for your correspondence, July 7, 1837

Most illustrious sir

Here I am with a reply to your most esteemed letter.

I am happy to learn that the cross is ready. Working along with Father Abate, you will decide where it is to be set up. I presume that the other one is still in good shape or easy to reerect.

I believe that there will be four Missionaries on hand since I foresee that there will be a huge crowd.

In order that the workmen will be given the time off from their jobs, it is necessary that you send me immediately your petition. I already have someone ready to present it to the most reverend Treasurer; likewise, send another petition asking for that most urgent separation. Document it as best you can. What is important now is haste.

I thank you very much for the prayers that are being offered. I ask you to continue them

¹⁹ As the postal markings indicate, this letter was sent from Albano.

²⁰ The year is 1837 (cfr. the letter (n. 3453) to this same person dated June 17, 1837 in regard to the changing of Viola with Antonio of Vallecorsa).

and, in a special way, for me *ut Deus det voci meae, vocem virtutis*,²¹ in addition to the other reasons for offering these prayers. Let me know whether another of my letters is needed for his most reverend Eminence. I think not, since I have already exchanged letters with him beforehand.

May Jesus be our love and, in his most adorable Heart, I am and will constantly be, with esteem and respect

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspare C. del Bufalo

Miss. Ap.

P. S. Give my greetings to Father Abate, etc., etc..

3461

July 7, 1837

Ignazio Lesinelli

Rome

Venerable Ignazio

With this very humble letter of mine I am here manifesting to your most worthy person that the administration formerly held by the now deceased Monsignor Muccioli has presently been passed on to me. More, when we meet in person.

With esteem and respect, I remain

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspare C. del Bufalo

Miss. Ap.

3462

July 7, 1837

Fr. Luigi Mosconi

Rimini

Hail to the Divine Blood

Esteemed Fr. Luigi

Your letters: = Rome =

Pardon my delay in answering.

1) Make every effort also in Trevi, for only God knows whether he desires to have our Institute located there. Without the bases and the means, by experience you realize that *non expedit*.²² Have them propose a plausible plan and one that is easily executed.

²¹ In order that God give to my voice a voice of virtue.

²² It is not expedient.

- 2) I thank you for your ever growing concern for the Society. *Dominus retribuet pro me.*²³
 3) I have entered Canon Natalucci in the Register as the aggregator in Trevi. You shall have instructed him *circa modum*²⁴ for enrolments: this is something of great interest for us.
 4) Your memorandum in respect to the Masses, etc. is on the way. We shall see.

5) You have already been registered in the Curia at Pennabilli for future preaching of the Lenten series. You will find out from Fr. Brandimarte whether there will be some sort of obligatory sermon. Once the discussions between the Commune of Macerata and the Bishop of Montefeltre are concluded, the Advent series will be held in Macerata. More about this Advent series later.

This is all for now. With the next ordinary mail delivery, I will refer to everything else that may be necessary for the House there, as well as for the Missions, after the hot season has passed. Pray for me, who with esteem and respect and in J.C. Crucified, am

Your humble, devoted, obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Albano, July 7, 1837²⁵

3463

July 7, 1837

Fr. Filippo Galli

Frosinone

Hail to the Divine Blood

Esteemed Father Filippo

Fr. Fontana already has received his authorization. I am expecting the Masses to arrive at any moment, and when they do, I will let you know immediately when to begin offering them. I am awaiting the copy of the Rescript of secularization. Have no doubts that I will take every care possible to see that you are completely at ease about it.

Fr. Biagio has suggested to me, as you can find out from him yourself, that I transfer him to another House, so that his preaching material might reach a new audience, as well as to give him time to produce new material. I would like to have him close by, and to locate him at Nepi, on the upper floor in a very good room. He would be very comfortable there. This is a city located at crossroads and a great deal of good can be done there. As soon as your document comes through, you should go there, and I will make arrangements for the trip as soon as you

²³ The Lord will repay on my behalf.

²⁴ Concerning manner.

²⁵ At that time the Saint was located in Albano. Still, he dated various letters from Rome, where he wanted his mail sent.

answer me. Let me know about when you will be ready. If you would need to make a little sidetrip to Vallecorsa, you may do so. In general, I ask you to take care of this as best you can, and I trust in your zeal and attachment to the glory of God.

I am in Jesus Christ, with esteem and respect

Your humble, devoted, obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Rome, for your correspondence, July 7, 1837²⁶

3464

July 8, 1837

Fr. Vitale Corbucci

Fossombrone

Hail to the most Precious Blood

Dear Father Vitale

I am writing this additional letter in order to ask you to please do the favor of sending the package of devotional materials to Father Rafaele Brandimarte to Rimini and not to Rome. If it cannot be located, please advise me. Pray for me. With esteem and gratitude, I remain

Your humble, obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Rome, July 8, 1837

3465

July 8, 1837

Pietro Barcaroli

Chiaravalle

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Pietro

I am writing this additional letter to assure you that I have received yours along with the document for getting permission for the workers etc. I have already submitted that petition. As for the other things, I refer you to my recent letter. Around the 20th of this month, I will be writing to you concerning the preaching platform, the entrance ceremony etc. We will have everything done on time. Right now, the mail is about to leave. With my best wishes, I remain, in Jesus Christ

²⁶ From the postal mark one notices that this letter was sent from Albano, where, as it is known, the Saint was located in order to get some rest and relief from a congestion in his chest and a bad cough that irritated him. Nevertheless, it indicates Rome as the destination for the correspondence.

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

July 8 , 1837

3466

July 9, 1837

Mother Maria Nazzarena De Castris

Piperno

Hail to the Divine Blood

Very reverend Mother

The 16,45 *scudi* which, if I am not mistaken, were supposed to be sent to Rome, you will please send to Father Gentili.

