

## St. Gaspar's Letters

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3651

Luigia del Bufalo  
Rome

Here is the page for the Masses in honor of St. Joseph.  
In time, Maria Clementina will get the others.

3652

Luigia del Bufalo  
Rome

Hail etc.

Dearest niece

Have Minu check the book that I am sending. In it there are two separate volumes, but it is necessary to join the first volume to the others which are there in another edition. These two volumes are bound as one. If possible, I would be pleased if volume one could be separated and bound in parchment and the second volume separate as Minu wishes to bind it. The second would remain in Rome and the first would come here. If this is not possible, then the entire book should be bound in parchment and sent to me, indicating the expense involved. In order for Minu to give a proper estimation have him read this page.

3653

Luigia del Bufalo  
Rome

The handwritten instruction should be copied so that each aggregator has one. You will be able to give two copies of the chaplet to each one and some printed matters, specifically any dealing with how our devotion is to be propagated.

3654

Luigia del Bufalo  
Rome

12 metal candle holders; these are to be sold for the further welfare of her soul.

*Ex dono*,<sup>1</sup> the ascetical books, numbering around four or five, for a monastery, but no

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<sup>1</sup> From the gift.

more etc.

*Ex dono*, holders for sacred relics, three or four made of silver (Agnus Dei not vested, uniforms etc.).

To be sold: three covers, two white ones and one of wool, for the deceased lady. While living, she did not specify the purpose.

Cloth in various quantities, of various and good qualities to be sold. The purpose was not specified.

Two oillamps<sup>2</sup> and brass inkstands and other objects. She did not specify the purpose. Images of great saints, small ones in parchment.

In general, however, she placed everything in the decisionmaking of NN. except for the suffrages prescribed and the donated articles.

A stone statuette of most holy Mary, a tortoiseshell box, a miniature of a lion.

A painting of the Sorrowful Mother on paper with a cheap frame and other small objects along with an office for Holy Week which NN. was supposed to preserve in memory of another deceased religious nun and a relative etc..<sup>3</sup>

### 3655

Pope Pius VII

Rome

Most blessed Father

Canon Luigi Moscatelli,<sup>4</sup> most humble petitioner of your Holiness, in being numbered among the common chaplains assigned to the service of your Beatitude, asks that you grant him the favor of being able to do his weeks of service later on, so as to have free some remaining time to apply himself to the ministry of giving Retreats and Missions; that etc.

### 3656

Fr. Giacomo Giorgi

Vallecorsa

Hail to the Blood of Jesus Christ

Dear Father Giacomo

Tomorrow morning, *summo mane*,<sup>5</sup> I shall be awaiting you in Frosinone. The road from

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<sup>2</sup> He had added "irons for ironing" but then crossed it off.

<sup>3</sup> In Luigia del Bufalo's handwriting, at the bottom of the second page, she wrote: "a case already settled and fulfilled by the Penitentiary".

<sup>4</sup> Father Luigi Moscatelli entered the Congregation in 1816. Hence, this request must have been addressed to Pope Pius VII.

<sup>5</sup> Very early in the morning.

Vallecorsa to Bassiano by way of Prossedi is not expedient. We shall be together for a day or so in holy repose in God. Let us be agreed.

*Gaspere Can. del Bufalo*

Miss. Ap.

Then, from Frosinone you will conveniently go to Piperno; you will be passing through Roccagorga, etc.

In short, it is important that we see each other.

3657

Msgr. Giuseppe Costantini  
Vicar General of Albano  
Albano

Jesus Mary Joseph

Canon del Bufalo, Apostolic Missionary, in passing through Albano, sends his distinct greetings to you, the most worthy Monsignor Vicar. He will not be coming to see you in person since he does not have with him his long, summer cloak. He renews himself as your humble, devoted and obliged servant.

Mission and Retreat House in Albano, September 12th

3658

Msgr. Giuseppe Costantini  
Vicar General of Albano  
Albano

*Christus dilexit nos, et lavit nos in Sanguine Suo<sup>6</sup>*

Canon del Bufalo, Apostolic Missionary, called to deliver several sermons as well as to a meeting of a pious organization in Rome, fulfills, with this letter, his obligations to you, though regretting that he was unable to come in person, and also doubtful whether he would find you in.

He requests that you please supply him with a copy of a small work which fulfills the desire of devotees of the devotion to St. Joseph. You have his name and, while asking you for your prayers, he renews himself as your humble, devoted and obliged servant.

