

Mary, The Cause of Our Joy!

The Months of Our Lady's Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart August/September 2020



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Postcards of the Resistance 'Front Lines'

Blessing of the Rifles in Kansas



One of the faithful wisely had his rifles blessed before the next hunt!

In Pennsylvania - A Baptism



The seventh and newest member of a blessed family in the Northeast corner of the Keystone state made innocent in the purifying waters of Baptism!

A Sharing of Treasures

One of the traditional Catholic faithful shared his treasures with Fr. Hewko and permitted Father to take pictures of these great "prized possessions" for the edification of his fellow Catholics.



A rare painting of St. Alphonsus di Liguori.

Chiavari il 1^o gennaro 1836 —
 Io sotto vicario del sig.^o Carlo Badaracco lira
 sessantuno di Sanova per importo di 32 on-
 ciate oncie tra di cera in ragione di soldi
 frantotto la libra dico ————— 161 —
 Antonio Gianelli es. ord. g.

A handwritten letter in Italian by St. Antonio Gianelli (1812-1846), discussing the money owed for thirty-two ounces of wax for Mass, dated 1836.


Il Most. Rev. Padre
 Ho l'onore di ricevere il giorno 28 giugno
 che il Most. Rev. Ceretti non vuole far ritorno
 comparso nell'entrata dell'Oratorio, quindi
 non viene che da parte della vostra chiesa
 all'oratorio per l'ora di otto
 il suo oratorio per la chiesa e non per la città
 dell'oratorio.
 Nell'occasione alla 8 o. miei più cordiali e sincere
 sentimenti di stima e venerazione mi regolate
 ad essere il dichiaro.
 Di. v. p. d. m.
 Torino 28 giugno
 1849
 Obbligato servitore
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A handwritten note of St. John Bosco's!

A closeup of the Saint's signature.

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 to appear at the entrance of the Oratory so
 you don't need to pass with your carriage
 near the Church as we agreed before.
 The hour fixed for the confirmation is Eight
 in the morning.
 While I offer you my most cordial and sincere
 sentiments of esteem and veneration I have
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 your most obliged servant, Fr. Bosco Gio.
 Turin June 28th 1849



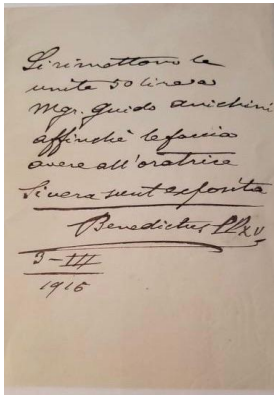
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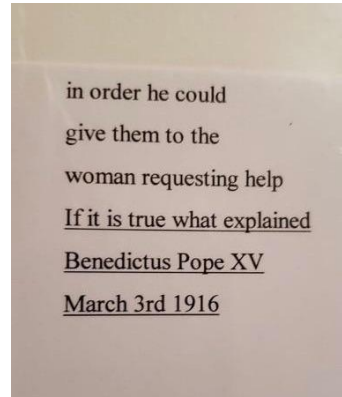
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Handwritten letter of Pope Benedict XV's.



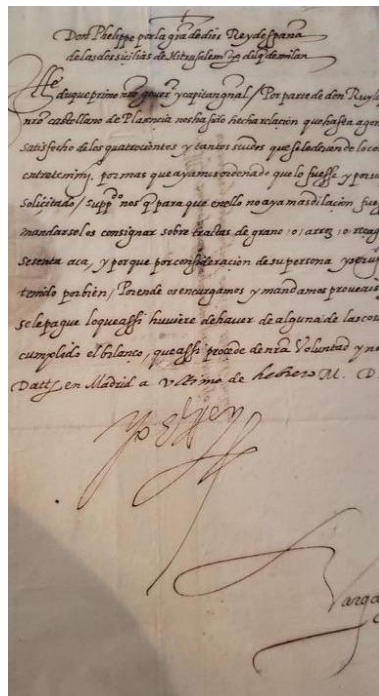
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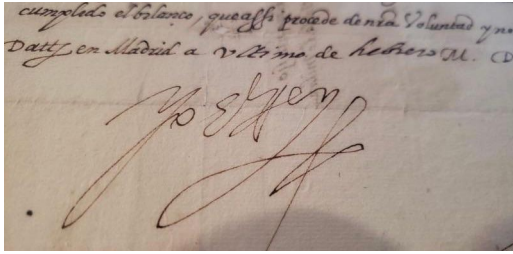
Translation



Golden seal of Pope Benedict XV!