I realize well that the Missionaries cause you a great deal of inconvenience; however, I would like you to speak to them clearly, since they know that you are living in a religious community. I am writing this for my own peace of mind. Send your letters to me to Rome.

In reference to what you have written to me concerning Thursday, I say that you should not burden yourself with additional practices. May your spirit be free. Pour out your love for Jesus in the Divine Sacrament with continuous aspirations. By all means, this! But, because of the complexity of things in your life, I would say no to anything more precise.

Say a lot of prayers for the embarkation of the boardingschool in Sonnino. In Jesus Christ crucified, consider me to be, with esteem and respect, always

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Albano, July 9, 1837

3467

July 10, 1837

Luigia del Bufalo

Rome

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dearest niece

If a young man appears who is awaiting a response from me, tell him that as soon as I get to Rome, I will examine him to see whether he is fit for our Institute, and we will come to a decision.

If he is unable to wait for that time, have him come to be examined in Albano. He can leave in the morning and by nightfall be back in Rome. Tell him clearly: 1. he will have to bear the expenses; 2. he will have to go to the inn for the noon meal. Here, we are not able to receive

anyone. Let us be in agreement. You already understand. I am writing this just before the mail leaves etc., and I remain

Your affectionate uncle

Albano, July 10²⁷

The young man could also contract to go, using the carrettella, as we do.²⁸

3468

July 11, 1837

Luigi Fuschi

Norma

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Luigi

If you would have some Masses available, this would be the time when our Institute is direly in need of them. May this letter also serve the purpose of recommending myself to your prayers and of renewing always my deep sentiments of esteem, respect and affection. I am and will constantly be

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

July 11, 1837²⁹

Send your letters to me to Rome.

3469

July 11, 1837

Fr. Francesco Verili

Sermoneta

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Father Francesco³⁰

²⁷ In 1836 and in 1837, on July 10th, St. Gaspar was in Albano. In 1836, he remained there until the first part of August, whereas in 1837, he was just about ready to leave for Rome. From this letter, it appears that the situation of 1837 may be somewhat hidden. Tentatively, we assign the date 1837. If, however, the mention of the young man made here in this letter deals with the same young man referred to in a letter (n. 3436) to Luigia, dated June 5, 1837, then this date would be confirmed.

²⁸ This postscript is found on the fourth siding, near the address.

²⁹ The postal markings indicate Albano.

³⁰ The date (July 11, 1837) is derived from the congressus book of the House in Sermoneta. In the meeting of July 12, 1837, the houseoffices are renewed. Father Francesco Verili "pursuant to a letter from the Director General dated yesterday" is appointed President.

You are appointed as the President of the House in Sermoneta, as you will learn from Father Rocco³¹ and in accordance with my letter on this matter. I have said everything in a word. And with the Superior, here arranged is the faculty for hearing confessions. I originally intended Verili, and not Frioli. Now, for the sake of precision, you have the document for the archives. The reasons for this decision I will explain to you upon the arrival of Alderisio who is going, in your stead, to Vallecorsa. I am etc.

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

3470

July 11, 1837
Fr. Orazio Bracaglia
Rimini

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Father Orazio³²

Along with a letter from you, send to Pievetorina, in my name, the sacristan from there to Father Beniamino³³ whom I have already informed. See that he has his traveling papers and that thriftiness is observed.

The new sacristan will be coming there; prepare for him one of the vacant rooms in the large section, the least subject and the best, but in the inhabited area. You have understood. In the meantime, you and all the others should offer your assistance with the church, and outsiders are not to be involved. I am, etc., etc..

G. C. d. B.

Within a short while, Lipparelli will be arriving and everything will be worked out. Greetings to Mosconi etc.

3471

July 12, 1837
Father Vincenzo Giovannelli
Ascoli Piceno

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dear Father Giovannelli

A couple of lines just to get news about you as well as of Father Abate Amici to whom

³¹ Father Rocco Sebastianelli.

³² This letter has no date. The day and the month (July 11) are derived from the postal markings. The year is 1837 (cfr. the letter (n. 3459) to this same person, dated July 7, 1837).

³³ Father Beniamino Romani.

you will extend my greetings.

Paradisi, by never doing anything about his canonry, has had to return to his hometown. I ask you to be kind enough to prudently relieve me of that priest; despite his goodness and his piety, he is simply not one adaptable to our communities. I will do whatever you direct me to do; I have sent him to your care, since he is no longer of age for our community. Let him take care of his canonry, work spiritedly with the pious organizations in Montalto and surrounding areas, and let him reside with his relatives. Kissing your hands, I remain, with esteem and respect

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Rome, July 12, 1837

P. S. It is an altogether different situation when one enters an Institute as a young man and then grows old in it.

3472

July 12, 1837

Fr. Tomasso Meloni

Cammerino per Pievetorina

Hail to the Divine Blood

Fr.. Tomasso

Please celebrate ten Masses in the meantime, and if possible (it is not obligatory) at a privileged altar. I am writing in a hurry.

Fr. Paradisi is a good priest: but he does not fit into our Society. I have discussed this already with Fr. Giovannelli, his director. Keep this between us.

I am, etc.

Your humble servant

G. C. d. B.

Rome, July 12, 1837³⁴

3473

July 13, 1837

Fr. Francesco Verili

Sermoneta

Hail to the Divine Blood

³⁴ The place of origin and the year are deduced from a comparison with a letter (n. 3471) addressed by the Saint to Fr. Vincenzo Giovannelli, "July 12, 1837", to which the Saint is certainly alluding in this present letter. as a matter of fact, in that letter, speaking of Can. Paradisi, who had been sent to the Congregation by that same Fr. Giovannelli, he expresses himself in these words: "I ask you to relieve me prudently of this priest, who, although he is good and pious, nevertheless, does not adapt himself to our Communities". We have spoken of Fr. Giovannelli in the biographical section. Cfr. also biographical section for Canon Paradisi.