3659

Fortunato M. Renzi  
Sora

If, among all the other pious works that you exercise so zealously, you could supply a bit of relief for the person presenting this most humble message of mine, I will be greatly obliged to you. Though in a hurry, I assure you once again of my esteem and respect.

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<sup>6</sup> Christ loved us and washed us in his blood.

3660

July 1, 1818  
Fr. Vincenzo Passalacqua  
San Severino  
Venerable Canon

To my deepfelt consolation was the information you gave concerning the singular fervor being shown there and I give praise to the Lord for that. Indeed, you are continuing your apostolic enterprises, and *erunt prava in directa, et aspera in vias planas*.<sup>7</sup> These are, for sure, the consequences of the work in the apostolate and *signa Apostolatus in multa patientia*.<sup>8</sup> Courage, courage. Let us forgive our neighbor and *si non potes excusare opus, excusa intentionem*.<sup>9</sup> I am surely convinced that nothing is forthcoming from Rome in regard to the planned project, and so words are valueless. Those involved might first follow the ways of kindness and the most reverend bishop has probably already seen to that, since it is his responsibility to uphold the rights involved. He, indeed, is acquainted with the pious institutions and he is a wise person and one experienced in human feelings. I did not plan on passing through Rome, being fearful that I might act too hastily; this, a precautionary position. Also, because I am certain that the most reverend bishop will make opportune decisions in the matter.

In the meanwhile, after having related everything to your superior with regard to what has happened, as far as you are concerned, hold a steady position and may the Lord fill you more and more with his holy love. It also will be a good thing for the friends of the person mentioned to me to persuade him to change his attitude, in the meantime, prayers. Being wholeheartedly impressed by your most edifying and zealous work, which may the Lord increase evermore, I remain, with particular esteem and respect

Your humble, obliged servant

*Gaspare C. del Bufalo*

Forlimpopoli, July 1, 1818<sup>10</sup>

You might request the most reverend bishop to be present with the other priests, from time to time, in the procession that is made during the giving of the pep talks.

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<sup>7</sup> There will be curves on straight lines, and difficulties on easy roads.

<sup>8</sup> Signs of the apostolate in much patience.

<sup>9</sup> If you cannot excuse the work, excuse the intention.

<sup>10</sup> In the copy preserved in Volume IX, the date written is 1828, which is certainly a slipup made by the copyist. As a matter of fact, in Volume VII, the year is 1818. Furthermore, on July 1, 1818, St. Gaspar was conducting a Mission in Forlimpopoli.

Fr. Vincenzo Passalacqua  
 San Severino  
 Most esteemed Canon

I have understood all that you pointed out to me with regard to the obstacles that your zealous work has been encountering there. Do not cease, however, your eagerness for the promotion of the glory of the Lord. I assure you that with time and prayer, your efforts will be deservedly rewarded. In the meantime, I shall not delay in sending a word to the most worthy reverend bishop in another maildelivery, while asking you to find out from him whether there is a free pulpit in the cathedral for the upcoming Lenten season. I am prepared, in that case, to offer him one of our excellent priests. Then, too, tell the Prior of S. Agostino that the letter that he knows about has been consigned to the most worthy reverend bishop of Macerata, but, that it would be better that he have the Laura lady write him a letter. With full esteem, I remain

Your humble, obliged servant  
*Gaspare C. del Bufalo*

3662

October 25, 1823  
 Fr. Angelo Primavera  
 Bolognola

Hail to the Blood of Jesus Christ

Dear Father Angelo

I am mailing you six *scudi*; I would like you to let me know that you received them. They will be addressed to you in Camerino. I am not able to spend any more than this for the devotional materials of the Sorrowful Mother. But, after many of my petitions, I note that no is more numerous than yes. Patience. Will you be attending the Retreat in Pievetorina, called for by our rule, at least for the few days that you can? Offer yourself to our Society and do so soon. Oh! If we only had more courage, blessed would we be! *Sum tuus ex corde in Corde Jesu Christi Crucifixi qui suo nos redemit Sanguine*,<sup>11</sup> while recommending that you remember me in your prayers to God.

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

October 25<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> I am yours from the heart in the heart of Jesus Christ crucified who redeemed us in his blood.

<sup>12</sup> The year must be 1823. Cfr. the letters nos. 764 and 937 to this same person.

Fr. Angelo Primavera  
Bologna

Most esteemed Father Angelo

Please read the enclosed and do what you can. Furthermore, convey the results, in my name, to Vitalini in S. Ginesio. I am not acquainted with the history of things.

