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2551

July 12, 1833
Fr, Pietro Spina
Frosinone per Vallecorsa¹

Hail to the Divine Blood

Esteemed D. Pietro

You shall celebrate the 10 Masses with privileged altar. Send back to me the usual document.
In the meantime, I shall procure others.

Up to now I have not seen the small missal.
As soon as you are settled, write to me. I am
Your humble servant
G. C. del Bufalo
M. Ap.

Rome, July 13, 1833

2552

July 14, 1833
Demetrio Perciballi
Veroli

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Demetrio

I hope that God has blessed the holy Retreat. In Frosinone, where I shall be within a few days, I shall await results about the cloth to see whether it will be workable.

As I move on now to get to the Province, I am very obliged to you and with esteem and respect, I renew myself as

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant
G. C. del Bufalo
Mis. Ap.

Rome, July 14, 1833

2553

July 14, 1833
Msgr. Antonio Begni
Bishop of Montefeltro
Pennabilli

*Christus dilexit nos, et lavit nos in Sanguine Suo*²

Venerable Monsignor

Father Antonio Liparelli, Missionary and President in our House in Rimini, has been

¹ The posterior half-sheet for this letter which has the address reproduced here, comes from the Cart. dAarch. See Additional Biographical Data: Spina (Letters).

² Christ loved us and washed us in his blood.

instructed already to get in touch with you in order to quickly move toward settling the Retreat and the extraordinary visitation of your monasteries; he will write to you in reference to the method for the appointments.

With regard to the foundation in Pennabilli, I have learned nothing more. In everything, it will depend on the will of God. Asking you for your prayers, as I kiss your hands, I am and will constantly be, with esteem and respect

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Rome, July 14 , 1833

2554

July 14, 1833

Luigi Fuschi Norma

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Luigi

*Laus Deo*³ for the great work that you described to me in detail in your recent very kind letter. and, praise be to the price of our redemption.

I always retain the most vivid recollection of you and the work that you are promoting there. Oh what good fortune for us to cooperate in the great designs of a most lovable God! Who knows, in time, the Lord may call our Institute to Norma!

The one hundred Masses will be said at a privileged altar.

Pray a lot for me. I am and will constantly be, with esteem, respect and affection

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Rome, July 14, 1833

2555

July 14, 1833

Carlo Marani

Cereto

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Carlo

Here is the reply in regard to the aggregation of the *Compagnia del Suffragio*. If there are any doubts, you are to contact the Primicerio of the Confraternity in Rome. In regard to Missions, this is the great work being done in our times.

If God so wills it, here I am. Otherwise, I, myself, would be able to suggest an economical method, always safeguarding respect for all. While recommending to you the pious organizations etc., I remain, with esteem and respect

³ Praise God.

Your devoted servant
G. C. del Bufalo
 M. Ap.
 Rome, July 14, 1833

2556

Middle of July 1833
 Fr. Pietro Butti
 Alatri

Hail to the Blood of Jesus Christ

Most esteemed Canon⁴

Please see that in Guarcino I get a letter from you in which you assure me, as well as my companion, of all the faculties of the synod. Furthermore, the *Capo Liceat*, and finally the special faculties which the Monsignor has, and, if possible, a copy should be sent. You convey my proper obeisance to the Curia. I am in a hurry.

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

Check with the bishop to see whether he permits us to hear the confessions of the nuns who wish to do so, etc.. He might want to give them a conference.

2557

July 22, 1833
 Antonio Sarto
 Mola di Gaeta

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Antonio

With pleasure did I see your handwriting again and I understand everything that you mention in your very kind letter.

In regard to your excellent sons, even though they may be of age, they are not yet ready for studies. In addition to being of canonical age, they must progress further in their study and in such a way that they are prepared well in the sacred sciences. Therefore, in all sincerity, I must tell you that I have come to the practical conclusion that young men from the Kingdom, because of the matter of patrimonies, would do better to come into our Society at least after the subdiaconate, when that has been carried out; otherwise, they would have to travel to the Institute and then return to legalize their patrimonies; this would be a most inconvenient thing for the young men. Others from that diocese have had to suffer this inevitable difficulty.

To this, we must add that the present bishop⁵ does not grant dimissorials for ordination to

⁴ This letter has no date. St. Gaspar was in Guarcino for the Mission in March of 1824 (three Missionaries and a Brother, cfr. *Epistolario*, III, p. 32) as well as for a Retreat to the people and the nuns at the end of July of 1833. It appears from the content of this letter that it would fit best under this second occasion. Thus, we date the letter: Middle of July, 1833 .

⁵ Msgr. Luigi Parisio.

another bishop whoever he may be. So, I repeat that it is necessary to come to this conclusion: the young men are under the government of the bishop and, as you surmise, in due time and as they retain their vocation, they will come to us. You can see very well that this procedure is not dependent on me but on the circumstances. A certain Cardillo, for example, had to return to his diocese and, after becoming a priest, he returned to the Institute, something which the bishop did not forbid since he was most affectionate toward our Society.

Time passes very quickly and those things that are delayed are not lost. I hope that, in your good judgment, you will be persuaded of this entire situation. When I spoke to you, I did not find myself at that time challenged yet by what I have indicated and expressed above.

Take good care of yourself; nourish great devotion to the Divine Blood; let us do good work and let us become saints. With esteem and respect, I remain, in Jesus Christ crucified

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Frosinone, July 22, 1833

P. S. When necessary, send your letters to "Rome".

2558

July 22, 1833

Domenico Atonio Gagliardi

Castelforte

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed sir

I am sending a reply to your very kind letter. With exultation did I learn that the devotion to the great Xavier is being promoted so well, and I give thanks to Almighty God for the efficacious zeal that the Lord is granting to you.

In Rome, I shall order the crucifix, the rosaries, concerning which you wrote to me and I will see that you get them.