Most esteemed Father Francesco

1. I have received continuous letters from Vallecorsa *ne verbum quidem*³⁵ that the chastisement of the pestilence has gotten there.

2. Praise be to God that you have begun preaching. In Sermoneta, God makes available the means for doing good work, doing it immediately and with happy success. Therefore, in Sermoneta, he will be expecting you to do much good work which, little by little we will continue discussing and also writing about. You acted very correctly in giving talks to the Brothers. On feastsdays, balance out to them their allotments and later the usual according to the rule. In giving catechetical instructions, it would be a good idea to adhere to an orderly presentation, *verbigrazia*, the *Our Father* etc.

3. Oh how wonderfully that House is picking up spirit!

4. In order that you will know just how the suggestion of your going to Pievetorina has developed ... here it is. I questioned you and you told me with every bit of clarity: Pievetorina. I remained silent, noting that the Province might not be satisfactory for you. Actually, however, in my inner self I felt drawn by the idea of appointing you to Sermoneta where the cluster of circumstances seemed to be most adaptable to you. There was no concern about climate and at any word from you, it would be quite easy to effect some move or other to the neighboring houses, and you would get along very well. However, it also might be God's will that you come down in Sermoneta to move the waters, as did the angel over the *Probatice*; then, would it not be a comfort to you to give blessings to the almighty? So, let me put it this way, Sermoneta will be the first fruits of your apostolic work. Little by little, more will follow, and, when God wills it, you will go to Pievetorina. We find in history many such incidental changes. St. Ignatius had determined to go to the Holy Land, but an impediment arose. Why was that so? God causes us to think about it in order to give us the merit of making that sacrifice. The substantial matter to be noted in this discussion is that you were presented with a situation involving freedom. Let us not confuse localities with the formal issue. What has God done? In Sermoneta, he has communicated with you, he has loosened your tongue, he is offering you graces, etc., etc.. So, in Sermoneta, this is it, *usque dum dicam tibi*.³⁶ Conduct yourself like the Baptist. The House is the desert; the apostolate is Sermoneta; carry out the *praedicans bastismum poenitentiae*.³⁷ Simone Rodriguez arrived with Xavier even to the Court of Portugal; but, then, who went to the Indies? Xavier; and St. Ignatius was changed etc. The canons, prayer and time etc. give evidence to all this. God does not manifest everything all at once; only what is substantial; then, he modifies, he manifests, and he completes his manifestation. *Satis*.³⁸

³⁵ Not even a word.

³⁶ Until I tell you.

³⁷ Preaching a baptism of penance.

³⁸ Enough.

Inform Alderisio with regard to Vallecorsa *in omnibus*;³⁹ also, give him the money you know about.

In Jesus Christ, I remain

Your humble servant

G. C. d. B.

July 13, 1837

3474

July 17, 1837

To a Monsignor

Rome

Venerable Monsignor

House, July 17, 1837

With this most humble letter of mine, I am informing you about something that I overlooked during our meeting and it is that I sent the regulations for the Congregation in Bassiano to Vicar Giorgi, as also the aggregation to the *Prima Primaria* in Rome (the Congregation named as such in the *Collegio Romano*). One more thing: each individual in a new foundation requires one hundred *scudi* annually, after the locale is assured, freed and provided with a church. Those 100 *scudi* annually for each individual cover expenses for repairs, church needs, sacred furnishings, utensils for the House, sicknesses etc. etc. Just how much will be needed from the patrimony of de Magistris will depend upon the examination of the plan that is to be placed distinctly in a written form. I think that I have not overlooked anything else. I wish that you will have a pleasant trip and a happy sojourn. I kiss your hands. With total obeisance and asking you for your prayers, venerable Monsignor, I remain

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspere C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

3475

July 18, 1837

Fr. Filippo Galli

Frosinone

Hail to the Divine Blood

Esteemed Father Filippo

I am returning the folio. In short, I suggest that it may be possible that in 1838, the means that are necessary for the execution of the good work will be available. Furthermore, that on Palm Sunday, and not beyond that, your ministry should be completed. Third, I do not know how

³⁹ In all things.

wise it is to name you directly, until we have the folder of your secularization examined. I would suggest in general: by a pious person. *Sapientioribus autem me remitto*.⁴⁰ Have Fr. Fontana read this letter of mine, for, since he has the authorization, he will clarify for you your responsibility.

It seems that every effort has been exhausted.

Father Biagio has sent me a list of ten Masses celebrated by Fr. Peronti.

Let me know whether the offerings must be given to him, or whether they are to be deposited for the Pyx. I shall await an answer.

As soon as you are ready to move to Nepi, let me know. See to the copy of the Document which I will then have filed in the General Archives after I have read it. Inform Fr. Giovanni Chiodi that I will write to him in the next ordinary mail. I am in Jesus Christ

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

I am waiting for the Masses from day to day, and when I have received them, I will send you some. We are quite short along that line.

Rome, July 18, 1837

3476

July 20, 1837

Pietro Barcaroli

Chiaravalle

*Beati qui lavant stolas suas in Sanguine Agni*⁴¹

Most esteemed Pietro

I am sending a reply to your recent, most appreciated letter. I understand what you say in it; all is well.

With regard to your memorandum, dealing with the gathering of the workers for the Mission, it has already been submitted and I have been promised a successful result. I am now awaiting the other one so that the good work can get underway.