*G. C. d. B.*

M. Ap.

Inform Canon Gentili in Norcia that I have read his letter and that, in regard to the matter of Mariotti in Norcia, I have spoken to Monsignor Bonanni at the time when I was in Norcia. He should write to him a couple of lines for me, give him my best regards and that he should pray for me, etc..

3664

Fr. Vitale Corbucci  
Fossombrone

Hail to the Blood of Jesus Christ

Venerable Father Vitale

On the occasion that some of our men are going to our House in Rimini, I am writing this most humble letter to recommend myself to your prayers and to the prayers of Father Gregorio. With the fullness of esteem and respect, I say again that I am

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

*G. C. del Bufalo*

M. Ap.

3665

September 16, 1831  
Pope Gregory XVI  
Rome

Father Pietro Spina, a Missionary, petitions your Holiness for the faculty of a privileged altar; that etc.<sup>13</sup>

3666

Boardingstudent Vincenzo Ammirati  
Albano

Dear Ammirati<sup>14</sup>

In regard to your expenses, we will discuss that when I get to Albano.

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<sup>13</sup> This petition was written by St. Gaspar. The faculty was granted on September 16, 1831.

<sup>14</sup> He entered the Congregation as a boardingstudent in 1833.

However, read only what Merlini assigns to you and keep for yourself that small work for your own instruction, but depending always, I repeat, on Father Merlini.

3667

Giuseppe Stefani  
Vicegovernor  
Acuto  
Most illustrious sir

I ask you to please get the information requested by the governor in Anagni in behalf of Egesippo Necci, if I am not mistaken. For the sake of justice, keep me informed, as I have no doubt you will. With esteem, I remain

Your humble servant

*G. C. del Bufalo*

Mis. Ap.

3668

Fr. Antonio Santelli  
Rome  
Most esteemed Father Santelli

Gaspar Canon del Bufalo, while extending his most sincere regards to the most worthy Father Santelli, begs him, through this letter, to be willing to assist, with his own very outstanding efforts, these two young men, bearers of this letter. Without any doubt, he is expecting you to be favorable. While offering you his very particular best wishes, he remains your most devoted and obliged servant.

3669

Luigia del Bufalo  
Rome

Hail to the most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ

Dearest niece

Our Society, which has thousands of plans, is stealing time that is running short even for the most urgent things. Nevertheless, I do not forget to pray for you so that you will be evermore loving of the things that pertain to God, the only center of our consolations. Everything else is but vanity. Thus, the love of God excites us to think, to speak and to act and suffer for his greater divine glory. It is like a flame that consumes in us everything that might slow down our more intimate union with the highest good. However, with that holy flame working, let us allow the Lord to purify us so that we can be, as de Sales says, irrevocably his entirely. That saint was also accustomed to say: "If I discovered that a single thought of my mind, a single affection of my soul, a single work of my hands were not entirely for God, I would wish to have neither mind,

nor heart nor hand". St. Ignatius Loyola often repeated: "Lord, if I must live, I do not wish to live except to love you. Give me your love and I will be adequately rich".

Let us have recourse incessantly to the fountains of Jesus which are his wounds. In them, the thirsty soul, like the stag, quenches its thirst with the very sweet waters that are the symbols of the Lord's graces. Indeed, in those fountains we will always find every benefit.

The copy that you made, pertaining to the Archconfraternity, is for Monsignor Muccioli. Send it to him. Put the other one in the cabinet. Bartolomeo<sup>15</sup> will be there within a few days to handle some Institute matters. Pray to Jesus for me. With my greetings to all, and giving my blessing to you in the Divine Heart, I remain

Your affectionate uncle

*G. C. del B.*

Mis.

3670

Msgr. Gregorio Muccioli

Bishop of Agatopoli

Rome

Most illustrious and reverend sir<sup>16</sup>

The brothers and sisters of the association of St. Francis Xavier in S. Maria in Vincis petition your most illustrious and reverend lordship to deign to declare them brothers and sisters born of the Archconfraternity of the most Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that they may gain all of the indulgences and whatever else is valid for the present members as well as the future ones; also, for any other indulgence that the Archconfraternity may, in the future, obtain; that etc.