In regard to your nephew, it will be necessary, because of patrimonial taxes in the Kingdom, for him to first become a priest in the diocese and then come to us. Furthermore, you probably know that the bishop, himself, wishes to ordain his own diocesan men. So, things have to be done that way. A certain Cardillo, and a few others, had to return to the diocese to work out their patrimony and at the same time to settle the method of their ordination. So, I simply must advise you in this way. Once he has become a priest, I repeat, the bishop will not prevent him from coming to the Institute which he loves so much.

I am not able to tell you just when my travel will take me to Benevento. For the time being, it is not in view. Then, too, it is not that easy to set times for the appointments of carriages. Still, I shall look for the opportunity to see you again. I hope it will be so, in particular, in order to venerate the great Xavier. Thus, let us pray to this very dear Saint for a House in that area. I send back to you greetings from Bartolomeo. With esteem, I remain

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap .

Frosinone, July 22, 1833

2559

July 25, 1833
Fr. Domenico Costantini
Poggio Mirteto

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Archpriest

I must know whether it is agreeable for the Mission there to be set for Sunday, the 1st of September. Please be kind enough to send me a line or so quickly to Frosinone. Though in a hurry, I remain, with esteem

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Frosinone, July 25, 1833

2560

July 28, 1833
Fr. Vincenzo Buzzolini
Pescosolido

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed archpriest

I had not forgotten about your Mission, but I did not expect the precision that you submitted. So, in acknowledgment of the will of God, I have already contacted Sabina in order to find out whether a delay is admissible there or a possible substitution for the tasks given to me by his Eminence Giustiniani. As soon as I get a reply, I will see that you are informed. Realize that the appointments made for Sabina were previously set; in addition to this, our Institute is obliged to give first service to those places where we have foundations or where an installation is being considered. I would be able to give you a different solution if you had made a general request for workers of our Institute. In an extreme case, after I have received that response, I will, starting now, try to set another time. In the meanwhile, reflect at the foot of the Crucified. You can be certain that my heart is like a ship, battered here and there. God sees my desires. Let us offer prayers. With esteem and respect, I remain

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspare Can. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Frosinone, for forwarding, July 28, 1833

2561

July 29, 1833
Fr. Pietro Butti
Alatri

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Canon

During my stay in Guarcino, the glory of God suggests that you do not come to the monastery. It is my true friendship for you that induces me to write to you in this way. In seeing your coming, someone might say something which is not so. Pray for me. With esteem and very special affection, I remain

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

July 29, 1833

P. S. You already know what I am referring to. I shall write to you from Frosinone.

2562

July 31, 1833

Demetrio Perciballi

Veroli

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Demetrio

I am writing from Guarcino where I am about to close the Retreat and extraordinary visitation for these nuns. I am sending a reply to your very kind letter which was forwarded to me here. As soon as I return to Frosinone, I shall see about the vesture; for this I give you my heartfelt gratitude. I would have liked to have gotten some material for a *parato in terzo*;⁶ however, one must be patient.

With reference to the cost, if the person involved is not poor and is happy with three *scudi*, it is to be pointed out that one must be in agreement with a pious objective and with the Institute involved; its expenses are not few in number. So, I hope that the person will be content with three *scudi*. However, if the one giving the vesture is a poor person, then I am not the one to make the decision, thus avoiding anxieties. Very openly, tell me what I should do. I shall be awaiting your letters in Frosinone, and I will send you the money immediately.

With regret did I learn of the sickness of your wife. I shall not fail to recommend her to God. I find her to be in a state for gaining great merit, as I see the same for you. May you increase your merits both by advancing the plan for our Institute as well as looking after the holy Oratory which I found to be so well animated in Guarcino.

I give hearty thanks to you for the lodging that you provided for my companions, *et Dominus retribuet pro me in benedictionibus dulcedinis*.⁷

Finally, I ask you to extend my best wishes to the most reverend bishop whom I greet in a special way, as also to his brother and to others whom you think of. Let us continue to be zealous in behalf of the cult to the sacred images of the most holy Mary. Asking you for your prayers, I remain, with esteem and respect

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

⁶ A church hanging.

⁷ And the Lord will repay on my behalf with sweet blessings.

G. C. del Bufalo
 Mis. Ap.
 July 31, 1833

2563

July 31 , 1833
 Luigi De Angelis
 Rieti

*Christus dilexit nos, et lavit nos in Sanguine Suo*⁸

Most esteemed Luigi

I have received your most appreciated letter, and, though engaged in the ministry, I am now sending you a reply.

With regard to the association which you are thinking about, just so I am not mistaken about the fulfillment of your desires, permit me to have a talk with you in person on the occasion of the holy Mission. The delay is minimal and the work will be carried out more methodically. In the meantime, I shall hold on to your paper.

In reference to the *Via Crucis*, if I am not in error, all that I need to have is either the copy of the original erection or a document showing that it was previously obtained. Then, I shall speak to the Franciscan Fathers to see whether a new petition will be required. You, yourself, could investigate this in Rieti if you so wish. Likewise, it seems to me that another one was erected along the roadside, unless I am mistaken, and this is another factor to be investigated. Please keep me informed on this matter so that all can be done with regularity, even if I myself will have to re-copy the petition, if necessary.

From all indications, it appears that the Mission has been definitely set for around the middle of September. I already have complete understanding with his Eminence Giustiniani. Let me know what your ideas are. Awaiting your prompt reply addressed to Rome so that it can be quickly forwarded, I am and will constantly be, with esteem

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

July 31, 1833

P. S. I have received another of your letters. Have no doubt the Mission will be concluded even before September 27th.

With regard to the temporal interests, there is the income from the Lenten preaching which was held off or suspended in favor of the Mission. Should I say something to the Cardinal? Write to "Rome".

I know about Monsignor Ferretti. Pray for me and for the upcoming Mission.

2564

End of July 1833
 Fr. Vincenzo Ceccacci

⁸ Christ loved us and washed us in his blood.