For some days now, we here will be observing a sort of Jubilee and I will be giving the sermon. Recommend me to the Lord, to Mary most holy and to St. Xavier. All is in behalf of the needs of the times.

Upon the advice of prudent people, I have been made to reflect that it is not a prudent move to begin the Mission there on August 10th because of the ending of the fair in Sinigaglia. Likewise, that it would be better to defer it until after the feast of the Assumption when the climate will be a bit fresher for those people who will be wanting to come from neighboring

⁴⁰ However, I submit to those who are wiser.

⁴¹ Blessed are they who wash their robes in the Blood of the Lamb.

towns. This is an incidental matter and will not in the least change the situation substantially. I find their observations to be quite plausible. However, let me know what your sentiments are, which I suppose would be in agreement. In this way, every sort of distraction will be removed. In a general way, the substantial situation is completely settled. I shall await your response. With esteem and respect, I remain

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Rome, July 20, 1837

3477

July 25, 1837

Missionary Fr. Francesco Verili

Vallecorsa

Hail to the Divine Blood

Rome, July 25⁴²

Most esteemed Father Francesco

Please celebrate two Masses immediately; the offering is 15 *bajocchi* which we will compute; send back to me the document as soon as possible.

Enclosed for you is the account. Your father brought in four *scudi*. Write to him about it. So, you owe me 3,18 *scudi* for the three *gigliati* given to you in Albano. In addition, 1,50 *scudi* for the crucifix, ready, now, for the first occasion; also 15 *bajocchi* for the five booklets that you know about. So, it seems to me that the difference comes to 83 *bajocchi*, from which the offerings for the two Masses mentioned above are provided. Let me know what is remaining.

Right now I do not want to be too lengthy. I only wish to point out that you will have to go to Sonnino as the Prefect of the church and as Economist. Father Cristoforo⁴³ will be the President. Father Giuseppe⁴⁴ will be the Vicesuperior. However, you are to take care of the archives and other things. This is what God wishes. The Letters of Xavier will be the source of your courage. Gentili will be coming there to take your place in Vallecorsa. All of this I will be giving by way of instruction to Father Biagio.⁴⁵ I remain

Your humble servant

⁴² The year, 1837, is derived from the congressus book of the House in Sonnino (Congressus of September 26, 1837) in which the appointments to the offices, mentioned in this letter, are found. Cfr. also the following letter.

⁴³ Father Cristoforo Frioli.

⁴⁴ Father Giuseppe Ricciardi.

⁴⁵ Father Biagio Valentini.

G. C. del Bufalo

You will be the Vicepresident of the boardingschool in Sonnino.⁴⁶

3478

July 27, 1837

Mother Maria Nazzarena De Castris

Piperno

Hail to the Divine Blood

Very reverend Mother

I am sorry about the death of the Pellegrini lady and I shall not fail to pray for her.

Father Biagio⁴⁷ is unable to be moved from Vallecorsa. If Maenza and Piperno, or any other place, wish to have another capable worker, they will have him immediately. However, I cannot remove Father Biagio at the present time without detriment to the glory of God. Sonnino has Father Cristoforo⁴⁸ as President and as Director of the young men and he is very capable of preaching.

I am writing with a shortage of time. Be courageous. Pray for me, and I remain

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Rome, July 27, 1837

3479

July 27, 1837

Camillo Possenti

Fabriano

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Camillo

Please have them print one thousand Chaplets, the usual type, edited carefully and at the best possible economical price. Not more than one thousand, however. For the sake of good order, inform the printer of this. The booklet of the Chaplet, as you know, also has the Seven Offerings. I would like to have them printed also, but separately, with no other heading than this: "The Seven Offerings of the most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ to be made to the Divine Father"; immediately after that, the Seven Offerings, and nothing else. We will be needing also only one thousand of these leaflets. It is necessary that these leaflets be able to be conveniently

⁴⁶ This paragraph is found near the address.

⁴⁷ Father Biagio Valentini.

⁴⁸ Father Cristoforo Frioli.

placed within a book.

The latest printed materials have already arrived. For the time being, only because of your charity, nothing else is needed. Here, we are having public prayers and giving sermons because of the present urgent situation, and all has been fruitful. In Jesus Christ, I remain

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Rome, July 27, 1837

3480

July 30, 1837

Fr. Raffaele Ruffoli

Palestrina

Hail to the Blood of Jesus Christ

Dear Canon

A confessor passed on to me the enclosed matter, discovered in the estate of a man who has died. I maintain that perhaps right now nothing else needs to be done; at any rate, you could relay this to anyone who might be concerned; I am not able to add anything more to the matter. Drop me a line or so. I ask you for your prayers, and, with respect and esteem, I remain

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspare C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Rome, July 30, 1837

P. S. Give my best regards to his most reverend Eminence.

3481

1836

Madre Abbadessa

Monastero della Purificazione

Roma

Mother Abbess

Convinced of your kindness and that of the Community which is always ready to adapt itself to my circumstances, I wish to confirm the date set for the Retreat. One of these days I shall stop by to work out with you the details concerning the project of which we have spoken.

The Bishop has already been informed.

Pray for me who with esteem am

Your humble, devoted, obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.⁴⁹

3482

End of July beginning of August , 1837

Luigia del Bufalo

Rome

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dearest niece⁵⁰

Here is another notification to be joined with the others.

Alderisio has written about a package of a boardingstudent and that he is awaiting a response. You write to him what you know.