In behalf of the brothers and sisters of St. Francis Xavier

3671

Emidia Santucci

Matelica

How edified I was by your most appreciated letter. However, I find myself distressed in not being able to assist you, at least as far as I am concerned, in producing the petition you seek; you cannot possibly imagine the nature and the number of problems and petitions of these times. Rather, it would be necessary, at least once, to have a collection taken up in the entire diocese, deposit it until a sufficient fund is raised for the grand fulfillment of our devotion. This procedure would be a lot easier than getting allotments from Rome. You should reflect on this at the foot of the crucifix.

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<sup>15</sup> Bartolomeo Panzini.

<sup>16</sup> This petition is in St. Gaspar's handwriting.

If De Sanctis or others have Masses to send to me, to be celebrated at convenient times and anywhere, I would be able to set aside those offerings for this pious plan. Likewise, there might be superfluous funds available from pious places which could be designated for this good work. Finally, for one year, you might suspend the Lenten preaching and that income, too, added to the fund. In that event, with the bishop's approval obtained through the services of the most worthy Canon Fidanza, I would be able to send a Missionary who would supply with a full course of Retreats. Having informed me in sufficient time, we could manage that good work. That God should will that I manage to produce that petition, I would find to be something difficult, very, very difficult. Finally, do not cease praying for me. With greetings to Canon Tarulli and anyone else who remembers me, I am and will constantly be

Your humble servant

*G. C. del Bufalo*

Mis. Ap.

3672

Fr. Giuseppe Maria Silvestri

Sora

Dear Canon

Please share them with the Canon Penitentiary, Father Fortuna.

I would like to know whether Father Pietro, your nephew, will be coming to the boardingschool in Albano. In that event, I would place at his disposal the only room that I still have vacant in that boardingschool. For the other young men, there are other boardingschools already activated.

Pray for me. With esteem, I remain

Your humble servant

*G. C. del Bufalo*

M. Ap.

3673

August 5, 1826

Fr. Ferdinando Gigliozzi

Fontana Liri

Hail to the Blood of Jesus Christ

Venerable Canon

Here are the certificates and the booklets for S. Germano. I praise highly your zeal in propagating this good work and may your reward be full.

As for the Retreat, a letter from the Curia is actually required, for they must inevitably know what is presently being done. If you judge it good, that Retreat might be scheduled for the Saints, or for September 14th.

Recommend me a lot to God. With esteem, respect and a very particular affection in Jesus Christ Crucified, most esteemed Canon, I remain  
 Your humble, devoted and obliged servant  
*G. C. del Bufalo*  
 M. Ap.  
 Rome, August 5, 1826

3674

Tommaso Tallarini  
 Forlimpopoli

Canon del Bufalo gives his best wishes and thanks to the worthy Mr. Tallarini; he asks him to accept the enclosed devotional materials and to extend his best regards to Domenico Briganti etc. etc. as well as to thank in a particular way the Chancellor and to pray for the one who now renews himself as your most humble servant etc.

3675

Virginia Battisti  
 Frosinone

Hail to the most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ

Most illustrious lady

As soon as I received your most appreciated letter, I have busied myself in seeking a placement for you in some monastery; in my judgment, it could be worked out for either one place or the other. Since God is summoning you there, the Salesians, I hope, would readmit you. You can see in this the ways of God. I personally paid a visit to the superior of the Adorers of the most Blessed Sacrament. They informed me about their Rule and way of life. I find it to be benign, in every respect. Their most serious occupation would be the perpetual adoration of the most Blessed Sacrament; but even in this matter there is discretion. One is received by them up to the age of 30; but even in that regard a dispensation is available. If you would like to correspond with the superior, go right ahead, since I have already alerted her.

This is all that I can tell you now. With esteem and respect, while giving my regards to all of your family, I remain

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant  
*Gaspare Can. del Bufalo*  
 Mis. Ap.

3676

A Missionary  
 Vallecorsa

Since you are one of the Missionaries <sup>17</sup> who assists *etiam in temporalibus etc.*,<sup>18</sup> I do not mind the small expense incurred for the enclosed matters.

You, then, should have yourself enrolled by one of our men who has the faculty etc. It seems to me that Brandimarte could do that. Whichever of our men does not have that faculty, tell me that *gradatim*;<sup>19</sup> but *hoc anno*<sup>20</sup> we are on vacation etc.

3677

Fr. Luigi Locatelli  
Terracina

Hail to the Blood of Jesus Christ

Dearest Father Luigi

Calculating things in a better fashion, as we will discuss at length in person, would be something necessary. In place of your departure, Father Domenico Cerilli should be leaving for the Mission House. He would like you to see that his relatives are informed and that you be able to handle the situation in your own way. Send a quick reply to this letter. As with Xavier, who was not destined for the Indies, the same thing will happen to this man who at the moment has substituted in Bobadiglia. So, you remain in Terracina, Cerilli to the Mission Houses. Do not communicate this letter of mine to anyone; keep this whole situation to yourself. Goodbye.