Guarcino

Most esteemed Canon⁹

I did not know that today you would be on hand to support the meeting of the members and I was unaware of what I later learned from the members themselves. So, please do not attribute to a lack of respect the fact that I was not able to stay. In the meantime, I do renew my feelings of esteem and gratitude as

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

2565

Beginning of August, 1833

Fr. Pietro Butti

Alatri

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Canon

At the earliest possible time, I shall try to be in Frosinone; my stay there will be dependent on letters I receive and on situations. Speaking generally, I am most affectionate toward our locale of St. Xavier as well as toward the people there who are cooperating so well; I shall remain a bit longer than what would be allowed for me. Once I have gotten to Frosinone, more precise decisions will be made. Particular greetings to Canon Tarulli.

I am also very happy here about the Oratory of St. Francis Xavier, and we give thanks to God for this. You should continue to be insistent, using your zealous efforts toward this holy establishment.

I am thinking about the vocation of the one recommended by you, and, in keeping with regulations which I have learned, it appears to me that it is from God.

In my wretchedness, I am praying for you, assured of your charity. In Jesus Christ crucified, I remain, with esteem, respect and very special affection

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Guarcino¹⁰

2566

August 4, 1833

⁹ This letter does not have a date. As is evident from the text, it was written from Guarcino. St. Gaspar was in Guarcino for a Mission in March of 1824 and for a Retreat to the people and the nuns around the end of July of 1833. It seems that this letter should be assigned to this latter date. In fact, in it mention is made of the "meeting of the members" of the St. Francis Xavier group. That could relate only to 1833. The letter was delivered by hand.

¹⁰ This letter does not have a date. St. Gaspar was in Guarcino for the ministry in March 1824 (Mission) and at the end of July of 1833 (Retreat to the nuns). This letter is to be assigned to 1833 because, in that year, St. Gaspar went to Frosinone "at the earliest possible time", that is, August 6th, whereas in 1824, after the ministry, he went on to Sora. Furthermore, the context of this letter, when compared to the letters (nos. 2561 and 2568) to Butti of July 29, 1833 and to Ceccacci of August 7th, pertains to 1833.

Demetrio Perciballi
Veroli

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Demetrio

Always fully obliged to you, I ask you to take care of the few devotional materials enclosed. I recommend to you, in your charity, the pious organizations; also, work along with Canon Crescenzi for our foundation, desired there in that city.

With esteem and respect, I remain
Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Frosinone, August 4¹¹

Please distribute the enclosed materials.

2567

August 6, 1833
Demetrio Perciballi
Veroli

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Demetrio

If I did not acknowledge your outstanding kindness, I would not have dared to send you our excellent Father Giovanni Chiodi who, within a short time, will be coming to Veroli and then, quickly afterwards, return to Frosinone. I am consigning to him the three *scudi* so that whoever it is who is donating the vesture will accordingly be contented.

I hope that your wife is feeling better. Pray for me. With esteem, respect and gratitude, I remain

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Frosinone, August 6, 1833

2568

August 7, 1833
Fr. Vincenzo Ceccacci
Guarcino

Hail to the Divine Blood

Venerable Canon

In a large package, I am sending you four images of most holy Mary of great veneration. The casting, unknown to me, was dedicated to me. Of these images, one is to go to de Paolis who will take care of getting a frame and then placing it on a public roadway, to be venerated at an appropriate place. Another one is for de Caesaris, with the same objective, with you reminding him

¹¹ The year has to be 1833.

of the use it is to be put to, namely, to expose it on a public roadway at a different location. In this way, devotion to most holy Mary will be promoted. With a burning lamp there, to be supplied by the neighboring inhabitants, the darkness of the night will be alleviated. The other two were requested by the sacristan of the Oratory, Carlo Faraone. They are to be placed in two locations which he knows about. You might call them to come together and then make the consignment to them, keeping in mind what I have said above.

The two hymnals that I am sending, please give to the assistant to the President and at the same time Secretary of the brethren of the St. Francis Xavier Oratory; they are for the use of that Oratory. The other things that you asked me to get for you I shall be sending you providing that you all continue to recommend me to the Lord. I ask that you continuously call the members to meetings and stimulate all of the pious works in keeping with the sacred plans with which you are so involved and which you have so zealously animated.

Greeting to the Archpriest; urge him to support the sisters of charity and the recitation of the Chaplet of the Divine Blood, in keeping with what was established. Give my best wishes to Canon Patriarca who, at the earliest possibility, will revive the Sacconi. Extend to all my sentiments of esteem and respect, as we always maintain a holy union of charity in the adorable Heart of Jesus Christ.

The cross erected for the Mission should be varnished. See that this is done as soon as possible. The visitation there is to be made on September 14th. In whatever way I can be of help, just give me the order. Let us join together to work for the glory of God, the only object of the desires of our hearts.

Pay a special visit to Conte and to the nuns, assuring all of them of my remembrance of them in the holy sacrifice of the Mass, as I also pray for the health of Conte so that it will be prosperous for the glory of God, to whom we must dedicate all of our activities, just as the outstanding Conte Celani does.

Remind me of anything else in person; and if there is anything at all that I may have forgotten, all you have to do is give me that reminder.

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

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Frosinone, August 7, 1833

2569

August 9, 1833

Fr. Vincenzo Ceccacci

Guarcino

Hail to the Divine Blood

Venerable Vicar

I am sending a crucifix which is to be given to a member of the Oratory who did the singing for the *svegliarini*, when I was there. It is not the one who is the turner, but another fellow of middle age, somewhat stocky. I hope I have made myself clear. In a hurry, I remain

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo
 M. Ap.
 Frosinone, August 9, 1833

2570

August 10, 1833
 Fr. Pietro Ferrante
 Ripi

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Father Pietro

What you say about preaching is all very good. Celebrate or have someone celebrate the ten Masses, with the offering of 15 and we are all even. I will be awaiting the *baiocchi* each, regular document citing the name and surname, the day, month and year as well as the church where the Mass was celebrated, with the one who celebrates the Mass writing to me. It will be necessary to have that document by the end of August, or at the latest, the second or third of September. Pray for me, I am

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Frosinone, August 10, 1822

2571

August 11, 1833
 Student Fr. Antonio Sebastianelli
 S. Felice in Giano

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Father Antonio

As soon as you are able to celebrate Masses for the Institute, please inform me and I will send them to you. I give you my thanks for your affection and remembrance of our great society. I have always taken care of your traveling expenses.