I have already begun the Retreat and the niece of Cencio sends greetings to her uncle; she is doing well. Only, she has been waiting for Father Vigitello whom Cencio can stimulate to go there on Saturday morning since the Retreat will be going on after the noon meal. He might be able to go there tomorrow, Friday, but only after the noon meal since I will be preaching in the morning on that day only. After that, I shall proceed to the monasteries in behalf of the

⁴⁹ With every external indication missing, and given the scantiness of the text, it is not possible to establish the date of this letter, which certainly was written from Rome. Merlini informs us that the Saint indeed gave the Retreat at the Monastery of the Purification, but does not specify when. The handwriting is characteristic of his later years. One might consider 1836, because in that year up to April 26, he did not go outside the city of Rome for any ministries: but that is only a conjecture. It is hope that the remainder of the Letter Collection and a more minute exploration of the archives may furnish for this letter and for many others more exact information.

⁵⁰ This letter has no date. It was written from Rome during the course of a Retreat in the monastery where the niece of Cencio (Vincenzo Severini) was located. Her name was Maria Rosi. Gaspar wanted her, as a nun, to be given the name: *Maria Saveria del Preziosissimo Sangue* (cfr. the letter (n. 3296) to the Abbess of the Monastero della Purificazione, dated December 12, 1836). In that letter, mention is made of this as well as in the letter (n. 3301 and n. 3431) to that same Abbess, dated December 24, 1836 and May 31, 1837. Furthermore, St. Gaspar speaks of her in the letters (n. 3307) to his niece, dated January 1, 1837 as well as in this present one. So, when was this letter written? It seems that it should be placed toward the end of July and the beginning of August, 1837, before St. Gaspar preached in the Chiesa Nuova (cfr. his letter (n. 3497) to Barcaroli, dated August 18, 1837). In fact, in the letter (n. 3301) of December 24, 1836, to the Abbess of the Monastero della Purificazione, St. Gaspar asks that "Maria Rosi, the new nuntobe", be admitted for probation. In the letter (n. 3431) to the Abbess, dated May 31, 1837, St. Gaspar expresses his joy for "the happy result of the Chapter in behalf of the nuntobe". Hence, it seems that this Retreat was preached after May 31, 1837, and precisely after the return of St. Gaspar from Albano (middle of July, 1837), but before the cholera began to rage in Rome to such an extent as to impede the meetings in S. Galla (cfr. the letter (n. 3529) to Lawyer Arrighi, dated September 18, 1837) since the hospice of S. Galla was designated as "one of the quarantinstations" (cfr. the letter (n. 3505) to Meloni, dated August 26, 1837). This date is confirmed also from the fact that in this present letter mention is made also of Father Giuseppe Alderisio who stopped off in Rome and who writes to St. Gaspar about "a package of a boardingstudent". Father Alderisio, who had passed through Rome, is also referred to in the letter to Luigia del Bufalo (n.3455) to which we assigned the date: "end of June 1837". So, it appears to be doubtless that we should assign to this present letter the date: "end of Julyfirst part of August, 1837". Mention is made of the Retreat, conducted in the Monastero della Purificazione where Cencio's niece was located, in the preceding letter to which we assign the date in a similar way, even more so because it is quite evident that in the period of JanuaryMay, 1837, St. Gaspar did not preach Retreats to the religious in Rome, but only one to the Cistercian monks in S. Croce in Gerusalemme (February, 1837).

Congregation of S. Galla and because the Retreat prevents me from doing this in any other way. I am in a hurry.

Your affectionate uncle

3483

August 1, 1837
Fr. Luigi Mosconi
Rimini

Hail to the Divine Blood

Esteemed Fr. Luigi

I ought to write lengthily to you, since I have already received the Rescript for Trevi.

You shall go to the Nuns in Verucchio, along with a Brother who will be selected by the Congressus. If there should not be one available, write to Lipparelli so that he can send you the sacristan from Cesena. I intend later, and you can write this to Lipperelli, to send a replacement to Cesena. However, you are to give me a report of everything, as you are proceeding to Verucchio. You will please limit your ministry to 15 days, taken altogether. Right now, let me know when you will be back since I have to make use of your services, as you must realize. Let me know where I am to address the letters to you.

When you go to the Nuns, I urge exactness in the observance of our rules, and in particular with regard to the food, excluding therefore sweets and such things as that.⁵¹ Have the Brother devote himself diligently to prayer. You are both to eat in separated quarters. I trust in your virtue and zeal. Give my regards to the Most Reverend Bishop; and, I am

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Rome, August 1, (1837)

P. S..Whatever the Nuns give you should be sent to Rimini. I praise you very much for the exactness you showed in writing to me about Verucchio.

3484

August 1, 1837
Fr. Filippo Galli
Frosinone

Hail to the Divine Blood

⁵¹ This refers to what was prescribed for the "*Straordinariato*" as well as for Retreats to Monasteries by the particular "*Metodo*", composed by the Saint for that particular purpose. With reference to what it says about food, see "*Metodo delle SS. Missioni*", edited by the Founder in 1819 (by Lino Contedini printers, Rome), p. 11, n.6. In Vol. XII (at the beginning) a copy of this is preserved with the corrections and additions handwritten by the Saint in his revision of 1835. In the cited passage, n. 6, after the words "and let the food be frugal", there is inserted in handwriting: "excluding sweets and liquors (...). Dishes of delicacies or anything similar shall not be accepted from anyone at all ..."

Fr. Filippo

Enclosed for you is the copy of the Rescript; you probably have studied well its extension and the truth of the exposition. In case you have not done so, consult with the Confessor at the Sacred Penitentiary. On this entire case, I have not formed my own opinion as yet. Without mentioning any names, on my own I have made an inquiry of the Theologian at the Sacred Penitentiary. This man has given me the following answers; and I spoke to him in person.