Your affectionate friend

*G. C. del Buf.*

3678

Fr. Francesco Verili

I repeat three things:

1. No scruples, no sadness. We are in service to a good master. Let us make lovable the divine service. Whoever serves God should be happy: "*Exultate in Domino*"<sup>21 22</sup>

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<sup>17</sup> It is not known who this Missionary is. From the address, evident only is: "*per favore*" and "Valllecorsa".

<sup>18</sup> Also in temporalities, etc.

<sup>19</sup> Step by step.

<sup>20</sup> In this year.

<sup>21</sup> Exult in the Lord.

<sup>22</sup> These are the only words preserved from a fragment of a page addressed, in all probability, to Missionary Fr. Francesco Verili.

3679

Fr. Francesco Verili

[...] in these days. In the meantime, tell him three things. 1. rejection of every form of agitation; 2. courage; 3. joy in God.

Keep in mind the regulations given up to now etc. I am etc.

*G. C. d. B.* <sup>23</sup>

3680

Fr. Luigi Locatelli

Hail to the Blood of Jesus Christ

Dearest Canon

God will bless your efforts. *Cum ipso sum in tribulatione, eripiam eum, et glorificabo eum.*<sup>24</sup> God is reserving for another time my trip to Terracina. Goodbye. Pray [...]<sup>25</sup> wholeheartedly, and repeat

[...] humble servant

[...] Bufalo

3681

A Missionary

I have already contacted a person to instruct me with reference to the case of the archpriest. When you depart for the Mission, I will take it up with him. In the meanwhile, the scandal will be removed etc..<sup>26</sup>

3682

April 19

Archpriest of Vallecorsa

Vallecorsa

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dear Archpriest

Send also the papers in good order, along with the testimonial of the bishop in regard to

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<sup>23</sup> Cfr. the footnote to the previous letter.

<sup>24</sup> I am with him in tribulation, I will rescue him, and glorify him.

<sup>25</sup> Half of this page is torn. A few words that are illegible have been indicated by the suspension dots between brackets.

<sup>26</sup> These words, written on a fragment of paper, are addressed to a Missionary. Quite probably these words have some relationship to the following letter.

the poverty of the subject involved in the matrimonial case. I will contact the Penitentiary. Since I will be going for a nearby Mission, there will be a slight delay. I mention this for my own peace of conscience; if there should be another means, then make use of it because of the circumstance indicated in order not to delay matters. In the meantime, they are to separate and remove the scandal. I am writing in a hurry. Send your letters, along with the papers, to Rome: Rome. In Jesus Christ, I remain

Your humble servant

*G. C. del Bufalo*

M. Ap.

Rome, April 19

I hope to get to Vallecorsa during this year.

3683

Countess Lucrezia Ginnasi

The indulgences annexed to the devotion of the most Holy Trinity are granted, as follows, for the recitation three times, by three people, joined together, of seven Glory be etc. and one Hail Mary each time (along with the *Angelus Domini*):

1. One hundred days indulgence for each day of the week.
2. Seven years and as many quarantines for each day of the week which is a Sunday.
3. A plenary indulgence, twice a month on two Sundays, to be freely selected, after confession and communion, and praying for a space of time for His Holiness.

Dear Countess

Pray a lot for me, a miserable sinner.

[there is no signature]

3684

June 27, 1826

Chapter of S. Nicola in Carcere

Rome

Offering<sup>27</sup>

The members of the association of St. Francis Xavier, a branch of the Venerable Archconfraternity of the most Precious Blood erected in S. Nicola in Carcere, wishing to obtain the emphyteusis of the area, the church and the surroundings of S. Maria in Vincis in order to restore in that church the cult of God and the good work which the aforementioned association is promoting in it, offer the annual fee of six *scudi* with the guarantee computed at one hundred

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<sup>27</sup> This Offering, in the handwriting of St. Gaspar using stamped stationery at three *baiocchi*, was registered in Rome, as is testified to on that very paper: "on a page without footnotes, the twentyseventh of June, 1826, vol. 102, f. 38.."

*scudi* for each two *scudi* of fees paid; they take upon themselves the restoration of the aforementioned church at their own expense, and will remove any and all obstacles so that the interdict of the *Sacra Visita Apostolica* will be lifted.