With regard to the Cattaneo in the library, I cannot permit any change. The possessions of our Institute are untouchable. I will get it for you.

Nor can I permit your trip to Spoleto until the return of Father Beniamino. Upon his return, I will send you instructions. I would be happy if you could supply otherwise, without making that trip. Protect yourself from the climate as best as you can. Otherwise, write to me again. I do not have disposable a used cassock. I ask you to abide by the regulations in the House of Studies during the present year and up to the time of my visit to S. Felice. Give a good example of virtue, encourage good work, make your priesthood glorious. In Jesus Christ crucified, I remain

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

House in Frosinone, August 11, 1833

Send your correspondence always to "Rome".

For the explanation of philosophy, attend without writing, etc.¹²

2572

August 11, 1833
Fr. Carlo Giorgi
Genazzano

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Father Carlo

My return to Rome has been delayed. As soon as I get there I shall send you word. Tell Father Francesco Manselle that even though I am swamped by an immense number of things dealing with the ministry, nevertheless, as soon as I arrive in Rome, I shall send the 6,70 *scudi* addressed to this same priest for the altar of St. Francis Xavier. Let us always remain with each other in the adorable Heart of Jesus Christ where I am and will constantly be

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

House in Frosinone, August 11, 1833

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

2573

August 11, 1833
Demetrio Perciballi
Veroli

Hail to the Blood of Jesus Christ

Most esteemed Demetrio

I have several candle holders to be silver-plated and I know that in Veroli there is a person who is very skilled at this work. I would have the usual person do this, but, this time I would like to try someone who has this ability in that city. So, it will be necessary for you to send me a man from there with a pack-animal and a basket for transporting them. Let me know how much I should give to this man for the transportation. As soon as you get your hands on these candle holders, you will proceed to work out discreetly a contract as soon as possible. I am trusting in your charity and zeal. It is understood that they are to be silver-plated with false silver. However, I would like to have them done well and durable. Insist on the most economical terms. Please, excuse my many and repeated inconveniences to you. I am enclosing the booklet of the Fridays in honor of St. Xavier which are observed by the Oratory on the ten Fridays before the feast of the Saint in December. I am ready to serve you at any request whatever.

Your humble devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Frosinone, August 11, 1833

¹² This paragraph is found on the fourth siding, near the place of the address.

2574

August 13, 1833
 Madre Abbadessa
 Monastero della Purificazione
 Rome

Hail to the Divine Blood

Venerable Mother Abbess

In the act of ministry, I am sending you quickly an answer to your short note.

I am in Rome for the 25th of August. If the Day of Recollection could be arranged for the 30th or 31st of August, I would be able to help you; however, on the 1st Friday of September I will be, God willing, on a Mission in Poggio Mirteto. If I do not hear from you again, it will mean that you have provided otherwise; at any rate, send a couple of lines to my house. Pray for me. Give my regards to the Community, and recommend me to their prayers in common.

I am in Christ Jesus Crucified with esteem and respect

Your humble, devoted, obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

House at Frosinone, August 13, 1833

2575

August 14, 1833
 Fr. Pietro Ferrante
 Ripi

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Father Pietro

I am wholeheartedly compassionate for you in your distress; but, by forgiving our neighbor, as charity teaches us to do, how helpful it is to repeat: "*Propter te mortificamur tota die*".¹³ So, be courageous; you must never allow it to happen that you, because of sufferings, should ever leave off doing good or lessening your fervor in carrying it out. Rather, let us say: "*Superabundo gaudio in omni tribulatione*".¹⁴

After all this, I attribute to a real forgetfulness on the part of the most reverend bishop the matter that you gave me in detail and I have already directed the one involved as to how to handle the situation in order to bring it to a happy ending. Trust in God who is wonderful in his works, and be assured that even if a particular means may be lacking on the one hand, he will provide others. If necessary, let us keep up our letter-correspondence. Try to discover all the other plausible means which will be productive of peace, for this, too, is very much in keeping with the glory of God. I am constantly

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

¹³ Because of you we mortify ourselves all day.

¹⁴ With superabundant joy in every tribulation.

Frosinone, August 14, 1833

P. S. I am sending the booklet of the ten Fridays in honor of St. Xavier leading to his feastday on December 3rd. Promote this devotion fervently. These booklets are very scarce.

2576

August 14, 1833

Msgr. Nicola Mattei

Bishop of Camerino

Camerino

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

Venerable Monsignor

With this most humble letter of mine, I want to assure you that no order at all has been issued by the Treasury which authorizes Abate Froscioni to demand the income from the Congregation of Cases. If, what you have written to me is so, in a way that there seems to suggest a presumption of an involuntary error, then there is no validity to what is indicated. So, allow me to consider with you the following items:

1. The arrangement for the income for the moral cases was set up with the representatives of our Mission House at almost the very beginning of our installation in Pievetorina.

2. The arrangement was contracted at the time when the now-deceased beloved Cardinal Cristaldi was the Treasurer.

3. When doubts were raised, I myself sought from your most reverend excellency the proper faculties, and they are still being used, as well as a rendering of accounts to the Sacred Congregation of the Council.

4. Since you have the faculty, why do you not give the *auditis*; or, if you yourself are unable to participate in this, why do you not deputize someone whom you judge to be fit?

5. De Victoriis, for almost three years, occupied himself in writing on this matter and nothing was decided. Father Beniamino has replaced him and neither has he seen any resolution of the problem. What are the Missionaries and the Institute to do? Pray to God and ask you to make a decision as the Lord inspires you to do. We, who are lovers of peace and of charity, will only say *Amen* to whatever decision you make. I shall contact the Sacred Congregation and give a reply concerning the use of the faculties obtained and this will end the entire affair which, because it has been dragged out so long, is a source of agitation; the devil seizes this opportunity for delaying the good work itself. It was not a prudent procedure on the part of the one who examined the letters in Cammerino to declare his own opinion, while the solution to the problem was pending. However, on that point, there is little more to be noted. We are all wretched creatures and only charity keeps everything balanced out. I recognize all the responsibilities that you have, but I must ask you to commit this matter to someone who will be able to give the *auditis*. Once this has been resolved, one can devote oneself *pro veritate et iustitia*,¹⁶ and this is what all of us ardently desire, even for the legacies which, I believe, remain suspended.