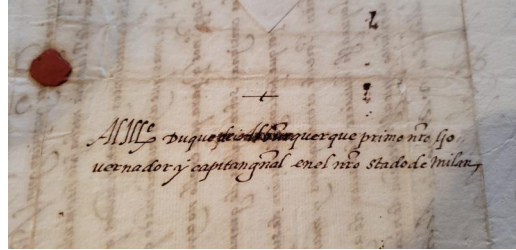


A handwritten note by the great Catholic king, Phillip II of Spain!



A close-up of his signature: Yo el Rey.

His royal seal:
"Philipus II, Hispania Rex Dux"

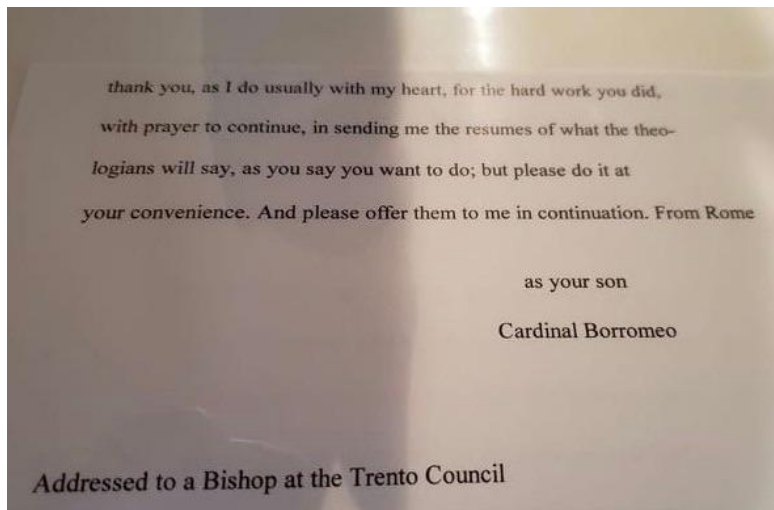


Above, the envelope and seal
accompanying the letter.

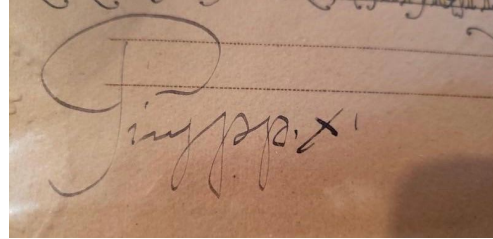
Below, a closeup of the Saint's signature.



A handwritten letter by
St. Charles Borromeo!

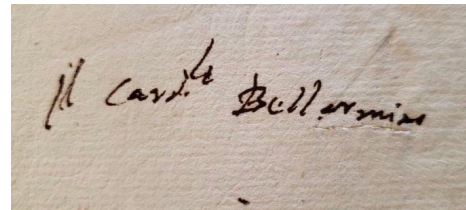
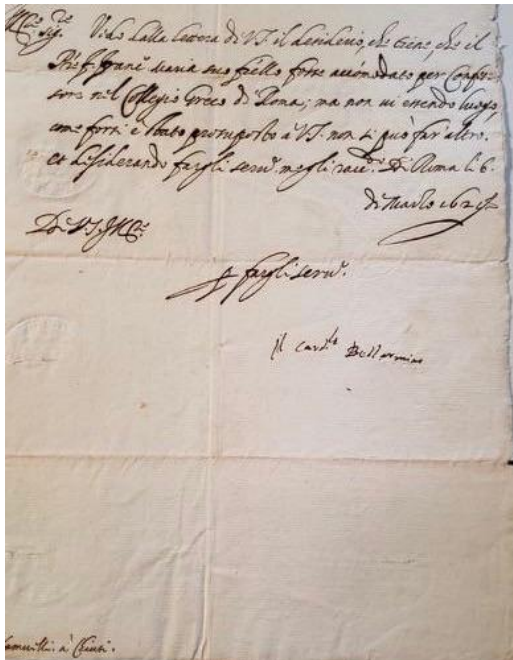


The translation...