The undersigned, as deputies of the aforementioned association, ask, in the name of all the members, that the most revered Chapter will grant them the requested emphyteusis.

*Gaspare Can. del Bufalo*

Miss. Ap.

*Vincenzo Severini*

Treasurer

3685

Msgr. Gregorio Muccioli

Bishop of Agatopoli

Rome

Most illustrious and reverend sir

Canons Giuseppe Zampetti and Giuseppe Monteverde petition your most illustrious and reverend lordship to deign to erect in the church of S. Giacomo the Pious Union under the title of the most Precious Blood, so as to call souls back to the contemplation of the Crucified Lord; that etc.

[there is no signature]

Canon Father Gregorio Muccioli in S. Nicola in Carcere<sup>28</sup>

3686

Fr. Pietrantonio Verardi

Lenola

Dear Canon<sup>29</sup>

Please give the enclosed to the postman or messenger, and immediately. Two for Ferentino, one for Betti etc. Pray etc.

*G. C. del Buf.*

3687

October 10, 1823

Cardinal Luigi Ercolani

Rome

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<sup>28</sup> The petition is not that of Muccioli but rather made to him as President of the Archconfraternity of the most Precious Blood. Probably this petition, which pertains to the founding of the Pious Union of the most Precious Blood in Spello, belongs to August of 1820. Cfr. the letter (n. 316) of August 12, 1820 to Canon Zampetti in Spello.

<sup>29</sup> There is no address, but this was found among the letters to Father Pietrantonio Verardi in Lenola.

Your Eminence<sup>30</sup>

The nuns of the venerable monastery of the Sacred Family in Sezze humbly petition your most reverend Eminence to procure for them an extraordinary subsidy in order to carry out the construction of the parlor<sup>31</sup> which is so necessary in a pious place which is caring for both civil and Christian education and also to be better able to observe the regular observance of the rule; that etc.

3688

September 6, 1824  
Cardinal Luigi Ercolani  
Rome

Promemoria<sup>32</sup>

for his Eminence Ercolani

In the monastery of the Sacred Family in Sezze there are certain large, workingtables that are to be purchased. Canon del Bufalo, the writer, has already sent word to the most reverend Treasurer so that these might be acquired for work to be done on the properties of Terracina which the *Reverenda Camera Apostolica* possesses. What is now needed is a letter of recommendation from your most reverend Eminence. The portrait would be a partial payment for the parlor which is so necessary in this monastery.

3689

February 21  
Luigi Fuschi  
Norma

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Luigi

During Lent, I shall be in Rome. I am in a hurry, because it is getting late. In Jesus Christ, I remain

Your humble servant

*G. C. del Bufalo*

M. Ap.

Rome, February 21

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<sup>30</sup> This petition in the handwriting of St. Gaspar is connected with the letter to Cardinal Luigi Ercolano dated October 10, 1823, as is specifically mentioned therein (cfr. *Epistolario II*, letter n. 778, p. 415 ).

<sup>31</sup> In IX, 195, in a different handwriting there is an estimate of the expenses for the new parlor which comes to 117 *scudi*. This estimate is dated: "Sezze, September 8, 1823".

<sup>32</sup> This promemoria is certainly connected with the letter to this same Card. Ercolani dated September 6, 1824, in which reference is made to the "large tables" just as herein.

## 3690

November 25, 1832

Perpetual legacy of Masses

Hail to the most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ

This letter, though privately composed, is one to be considered a public and sworn to document by which the undersigned, Very Reverend Father Gaspar, Canon, del Bufalo, Missionary Apostolic and Director General of the Institute of the most Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, is requested to accept a perpetual pious legacy of Masses to be celebrated annually in the venerable church of S. Paolo, belonging to that very same Institute in Albano, having the initial sum of 30 *scudi* as the customary offering, that is, 20 *scudi* in suffrage of the soul of Antonio di Pietro Angela of Albano who has so disposed in his last will, checked by Notary Antonio Valle of Albano on August 5 of this current year, and the other sum of 10 *scudi* in suffrage of the soul of his wife, Agata Arigucci. With the acceptance by the Director General of the aforementioned legacy as being of help for his Institute, he now formally accepts it with the expressed condition that everything be carried out and ordered to be effective with due canonical forms as prescribed by the Diocesan Synod, and safeguarding etc. Sworn to etc. Given in Frosinone on November 25, 1832.