6. If you come to the judgment that the Institute is in error, then say so frankly; it would,

¹⁵ Christ loved us and washed us in his blood.

¹⁶ For truth and justice.

however, be something altogether involuntary on its part. The same people in Pievetorina have prepared the papers for you.

7. So, I do not know (while pardoning everyone's intentions) whether this is to be the correct way of handling the situation, I speak only from ecclesiastical training, with respect to those who are working for its maintenance, even supplying from their own means. However, for our most beloved Jesus to give all is very little. I am speaking of some of the individuals in Pievetorina. I know that you are very busy with the Synod. Oh how I would appreciate your reporting of the paragraph from the Synod of Ancona presented by his Eminence Nembrini with regard to the association of the Apostles for the clergy.

Do not bother sending a reply to this most humble letter of mine. I am desirous, if God so pleases, to see you in person, whenever economical considerations will afford me that opportunity. I kiss your hands and ask you for your prayers, and with the deepest feeling of reverence, esteem and very special affection, most reverend excellency, I am and will constantly be

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

House in Frosinone, August 14, 1833

"Send your letters to Rome".

2577

August 15, 1833

Msgr. Giuseppe Costantini

Vicar General of S. Salvatore Maggiore

Dear Monsignor

I ask you please to expedite the enclosed matter quickly. More will be supplied by Paoletti; de Angelis wishes to have me come for the Mission in Concerviano, as will be better explained through the mail. I shall have the pleasure of seeing you again etc. I kiss your hands and I remain

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Rome, August 15¹⁷

I hope soon to speak with the Cardinal about you etc.

2578

August 16, 1833

Demetrio Perciballi

Veroli

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Demetrio

I am sending the candle holders and other things to be silver-plated in accordance with my previous letter which I hope you have received. Let me know what the cost will be, and, I ask you to

¹⁷ The year is 1833 as is evident from the reference to the Mission in Concerviano.

make every effort to do this with the greatest possible economy. It will be necessary for the artisan to place a bronze crucifix on the cross and to make iron pieces fit for the candles and the small pans. Please excuse me for giving you so many repeated inconveniences. In Jesus Christ crucified, I remain

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspare C. del Bufalo

M. A.

Frosinone, August 16, 1833

2579

August 18, 1833

Demetrio Perciballi

Veroli

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dear Demetrio

I am enclosing 20 *baiocchi*, if I am not mistaken, which are to be given to the man who delivered the candleholders. I am immensely obliged to you.

I do not cease nor will I cease praying for your wife whom I urge to be courageous. What is there to fear? Are we not in the hands of the divine immensity? You, too, should be courageous. In the adorable cross of Jesus Christ, our Savior, I am and will constantly be, with esteem

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspare C. del Bufalo

M. A.

Frosinone, August 18, 1833

P. S. Send your correspondence either to Rome or, for forwarding, to our Mission House in Frosinone. Greetings to Canon Crescenzi and Canon Quattrociochi etc.

2580

August 21, 1833

Msgr. Giuseppe Costantini

Vicar General of S. Salvatore Maggiore

*Christus dilexit nos, et lavit nos in Sanguine Suo*¹⁸

In reference to your niece, she is to govern herself as she judges best in the Lord. For quite some time now and for the most part, nuns have been very disposed toward perfection through the common life and I have not overlooked any means for bringing about the successful outcome of this procedure. However, the bishop has not given it his approval as of now. I said that at least the Novitiate might grow with life in common; everything would be accomplished if the bishop would go along with the principle. Concerning this latter, since I have not had the time to speak with the bishop, I left the task in the hands of the nuns who are most concerned about perfection through life in common. Your niece herself will experience everything as she proceeds to Guarcino. I have found your niece to be well-adapted for that monastery. I do not know what more I can say.

¹⁸ Christ loved us and washed us in his blood.

Here is the story concerning the arrangements for Concerviano. I was given to think that the climate in that part of the year would not permit the giving of a Mission in August and that it would be better to defer it. In checking this matter I contacted de Angelis in order to get a bit of information pertinent to that locale. Later, after discussion with his most reverend Eminence, it was decided the time would be around the middle of September, as Curate Mariantsanti will better explain to his most reverend Eminence. At that time, when only introducing the Retreat, I knew nothing about your niece. She made her intentions known to me when it was her turn or round during the extraordinary visitation.

Your letters to me should be addressed to "Rome". I kiss your hands, and, with esteem and respect, I remain

Your Humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Mission and Retreat House in Sonnino, August 21, 1833

2581

August 22, 1833

Msgr. Antonio Begni

Bishop of Montefeltro

Pennabilli

*Christus dilexit nos, et lavit nos in Sanguine Suo*¹⁹

Venerable Monsignor

In reply to your most appreciated letter I say to you that you will be greatly influential in the interests of divine glory if, making use of the authority which the Lord has granted to you, you give prompt and full execution to the sovereign's rescript, which does not admit any exception, because of the situations which have arisen and which presage the great good that is to be promoted in behalf of those souls, especially in these most unhappy times in which we find ourselves.

With regard to the method of taking possession, I, shall not depart from your counsel which, I do not doubt, is intended to give a canonical basis to the Lord's Society in such a way that no exceptions will follow later nor questions arise in the future, something which I feel will not occur. The only thing I ask is that, at least *in globo*,²⁰ shall I say, *et quoad substantiam*,²¹ you specify for me just what the understanding is of the following expressions found, as of now, in the rough copy:

1. *Tecta sint omnia jura tum nostrae Cathedralis, tum Paroeciae S. Christophori in Congregationis fundatione statuta.*²² 2. It would be necessary to indicate, when reference is made to the Institute, the notion of perpetuity with greater clarity, and the installation *juxta regulas Instituti*.²³

¹⁹ Christ loved us and washed us in his blood.