1) It would be different if, in your Rescript, you were given the dispensation to make a will, to dispose of goods and so on; usually, too, there are always conditions appended. However, in your Rescript there is as a matter of fact an obligation enjoined upon you to observe the vows *quoad substantialia*.⁵² Now, the substantial thing with regard to the Vow of Poverty is not to own property or have the right to it; otherwise, where is the poverty? Vows are jealous things. So, if you were constrained to set up a patrimony for yourself, that was so only in order to afford yourself a means of subsistence.

2) From this it follows that, since it is wellknown that you were bound by the vows, unless you can produce the dispensation, you cannot dispose of property nor can you own any. You must have the faculties to do this, but they can be easily obtained.

3) As for your past transactions, you will need a sanation, as for example, for the income that you have received.

If you are displeased with all this, which I find to be most just, although I am ignorant (and I never was at ease with regard to this whole matter, I must admit), then you had better take care of it yourself. Do not impose upon me the burden of making further appeals. You could, on the other hand, have the people there make them out for you, neatly and clearly, and then send them on to me.

To all of our men who may have advised you otherwise, with no one excepted, I oblige you to tell them that, from now on, in certain cases, they should proceed with more caution. Cases such as these arrive daily at the Sacred Penitentiary; and there is little room for doubt.

I conclude that anyone who is bound *quoad substantialia*⁵³ to observe the Vow of Poverty, if he should be named in a Pious Legacy, or even without being named, he can do nothing without a dispensation; and if he were to dispose of something, it is null and void, and not even the Society can accept it, since his Vow would stand in the way. After these observations, I have nothing more to say on the matter. You will recall that I had already brought it to your attention, that you could not do anything *absque facultate*.⁵⁴

I am in Jesus Christ
Your humble servant

⁵² As to things substantial.

⁵³ As to things substantial.

⁵⁴ Without the faculty.

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

In your memorandum, declare what you feel you must, even with regard to the manner of instituting the Legacy.

I imagine that you may have one already, but in case not, I think you are in need of a learned Director. I love the Institute and I love each and every member.

Rome, August 1 (1837)

3485

August 2, 1837

Fr. Salvatore Valentini

S. Lorenzo in Damaso

Rome

House, August 2, 1837

Most esteemed Canon

Father Maurizio from Marseilles, a Capuchin, would like to have the faculty of enrolling in the Sacred Heart and granted with the most extensive concession.

Pray for me. I extend my warmest greetings especially to your mother and, with esteem and respect, I remain

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Miss. Ap.

3486

August 3, 1837

Fr. Luigi Mosconi

Rimini

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Father Luigi

Enclosed is the rescript for Trevi. It is necessary, however, that the Month be observed, as you will notice. For the expenses involved, you will celebrate immediately nine Masses for me, sending me the documentation for this.

Let me know when your work in Verucchio is finished.

I reserve anything further until I have received your reply. Though in a hurry, I remain, in Jesus Christ

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Rome, August 3, 1837

3487

August 5, 1837
Fr. Francesco Verili
Sonnino

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Father Francesco⁵⁵

Enclosed is a notification reminding you to send me a receipt.

You are to check the books along with Father Frioli and if there should be an extra one or so there, write to me immediately.

Keep a listing of reminders.

You will see an image of most holy Mary *ad nives*,⁵⁶ a copy of the image in S. Maria Maggiore. There is that dark chapel, the old chapel which was in need of an image since that little statue is very worn out. You might consider placing the image there, filling out the wall. What do you think about this? Later, we will work it out. Try to find some place where to put the *Santi Martiri*, to be held in veneration. Place that where you judge is best. You will be getting all of this in a trunk which you will include in your inventory and make use of it in your work as Economist; in general, as the need arises. Not including books that are prohibited, our library should be more copious than the one in the boardingschool. Keep me posted. I understand what you mentioned to me and as soon as the coachman arrives, you will be getting what you have requested. See that whatever is needed is provided for in Sonnino. As for Martini, get him to make his payment. Be insistent. Send me quickly a prospectus, in detail, of how the locale is divided.

Finally, I now put everything quite succinctly: be my helper, especially through prayer; next, with your work, being vigilant in economic matters etc. Practice your ability for preaching. I urge observance of the rule. I am, etc.

Other things will be covered *ad alias*.⁵⁷

G. C. d. B.

M. Ap.

3488

August 5, 1837

⁵⁵ This letter does not have a date. However, the day and the month (August 5) are derived from an annotation made by Verili himself. The year is 1837 (cfr. the letter (n. 3477) to this same person, dated July 25, 1837).

⁵⁶ For the snow.

⁵⁷ For another time.

Pietro Barcaroli
Chiaravalle

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most illustrious Pietro

The holy Mission will be able to be begun on the 25th of this month, thus terminating it on September 8th, the feast of the Nativity. First, because of actual duties, sermons, etc. ,etc. it will not be possible for me. The Missionaries have already been selected and, after the feast of the Assumption, I shall write to you again. Right now, I am very, very busy.

I hope that God will free this city of the cholera, and my hope rests on the merits of the Divine Blood and on most holy Mary. This would be the only impediment to my coming there in person. But, the Mission is not to be deferred for any reason at all since we have Houses in the Province and very capable men available; otherwise, I would not assume the job.

I hope that God will preserve us. With esteem, I remain

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Rome, August 5⁵⁸

P. S. Within days, the most reverend Treasurer will be getting that other petition. Be advised of this. I am speaking of the paper dealing with the disorders etc.