Gaspare, Canon, del Bufalo, Missionary Apostolic and Director General of the Institute accepts the legacy as stated above.

Biago Valentini, Missionary, was witness to the signing.

Pietro Maria de Victoriis, Missionary, with written commission, was also a witness to the signing by the very reverend Director General.

## 3691

Fr. Vincenzo Pallotti

Rome

Dear Father Vincenzo

I would like to know whether this letter was written by you. I was able to give only five *bajocchi* to the one presenting it. The feast of the Saints is drawing close; what reply do you give me concerning the *Chiesa dei Miracoli*? Will the instructions to the peasants be activated, just as was discussed in person? This is one of the great works of the Venerable Rossi. I kiss your hands. Pray for me who is

Your humble servant

*G. C. del Bufalo*

Mis. Ap.

## 3692

February 17  
 Msgr. Gregorio Muccioli  
 Bishop of Agatopoli  
 Rome

Hail to the most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ

Venerable Monsignor and dearest brother

Here is a listing of enrollments. It appears that the necessary information is there.

Note in the book of aggregators the priest from the diocese of Norcia.

Though in a hurry, venerable Monsignor, I remain, with the most sincere esteem and affection

Your humble servant and affectionate brother

*G. C. del Bufalo*

M. Ap.

February 17

3693

Fr. Gregorio Muccioli  
 Rome  
 Dearest Canon

A couple of lines in a hurry in order to inform you that in accordance with the agreement made, I told the madame President that in regard to the matters of interest, she should contact you, so that tonight, I hope, she will be coming to see you to discuss everything with you and come to a mutual settlement. Goodbye.

Affectionately yours

*G. C. del Buf.*

3694

Msgr. Gregorio Muccioli  
 Bishop of Agatopoli  
 Rome

Hail to the most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ

Venerable Monsignor and dearest brother

1. I forgot to speak to you about our Canon Reggi to ask you to have him speak with Monsignor Mazio in order to have the Holy Father rehabilitate him etc. You will receive great merit by cooperating with this good deed. You understand me. You might also meet with the aforementioned Canon. In quite a hurry, I remain

Your humble servant and affectionate brother

*G. C. del Bufalo*

M. Ap.

3695

Msgr. Gregorio Muccioli  
Bishop of Agatopoli

Rome

Hail etc.

Dear Monsignor

The circular involved no little amount of work. To the glory of,<sup>33</sup> all is now completed. I am entrusting to you the enclosed matter. For this reason, in order to complete the work of your investigation, it will be necessary for you to draw up a listing that will indicate the altars for the respective confraternities and, where the required information is lacking, to supply me with that information so that when the opportunity arises we will be able to have it, covering the needs that arise in the future etc.

I urge you to gather the materials for the life of Monsignor Albertini as well as the matters dealing with the Lovatti situation. As for other things, *gradatim Deo opitulante*.<sup>34</sup> I remain, *in Corde Jesu Christi*<sup>35</sup>

Your humble servant and affectionate brother

G. C. d. B.

M. Ap.

Please send the enclosed to Severini

3696

July 26, 1831  
Fr. Luigi La Penna  
Sezze

Hail to the Blood of Jesus Christ

Rome, July 26, 1831<sup>36</sup>

Dear very reverend Canon

I can assure you that I would have made every effort in behalf of the cleric; but even with the help of Liparelli, my Missionary companion who unexpectedly found himself in Rome, I kept on working on the [...] and I did not see him again, which would suggest that he probably had made some provision. However, it is never the usual procedure for a young man to be

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<sup>33</sup> The word "God" is missing.

<sup>34</sup> Step by step with the helping God.

<sup>35</sup> In the heart of Jesus Christ.

<sup>36</sup> The year is uncertain, given the very seriously deteriorated condition of the letter. Where it was impossible to read the words, brackets have been substituted. The postal markings indicate "Rome" as the point of departure.

victorious in a dangerous situation. I am compassionate with him [...] for he probably had his own reasons which I was not in a position to examine.

I have a deep affection for the city of Sezze [...] which was going along with some [...] indicated to me by the Vicar General of Albano, but I do not know what the basis [...].