²⁰ In a body.

²¹ As to things substantial.

²² May all the rights both of our Cathedral and of the Parish of St. Christopher, established in the founding of the Congregation, be protected.

²³ According to the rules of the Institute.

3. It would be a good idea to report the agreements made between the Fathers of the Oratory and the Cathedral and the parochial church.

Finally, the term *regendum tradimus*²⁴ should be inserted in order to avoid, perhaps, some litigation with regard to funds. Therefore, please have them send me the new copy of the decree. I kiss your hands and, while asking you for your prayers, I am and will constantly be with reverence

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

Mission and Retreat House in Sonnino, August 22, 1833

P. S. Your letters to "Rome".

2582

August 29, 1833

Fr. Luigi Locatelli

Terracina

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Canon

Not the Missionaries but the Commune of Sonnino submitted the petition to the Holy Father, requesting the installation of our Society so as only to receive the subsidy which had been set from the time of the Passionist Fathers and which, in the meantime, formed the basis for the means of their subsistence in Sonnino. So, you are in error in a couple of ways, both in thinking that the Missionaries are planning to regain the income granted to your monastery and that they are capable of seizing or using the income due to you. Only out of a duty in conscience are they seeking the 6,50 *scudi* for the terrain, improperly sold by you, which is within our property.

My principles of action are always the same. I would be happy to have you continue the pious works of the Oratory in Terracina as well as other things that were so pleasing to our now-deceased Albertini. While asking you for your prayers, I remain, with esteem and respect

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Rome, August 29, 1833

P. S. Furthermore, I can assure you that I have calmed down the souls of those who felt some distress with the transferral of income from Sonnino to Terracina; and that, even if the Institute was not there; no restlessness should exist in Sonnino or anywhere, except where God would will it to be.

2583

August 1833

Fr. Carlo Giorgi

Genazzano

²⁴ We hand on what needs to be directed.

Dear Father Carlo²⁵

I shall be writing to you in a future ordinary mail-delivery.

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

If you have the opportunity, please send someone, who happens to be coming to Rome, to come to my place. Special thanks to you and to the Augustinian Fathers.

2584

September 2, 1833

Fr. Rafaelle Rosati

Cesena

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Father Rafaelle

With sorrow did I learn of the death of your wonderful brother and I have not failed to offer holy Mass for him. Also, I wrote of this to Father Biagio. What a great time for all of us is that last moment of death!

As much as I can, I praise the firmness with which you regard your vocation and I am convinced that you will remain in the Institute as a matter of principle.

Please remind me of anything that I may have forgotten. Asking you for your prayers, I remain, with particular esteem

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Rome, September 2, 1833

2585

September 2, 1833

Student Fr. Antonio Sebastianelli

S. Felice in Giano

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Father Antonio

I ask you to keep writing your Dogma and Moral until the time of vacation, and give good example of virtue with your docility. I hope that you will do me this favor that I am asking you.

I have supplied you with the works of Cattaneo and the cost comes to three *scudi*. Let us be in agreement on everything.

Pray for me. In Jesus Christ crucified, I remain

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

²⁵ This letter has no date. From the postal marking it is evident that it was sent from Rome. Comparing it with letters (Nos. 2550, 2572 and 2590) to this same person dated July 13, 1833, August 11, 1833 and September 6, 1833, it appears that this letter should be placed between the letters of August 11 and September 6.

Rome, September 2, 1833

2586

September 2, 1833
 Mother Maria Teresa Cherubina
 Monastery of the Buon Consiglio
 Cori

*Christus dilexit nos, et lavit nos in Sanguine Suo*²⁶

Very reverend Mother Abbess

I have received your most appreciated letter. In reply, I say that during September, I will be able to tell you what is needed. Simply let me know whether it is a question of a Retreat alone or whether it is a Retreat combined with an extraordinary visitation. In the first instance, it would be sufficient to have eight days; in the second case, there would be need for 15.

Very reverend Mother Abbess, pray to the Lord for me. With esteem and respect, I remain
 Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Rome, September 2, 1833

2587

September 2, 1833
 Fr. Luigi Locatelli
 Terracina

Hail to the Divine Blood

Venerable Canon

Within a few days, Merlini will be in Sonnino. I have given him directions to have a meeting with you so as to peacefully settle and clarify, *pro veritate et justitia*,²⁷ the problem of the terrain. We are to seek nothing more than the glory of God in all things. In Jesus Christ crucified, I remain, with esteem, respect and affection

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Rome, September 2, 1833

2588

September 2, 1833
 Fr. Pietro Spina
 Terracina per Sonnino

Hail to the Divine Blood

Esteemed Fr. Pietro

²⁶ Christ loved us and washed us in his blood.

²⁷ For truth and justice.

As soon as you receive this humble letter of mine, it will be necessary for you to change places with Fr. Giovanni Merlini. So, take the little burro that you have there and, accompanied by Vincenzo, go quickly to Sermoneta. Merlini, using the same means of travel, will be going to Sonnino. I beg you to hurry.

With esteem and respect, consider me in J.C. Crucified as

Your humble, devoted, obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Rome, September 2, 1833²⁸

P. S. I have just received the notification for the Masses, and all is very well. Since there is a Retreatant there, as soon as he has left, change places with Merlini, as I have said. If he has gone already, go now. Tell Fr. Vincenzo that I shall write to him.