To the left: Pope Pius XI in papal regalia!

Above: A closeup of his pontifical signature.

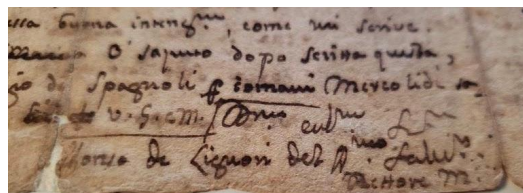
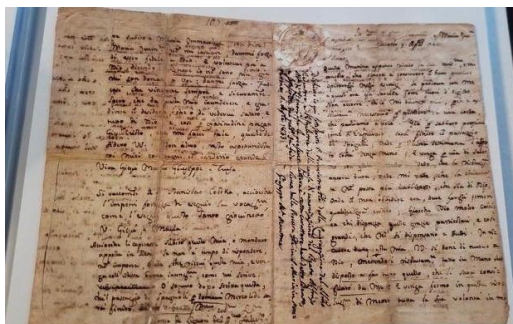


Above, a closeup of his signature.

Below, a magnification of his seal!

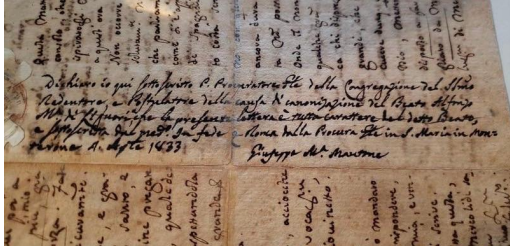


A handwritten letter of St. Robert Bellarmine's!



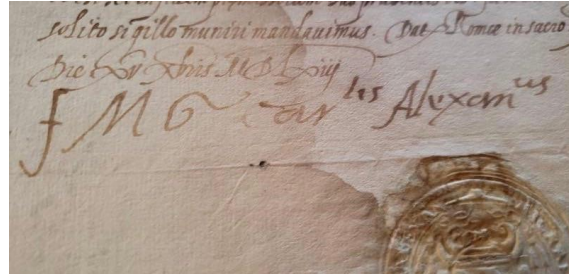
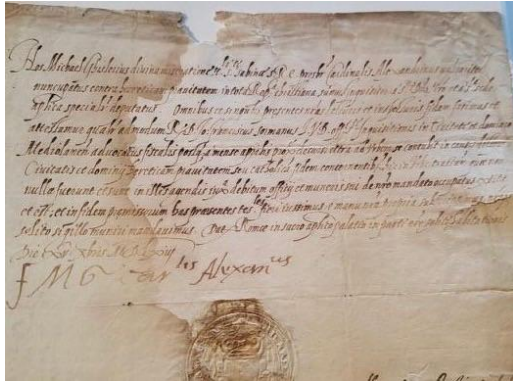
A closeup of the Saint's signature.

A letter in St. Alphonsus di Liguori's own handwriting!



Written on the original, in the margins,
a notation verifying the authenticity of
the letter in 1833!

St. Alphonsus' seal!

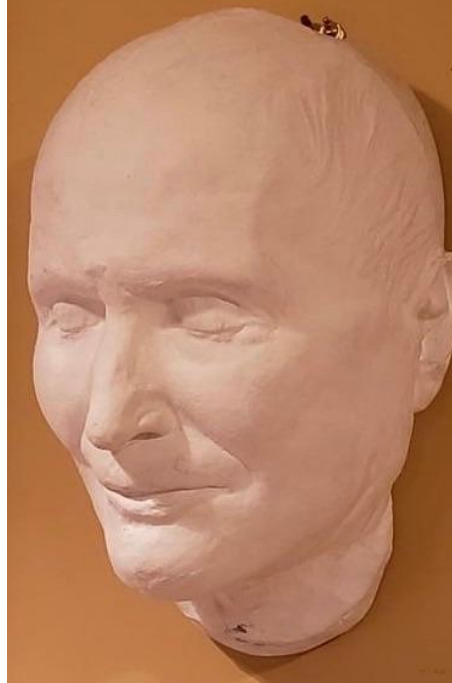


Letter of the future Pope St. Pius V, as the priest-cardinal of Alessandrino, signed with
his birth name, Michele Ghislieri, as noted in the translation below.
His seal is visible as well.