I urge you to take care of the pious organizations. Father Biagio [...] and, if necessary, write to him. If I can be of service to you in any other way, just give me the order. Cooperate so that those Cappelline [...] find in the usual [...] and be restored. Pray for me. With esteem, I remain

Your humble servant  
G. Can. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

3697

February 18, 1824  
Fr. Giovanni Rossi  
dell'Oratorio  
Acquaviva

Hail to the most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ

Father Giovanni<sup>37</sup>

Thank you for your letter. I hope that you had a pleasant trip. May God bless your holy designs. I am writing in a hurry while conducting a Mission. If necessary, send your reply to me in Rome. Asking you for your prayers, I remain, with esteem and respect

Your humble servant  
G. C. del Bufalo

Miss. Ap.

Lenola, February 18, 1824

3698

Msgr. Gregorio Muccioli  
Bishop of Agatopoli  
Rome

Hail to the Blood of Jesus Christ

Venerable Monsignor and dearest brother

I beg you not to forget two things. First, the constitutions for the Archconfraternity, composed by Monsignor Albertini. I will be needing them within a short while. Second, the history of the holy relics. Please excuse these many inconveniences that I give you.

I reserve to myself the writing, within a few days, of the list of questions. Finally, if you

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<sup>37</sup> Fr. Camillo Rossi made the copy of this letter.

are about to sell the wax (let this be something done because of our close friendship), the gain that the waxdealer would honestly get could rather be for the Institute's benefit, by our giving to you the amount of money that the waxdealer would give you. You might take this into consideration and, as you see fit, protecting the interests of everyone, you decide what you consider best.

While kissing your hands and asking you for many prayers, I remain  
Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

*G. C. del Bufalo*

M. Ap.

P. S. In your meetings with Butirroni, do not cease clearing his head of the many wrong notions that he has; this, for the glory of God.

Whatever place the Lord will provide for us will be open also for him, but always based on the terms pointed out to you in our recent meeting.

3699

May 7, 1831  
Fr. Candido Sertori  
Rimini

Hail to the Blood of Jesus Christ

Venerable Father Candido

Your letter was most appreciated and I simply do not know how to express how obliged I am to you for your remembrance of me, especially in your prayers which I implore you to continue always.

You must remember to give some temporal assistance, at your discretion, to our Institute, when and if you can. It is inevitable that I will be delighted with whatever you will be able to do. Otherwise, I could not handle the duties of my office with regard to our Institute. Indeed, my feelings toward you are always the same as those that I expressed to you in person.

The conduct of your family (forgiving their intentions) was not in keeping with the basic principles of direction, but directed by external considerations and nothing more. Let us leave it at that point, sufficiently aired out. In my wretchedness, I will do everything I can by praying for your welfare.

With reference to what you say to me concerning what you note about our Institute, it is not proper for me to utter a single syllable *in causa propria*<sup>38</sup>. Let the facts speak for themselves and on every occasion we will say: "*Bonum mihi quia humiliasti me*".<sup>39</sup> Finally, do not cease working zealously for the glory of God; while advancing in our sacred career, we are to

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<sup>38</sup> In your own cause.

<sup>39</sup> It is good for me, because you humiliated me.

remember to be energetic just as God wishes us to be. What, after all, is the priesthood? Oh what an ineffable dignity!

Give my greetings to the superior of the orphan girls and to anyone else who remembers me. *Gratia Dei nobiscum*.<sup>40</sup> With esteem, respect and gratitude, I remain

[there is no signature]<sup>41</sup>

3700

March 15, 1832  
Fr. Pio Martinucci  
Rome

Hospice of S. Galla, March 15, 1832

Dear Father Pio Martinucci

At the meeting held on March 12, you have been admitted among the workers of the Pious Union, dedicated to the care of the poor of S. Galla. This writer, Canon del Bufalo, Missionary apostolic, as the secretary of the aforementioned Union, in conveying to you this information, has the pleasure of offering himself as your most humble, devoted and obliged servant.

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<sup>40</sup> The grace of God be with us.

<sup>41</sup> Besides the declaration, made by Archpriest Candido Sertori, of its conformity to the original, this letter is also accompanied by a "Memorandum" of Mariano Giammarchi, a Canon in the cathedral of Pesaro, in which an affirmation is made that the signature of St. Gaspar "was cut away by the aforementioned Sertori so that he could give it to a person for devotional purposes". Furthermore, it also states that this letter of St. Gaspar is "in reply to a letter written to him by Sertori himself; that the Venerable, in his remarks, speaks of a donation which the parents of Sertori must have made to the Institute because the boarding costs paid were quite scanty; also, he alludes to a report made to him by Sertori, in behalf of his companions in the boardingschool, relating to one of their teachers who was without manner in his teaching". As for the period of time which Sertori spent in the boardingschool, cfr. X, 276277; 284285.