2589

September 5, 1833

Luigi De Agelis

Concerviano²⁹

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Luigi

Here I am already at the holy Mission in Poggio Mirteto and I must inform you about the following points:

1. The holy Mission here will terminate on the 15th of this month.
2. We shall be in Poggio Nativo in the Franciscan convent of S. Paolo on Monday, the 16th. On Tuesday, *summo mane*,³⁰ it will be necessary that the carriages from Concerviano be at the designated place so that we can move on to S. Salvatore, where, after a bit of refreshment, we can arrive at an opportune time for the entrance for the holy Mission.
3. Because of the fair in Rieti, we shall make this a ten-day Mission, and I believe that will be sufficient to take care of the people. But, at the time for giving the benediction, if we see that another day or so is urgent, we will deal with that; we will be able to discuss this further in person during the course of the ministry.
4. Since you wish to have me come with two companions, as well as with Bartolomeo, four mounts, gentle of saddle, will be needed. The leaders of Concerviano can provide these, thus cooperating for the glory of the Lord. If you wish that I come with only one companion, in that case, I will send the other man from Poggio Mirteto back to the Mission House, and thus you can drop one saddle-horse.
5. With regard to the containers holding the Crucifix and the Madonna, another pack-animal will be required; and, for the other trunks containing other materials, etc., a small burro will be needed. Since I would like to spare the expenses for those animals of transport, we could do without

²⁸ To the right of the date Fr. Spina noted: "arrived on the evening of the 5th".

²⁹ In writing the address, St. Gaspar adds: "In case of his absence, forward this to him quickly, wherever he may be".

³⁰ Very early in the morning.

our Crucifix and Madonna, and simply supply something there *in loco*.³¹ Be free to make your decision, as long as you will be kind enough to send a prompt and detailed reply to this humble letter of mine.

6. If there is any change made at all, without my participation, be sure to communicate that to me.

7. I shall write the usual letter to the Pastor.

8. With regard to the *Via Crucis* and the faculties, the Cardinal Abate is looking into that, and within a few days I expect results.

9. If I have forgotten anything else, please remind me.

10. I repeat, *summo mane*,³² on Tuesday September 17, 1833, have the mounts ready.

Let us prepare ourselves, in the meantime, offering many prayers. With the fulness of esteem and respect, I am and will constantly be

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

Gaspare C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Poggio Mirteto, September 5, 1833

2590

September 6, 1833

Fr. Carlo Giorgi

Genazzano

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Father Carlo

Write to me at home, where the 6,70 *scudi* are set, concerning which Father Francesco Manselle wrote to me with regard to the altar to be constructed in honor of St. Xavier. Furthermore, for the designated alms, I enjoin a *Via Crucis* in the Oratory, made according to my intention and applicable for the soul of a deceased person for whom I have a special concern.

You will be receiving the booklets of the Divine Blood that you requested and for them it will be sufficient for you to offer one Mass according to my intention. I will be sending a few uniforms to the Father Curate of the Augustinians. Tell him that he should say three Hail Marys for me.

If I have forgotten anything, tell me. Be insistent for the doing of good work etc. By way of information, I ask you to always send your letters to Rome.

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Poggio Mirteto, September 6, 1833

2591

September 6, 1833

Demetrio Perciballi

³¹ In the place.

³² Very early in the morning.

Veroli

Hail to the Divine Blood

Venerable Demetrio

Oh how obligated I am to you! Please excuse me for being late in sending a reply to your very kind letter, but the Lord called me to the Mission in Poggio Mirteto from where I am writing to you. However, our correspondence should remain fixed with Rome as the address. See that work is done on the candle holders with the greatest possible haste. Also, I urge you to make every effort to get the most discreet price, and I am counting on your assistance with regard to its being more or less. The artisan, in doing this work at a discreet price, as I have no doubt he will, will then be given other jobs to do. Upon your instructions will depend the sending of the money which you specify. In Jesus Christ crucified, I remain, with esteem and respect

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Poggio Mirteto, September 6, 1833

2592

September 6, 1833

Fr. Francesco Paradisi

Montalto

Hail to the Divine Blood

Venerable Canon

It is certain that I sent you Monsignor Albertini's book. It may have been lost. So, you will be receiving another copy for which you will indicate that you received it in another letter. With reference to your return, you already know what my sentiments are. However, you will be proceeding correctly by relying on the advice of the excellent Father Giovannelli whom I esteem and respect so very highly. I am writing with a shortage of time and during the activity of the ministry. Send your letters to "Rome". Pray for me, for I am and will constantly be

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Poggio Mirteto, September 6, 1833

2593

September 10, 1833

Luigi Fuschi

Norma

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Luigi

I hope that you received the documentation of the Masses for which I give you my thanks. I am writing from the Mission here in Poggio Mirteto; however, send your reply to Rome. I understand what you tell me concerning the decision of Cassoni and I am compassionate with

you in your anguish. However, let us be hopeful that the Lord will multiply his enlightenments in such a way that everything will turn out to be orderly and tranquil.

I would be deeply sorry if you were to leave Norma. I hope that this will not occur. In this Mission here, while speaking of the Oratory, I praised the work being done in Norma. So let us be united always in prayer; let us surrender ourselves to the ever lovable will of God, the only center of peace. In Jesus Christ crucified, I remain

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Poggio Mirteto, September 10, 1833

2594

September 11, 1833

Fr. Pietro Ferrante

Ripi

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Father Pietro

I will be writing to the most reverend bishop, recommending the organization. In the meantime, have trust in God. The works of the Lord are always accompanied with thorns. *Signa apostolatus in multa patientia.*³³ Your notification of Masses was in good order. Continue zealously doing good work. In Jesus Christ crucified, I remain, with esteem

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

Poggio Mirteto, during the Mission, September 11, 1833

Your letters to "Rome".

2595

September 20, 1833

Demetrio Perciballi

Veroli

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Demetrio

Here I am once again inconveniencing you. For the House in Sonnino, I need some boards of *scatolicchio*, partly *a taglio*, partly *con incasso*, seven *palmi* in length; number 221/2 *Canne*.

Also, other boards of *scatolicchio* for beds, six *Canne*.³⁴

³³ Signs of the apostolate in much patience.

³⁴ *scatolocchio* is an old way of surfacing wood, similar to the application today of formica. It might be compared to veneer.

a taglio ... con incasso refers to dovetailing the wood - with mortise and tenons to hold the two pieces of wood together without nails.

palmi - a palm - unit of measure equal to either the width of the hand (3" - 4") or the length (7" - 9").