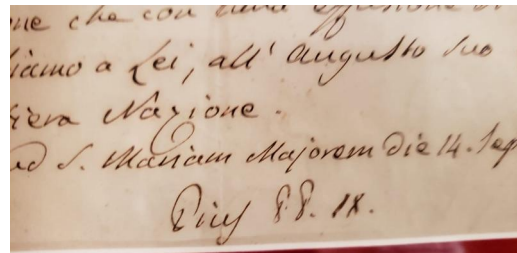
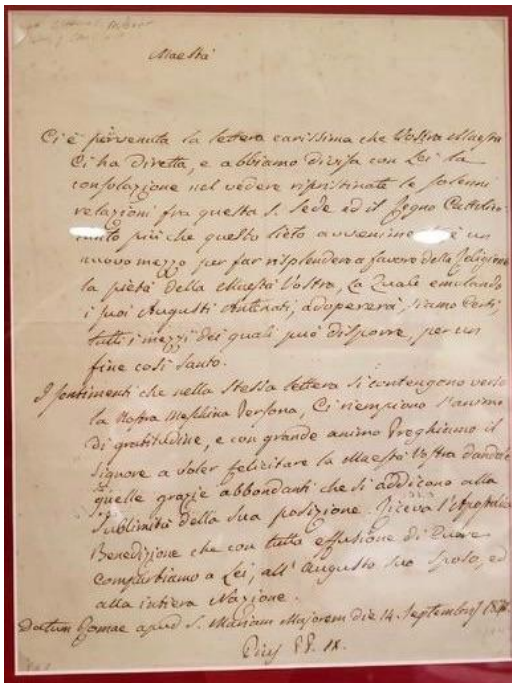
At the time of this letter, he was writing as the Pope's 'Highest Inquisitor'
against heresy.

Recall too, that it was this same man, who as Pope St. Pius V, wrote the bull *Quo
Primum*, codifying forever the Tridentine Mass and uttering strong anathemas
against any who would dare to touch or alter that Mass!

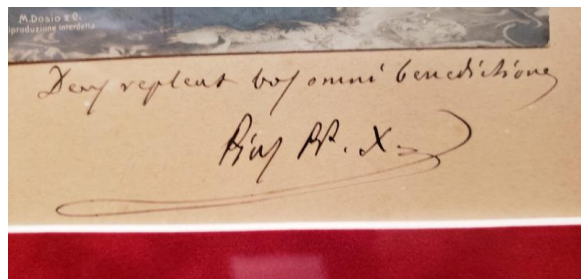
We Michele Ghislieri, for the divine mercy, priest cardinal of the Holy Roman Church to the title of Saint Sabina, popularly said the Alessandrino, highest Inquisitor against the wicked heresy in all the Christian Republic, specially charged by the Holy Our Father and by the Holy Apostolic Seat. We testify to eveybody and to singles that Rev. fiscal advocate Don Giovanni Francesco Sormani, our vicar to the offices of the Inquisition for the city and the domain of Milan, from the last month of April has been sent to the said city and domain in order to attend to the lawsuits of heresy pending there to be treated accordingly with his duties and with the guarantee of our warrant. To testify this we ordered to write this letter that we have signed with our hand and with our seal. Done in Rome in the holy palace of our residence on 15th Dec. 1563.
FMG (Frater Michael Ghisilierus) Car(dinalis) Alexan(drin)us.



A copy of the 'death mask' of Pope Pius IX. As many of you will remember, this great pope issued the *Syllabus of Errors* on December 8, 1864, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It condemns a total of 80 errors or heresies!



To the left, a handwritten letter of Pope Pius IX written in 1878, with a closeup of his signature in the picture above.