3489

August 6 , 1837

To a Canon

Rome

Hail to the most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ

Most esteemed Canon

In the memoranda contained in the book on indulgences, composed by Canon Galli, one can find much dealing with the methodical directing of the Archconfraternity, leaving no room for doubt concerning what that book reports about the indulgences. I have had a copy withdrawn for you and I have added to that what pertains to aggregators, namely, the instructions involved. Now, it is necessary for me to proceed to investigate the system of the archives; we will communicate whatever I find. Also, if I should recall anything at all, I shall not fail to communicate that also to you.

A certain French priest who resides in S. Luigi de' Francesi and whose name is Gapica, told me that he used to pay five *bajocchi* to the Archconfraternity, and that now no one goes there to collect them. It might be an oversight. With esteem and respect, I remain

⁵⁸ The year is 1837 as is evident from the content of this letter (namely, the cholera, the Mission in Chiaravalle, etc.)

Your humble servant
G. C. del Bufalo
 M. Ap.
 Rome, August 6, 1837

3490

August 8, 1837
 Msgr. Luigi Ugolini
 Bishop of Fossombrone

Fossombrone

*Beati qui lavant stolas suas in Sanguine Agni*⁵⁹

Venerable Monsignor

I am mindful of your concern about a Retreat for the clergy at this time. As far as I can see, because of the present Jubilee and because of the ministry which occupies me in Rome, I will not be able at all to be there. So, please let me know whether you wish to have me send one of our capable men to handle that branch of the ministry. If God grants me life, I will be able to serve you at some later date. With esteem and respect, I remain

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Rome, August 8, 1837

3491

August 8, 1837
 Fr. Angelo Lazzarini
 Republic of S. Marino

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dear Archpriest

In order to erect canonically the Pious Unions of the Divine Blood, here is what has to be done: 1. A petition is made to the bishop; if he grants the permission, see that there are no other aggregations assigned to the altar that is selected. 2. Having gotten the rescript, you are to send your letter of procurement to the President of the Archconfraternity in Rome, saying: "Pursuant to the rescript obtained from the most reverend bishop, I ask you to appoint in Rome a priest who will handle all of the canonical acts required for aggregation to the Archconfraternity". You are to put your signature on that sheet and have the Curia's seal affixed to it, thus legalizing it by the Vicar Forane or even the Vicar General Rubertini if you belong, as I think you do, to Montefeltro.

⁵⁹ Blessed are they who wash their robes in the Blood of the Lamb.

Send all of these papers to me and you will be taken care of. The total expense comes to six *scudi* and these are all taxes for which I am not at all responsible.

With regard to the triduum, Missionary Father Nicola Santarelli, the President of our House in Pennabilli, has been assigned and I will get word to him. A Brother, or in his stead another Missionary, is inevitable. You work things out with the aforementioned Father Nicola. With esteem and respect, I remain

Your humble and devoted servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Rome, August 8, 1837

3492

August 10, 1837

Giovanni Battista Flori

Guarcino

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Giovanni Battista

With pleasure did I see your handwriting again. Among all the letters that have come to me, I do not have, as of now, the required letter, requesting the good work which you suggest. When it does come, the decision of whether I will come in person or whether another capable member of our Institute will be there, will depend on the time suggested and the schedule of appointments already made. My affection for the people there is very, very special. As far as possible, humanly speaking, I shall do everything I can to go along with their wishes.

Pray and have others pray for me. With esteem and respect, I remain, in Jesus Christ crucified

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Rome, August 10, 1837

3493

August 12, 1837

Luigi Baldi

Meldola

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Luigi

You are to send me a paper requesting the good work to be done there and I will pass it on, with my recommendation, to Monsignor Clarelli. Above all, let us pray. Inform the most reverend Vicar so that he can support this, and give him my very best regards. If possible, it is

very helpful to get the signatures of people of authority, expressing their praise of the good work to be done etc. But sufficient, likewise, would be a testimonial of praise from the most reverend Vicar.

If I have overlooked anything, let me know. With esteem, I remain

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Rome, August 12⁶⁰

3494

August 15, 1837

Fr. Orazio Bracaglia

Rimini

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Father Orazio⁶¹

I would like to have further news concerning your health. What climate is the doctor suggesting for Palmieri?

With reference to the cholera in Ceprano, I hear that some of it has broken out there; however, presently, it is abating; likewise, some of it has occurred in Monte S. Giovanni. Up to now, nothing of the sort in Frosinone. I repeat, the situation in the Province is calming down. Praise be to God. Your father sends you his greetings; he is quite weakened in his strength and he recommends himself to your prayers.

I am determined to avoid the hearing of confessions of the women in Camerino in front of the preaching platform. Sufficient are the two positions at the back of the church. In the Communes, a third one would be set up in the small chapel where the Pious Union is erected, since that, too, is more in the open. Change nothing; however, send me, in the meantime, your response by mail. You will be getting a sacristan; I am trying to find a way of economizing.

If Carlino has helped with the collection and is no longer needed, send him immediately to Penna at the expense of Rimini, as is only right. Arrange a safe journey for him.

[there is no signature]

3495

August 16, 1837

⁶⁰ The year is 1837 as is evident from the stamp, characteristically used during the time of the cholera: "Clear inside and outside".

⁶¹This letter has no date. However, one is derived from the postal markings (August 15). The year is 1837. In addition to the context of the letter (mention of the cholera), the year is derived also from the use of that stamp so characteristic of the time of the cholera: "Clear inside and outside".

Fr. Giovanni Chiodi
Frosinone

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Father Giovanni

Make, indeed, a collection of the corn. With regard to the provision of grain, let us first await the harvest of the corn that is expected. Later, I will look into it and I would like to get it in Ticchiena; in time, I will investigate this. Let me know the name and surname of the head man in Ticchiena. You find that out.