Please send me a separate bill but along with the expenses for the candle holders; as soon as the latter are ready, we will come to an agreement where to send them. Then, I shall forward to you the entire amount of money, including the coach expense or we can work out some other means through the help of our companions in Frosinone. In all things, I beg you to seek the most economical procedures. As soon as those boards are ready, send them to Frosinone addressed to Father Biagio Valentini, Missionary. I urge you to use the greatest possible haste. Please excuse me for giving you so many inconveniences for which the only compensation I can offer you is my prayer for you and for everything that regards you, and with the devotional materials which you might need. Always send your letters to "Rome". In Jesus Christ crucified, with esteem and respect, I remain

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

While conducting a Mission, September 20, 1833

P. S. also include the expense for the transporting to Frosinone.

2596

September 20, 1833

Fr. Sebastiano Agostini

Albano

Hail to the Divine Blood

Dear Father Sebastiano

With regard to the two cases, no denunciation is called for. Govern yourself accordingly; more, in person.

With respect to the residual *scudi*, we are already in agreement from my previous letter. I shall be awaiting the documentation. In October, you will celebrate 30 Masses, and you can begin them immediately; but they are to be completed in October. We are agreed upon the offerings.

As for confessions, there are various cases in which it will be necessary to determine a few things *ante absolutionem*.³⁵ In general, what did the Lord say to Peter: "*Non dico tibi septies etc.*"³⁶ a penitent approaches and seeks out a Missionary. Why does he come? To settle his conscience. Is he perhaps being forced? Here is the basis for the disposition. More when we meet and have a personal discussion; then we will refine the idea. In souls, abandoned to vices, a general confession *expedit*³⁷ either of the person's entire life or of some part of it. And always *videndum*³⁸ whether it is necessary or useful. In other souls that have a certain order to their lives, they are more scrupulous than anything else. More when we see each other in person shortly.

Ignorance *datur utique in aliquibus, et circa aliqua*.³⁹ For the interrogations, read Liguori in

canni - reed, a variable measure. Not sure what is the measurement here.

³⁵ Before absolution.

³⁶ I say to you not seven times, etc.

³⁷ It is expedient.

³⁸ It is to be [must be] seen.

³⁹ At any rate it is given in some cases and concerning some.

the third small volume. Some souls confess at times always saying: "Yes, Father" and they mix up matters of serious evil with inculpable inadvertances. *Id quod experiris in Confessione est contra voluntatem idcirco spiritus sustinet, et non vult.*⁴⁰ Courage, and scorn. Do not worry about the other vexations etc.

With regard to the penances, *nihil*⁴¹ until we have our talk. Continue to pray and to humble yourself; have charity toward penitents and be trustful. In Jesus Christ crucified, I remain

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

September 20, 1833

Your letters to "Rome".

2597

September 20, 1833

Fr. Raffaele Rosati

Cesena

Hail to the Divine Blood

Most esteemed Father Raffaele

I will take care of the package concerning which you wrote to me. After a day or so, you should go on investigating about the coach. Enclosed is the faculty for the Addolorata. Read the method for making the grant; if any doubts arise, present your questions to the Servite Fathers in S. Marino. There is, however, one condition: "*Dummodo alius non existat simili facultate etc.*"⁴² which is difficult since there may be another person in Cesena who enrolls etc. It is applicable for places where there are no others etc.

You will also be receiving the faculty for the Immaculata.

It is a very good idea that you conduct the Retreat for the ordinands. Father Gennaro was supposed to have written to me; but, since this is a matter of local ministry, nothing need be changed and the decision can be made in congressus.

I sent on to Pedini the message concerning your alms which I also sent on to him. He is presently out on a Mission and that is the reason for the delay. No change at all has occurred in this regard up to now.

Pray for me. With particular esteem, I am and will constantly be

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

During the Mission, September 20, 1833

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

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⁴⁰ What you find out in Confession is involuntary and accordingly the spirit sustains it but does not will it.

⁴¹ Nothing.

⁴² As long as there is no one else with a similar faculty, etc.

September 20, 1833
 Mother Maria Nazzarena De Castris
 Piperno

Hail to the Divine Blood

While in the course of the ministry, a couple of lines. You should remain calm, very, very calm concerning the past as well as your present status. Think no more about something that ought no longer to be remembered. God wishes to have acts of love. So, let us strive to love the one who loves us so very much. May the Heart of Jesus be the center of our lives, our mystical cell, our ark of refuge. If Jesus puts himself out in search of sinners, can you imagine that he would not seek and love the person who is faithful to him?

See that Chiodi's baggage is cared for; within a short time, he will be asking for it.

Finally, full of immense obligations to you and asking for a remembrance in your prayers, I am and will constantly be

Your humble, devoted and obliged servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

September 20, 1833

Send your letters to "Rome".

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September 1833
 Fr. Luigi Savj
 Poggio Mirteto

Hail to the Blood of Jesus Christ

Most esteemed Canon⁴³

Send all of your letters to Rome. Whenever packages arrive, write and let me know; you should then hold them there on deposit. I am in a hurry etc.

Your humble servant

G. C. del Bufalo

Mis. Ap.

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September 1833
 Fr. Luigi Savj
 Poggio Mirteto

Hail to the Blood of Jesus Christ

Most esteemed Canon⁴⁴

⁴³ Cfr. the footnote to the following letter.

⁴⁴ We did not know just what date to safely assign to this letter as well as the preceding one: to January-February of 1828, when St. Gaspar went to preach for the first time the Missions in Poggio Mirteto, in Castelnuovo di Farfa and in Fara Sabina, or, indeed to September of 1833 when the Saint returned to preach a Mission, first in Poggio Mirteto, then in Concerviano. I have found no apodictic arguments in favor of one or the other of these dates. If we prefer the year 1833, it would be because of the weak link that we find, perhaps, in the present letter to

Places in the coach will not be needed. I thank you wholeheartedly. As for other further matters, another letter of mine will be sent.

G. C. del Bufalo

M. Ap.

another one (No. 2602) which St. Gaspar will send to Savj on September 25, 1833 in which we find the words: "As for other further matters, another letter of mine will be sent". As a matter of fact, in that letter of September 25th, St. Gaspar does call a few "observations" to his attention.