A saint dear to all traditional Catholic hearts, the great St. Pope Pius X!

The handwritten inscription reads,
"May God fill you with every blessing."



Letter from Father Hewko



August/September 2020

Dear Friends of Our Sorrowful Mother,

When the woman with the issue of blood touched the hem of Our Lord's garment, full of humility, confidence, and faith in his Divine Power, she was instantly cured (St. Mark V:27, St. Matthew IX: 22). "For she said: If I shall touch His garments, I shall be whole" (Mark V: 18). St. Matthew instead of "garments" says the "the hem of His garment." This "hem" was a fringe of threads attached to the bottom of the robe, of a hyacinth or violet color, which God commanded the Jews to wear, to continually remind them of God's precepts and of Heaven itself. This Christ wore, according to the law, as a sign that He belonged to the Jewish race and religion (Numbers 15:38).

"And forthwith the fountain of her blood was dried up" (Mk. V: 29) and after Our Lord drew attention to her, He reassured her by the words: "Be of good heart, daughter, thy faith has made thee whole!" (Mt. IX:22).

The Fathers tell us it was His Divinity that worked the miracle, His Sacred Humanity was the instrumental cause and her faith touching the hem was the occasion which procured it, as there were many people bumping into Him and touching His garments. By this example, among countless others in Sacred Scripture, God manifests His pleasure in hearing His friends by using relics to answer prayers and work miracles.

“Relics” comes from the Latin word “*relinque*” or “*relinquere*” which means “left over” or “what is left behind.” In this case, Mother Church honors the bodies or bones of saints (1st class relics); their habits, garments, or personal belongings “left behind” (2nd class relics); or cloths that have been touched to the saints’ bones or bodies (3^d class relics). St. Thomas Aquinas says we honor these relics with a true veneration (*dulia*) that is directed to the saints themselves. And in honoring the saints we honor Christ whose members the saints are!

To show the power of even the lowest rank in relics, St. Gregory the Great pierced with a knife a cloth touched to a certain saint’s bones, and it bled!

St. Hilary of Poitiers draws attention to the power of the hem of Christ’s garment, saying: “Just as the author of nature has given the power to a magnet of attracting iron, so did Christ give to His garment the power of healing her who touched with faith.” Fr. Cornelius à Lapidé goes farther, to say: “And if it were so with a garment, how much more with the Holy Eucharist? Hence, St. Gorgonia was cured of a severe disease by receiving devotedly the Most Holy Eucharist. So too, was St. Catherine of Siena and many others.” (Commentary of Cornelius à Lapidé [on St. Mark V:28]).

Presented above, are pictures of some very rare 3rd class relics, obtained by a Traditional Catholic, who values these far more than autographed baseballs, Chicago Bulls jerseys, or photographs with a celebrity. These are handwritten letters of some great saints and one from a great Catholic king!

Besides these being third class relics, it is very telling to capture a moment in a busy life of one of these saints. Some letters are very practical about meeting people, sending thanks, or paying for candles. One of St. Alphonsus gives great advice to a young vocation to not delay his entrance to a seminary. This particular letter, in fact, has the only reference ever made by St. Alphonsus to a military event in secular history!

All these give a glimpse of a moment in the saints’ lives, busy about their duties of state, but ordering all to God’s glory. It shows how we, too, must strive to order all we do for His glory. Every email, text, hand-written note, conversation, prayer, drive to go shopping, daily Rosary, mixing concrete, hammering nails, eating, sleeping, resting, studying, changing diapers, etc. all goes to the glory of God! “Whether you eat or drink, or whatever ye do, do all things to God’s glory” (I Cor. X:13).

This was one of the great lessons of all the Saints and Our Lady at Fatima. Let us generously apply what She requested, offering anything we do, especially little sacrifices, saying in our heart “O my Jesus, it is for the love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparations for the offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary!”

In Christ the King,
Fr. Hewko

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- Sermons, Catechism, Conferences, and Mass Schedules can be found primarily

on *SSPX-MC* website, as well as the *St. Mary's Kansas Resistance* website, and *The Catacombs* website.