In order to make the collection for this year, one cannot have in mind using either the animals or the workers since, in general, they are either ill or truly unfit (hence it is necessary to be careful about replacements, otherwise the work will not be done. In general, they would like little work). In another year, we will give it consideration in time and will dispose things. At the proper time, do not forget about the collection of oil as well as that of wine. I am pleased that the rescripts are in order.

I recommend the screens for the church, and if it is possible to return them, do so to the markets. It is necessary to resume the old ways! So, I would say that Silverio or some other person, but one chosen and reliable, could be the collector with whom to come to an agreement. I will check with the companions to see whether two thirds should go to the House and one third to the collector, with him being responsible for the beasts. In another year, I will look into using our own beasts and our own Brother, especially if Sante's health holds up. Right now, I do not know how he is doing.

An unexpected request for a Mission now calls for you to come immediately to Albano next Sunday, in the evening at the latest and not otherwise. If possible, try not to overwork yourself too much. It is only one Mission. From a distance, I shall control Frosinone. In the meantime, *juxta regulam*,⁶² leave the things initiated and be like a leaflet. God wills that you take care of this Mission, whereas another, in its time, will be handled by other companions. Right now, three Missionaries remain, and Galli's responsibilities require some more time. Tomorrow, I will be going to Rome. By Sunday night, you will be here in Albano. In the morning, Mass in Valmontone, following the route that I will designate. The coach will be paid for, if it is not Francesco Antonio's etc. You regulate things for yourself, always safeguarding what is substantial. Please be patient about this inconvenience. Then, right after that, you will return. I am etc.

G. C. del B.
August 16, 1837⁶³

⁶² According to the rule.

⁶³ The year seems to be in another's handwriting. But it is certainly the year, 1837, from that characteristic stamp used in the time of cholera. "Clear inside and outside". The place of departure is Albano, derived from the postal markings. Hence, at the middle of August, St. Gaspar went to Albano.

3496

August 16, 1837
Fr. Angelo Santangeli
Bassiano

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Archpriest

I am inconveniencing you with this letter of mine to find out whether you have some extra Masses on hand that can be celebrated *ubique*.⁶⁴

Send your reply to Rome.

How is your health?

Fochi would like to have a triduum in order to revive the good work. You arrange what you feel is best. All that is needed is a timely line or so from you. You will learn from the Vicar Forane and from Fochi how I have carried out all of the tasks entrusted to me. I am sorry that during the last Mission I was able to do only what was given to me, supplying for the rest with my desire. God knows the affection that I nourish for the people there. Pray for me. With esteem and respect, I remain, in Jesus Christ crucified

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Rome, August 16, 1837

3497

August 18, 1837
Pietro Barcaroli
Chiaravalle

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most illustrious sir

In spring, the question of health, namely the wellknown cholera in Rome which is presently besieging us, notably impeded the Mission. Along with my companions, I was supposed to depart from Rome, despite the cholera, in order to be obedient to you, and even with a struggle in my interior feelings, all preparations were made. But then! unexpectedly the orders from Quarantine stations prevented the making of any trips. God disposed things thus! All I can do is supply you with a group of our men in Romagna; but there is no usable time available for the 25th. These are the adorable dispositions of God! In the springtime, I made this same offer. What God orders and disposes is not dependent on me.

Your note of petition is already in the hands of the most reverend Treasurer.

⁶⁴ Wherever.

Give my best regards to his most reverend Eminence, to Father Abate and to the monks.
 Pray a lot for me during these most pitiful circumstances. I add nothing more. In Jesus
 Christ, I remain
 Your humble servant
G. C. del Bufalo
 Mis. Ap.
 Rome, August 18, 1837
 P. S. The people, too, will understand, having experienced these troubles in common.

3498

August 20, 1837
 Fr. Orazio Bracaglia
 Rimini

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dear Father Orazio⁶⁵

As soon as Mosconi arrives from Verrucchio, (because of a Mission) either you or Palmieri should go, for a few days, to Cesena to substitute in the House there. If you go, Mosconi should remain there. *Pro*,⁶⁶ supplying for you along with Palmieri. If Palmieri goes, you and Mosconi are to stay on at your positions. Go wherever the glory of God urges. It is a question of only a few days. Things completely unexpected arise. I repeat, as soon as Mosconi returns. In fact, see whether you can even make use of any means that will hasten Mosconi's return. Lipparelli has been informed about everything. Send your reply immediately to Rome. I am etc.

G. C. d. B.

Mosconi will go out on the Missions after the ordinations. More later.

After this Mission, each will return to his residence etc.

3499

August 21, 1837
 Girolamo Contedini
 Rome
 Most esteemed Girolamo

House, August 21, 1837

Please do me the favor of copying or having someone else copy the enclosed, using good spelling and syntax. Then, let me check it for exactness, since the printing of it will be needed. I

⁶⁵This letter does not have a date. One is derived from the postal markings of departure (Albano) and of arrival (August 20). The year is 1837 because of that characteristic stamp used during the time of the cholera: "Clean inside and outside".

⁶⁶ For.

said that the enclosed is to be copied and I will satisfy whatever is charged.

With sentiments of esteem and respect, I am and will constantly be

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

3500

August 22, 1837

Fr. Orazio Bracaglia

Rimini

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dear Father Orazio⁶⁷

Why have you not written? I do not know whether Mosconi is in Verrucchio or when he is returning etc. How are you?

I point out that now that the Mission which was supposed to be conducted has been suspended, no one should go on to Cesena. Write, etc.. I am etc.

G. C. d. B.

⁶⁷ This letter does not have a date. One is derived from the postal markings (Rome, August 22). The year is 1837, derived from the characteristic postal stamp used during the period of the cholera: "Clean inside and outside".