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A PROVISIONAL CALENDAR OF ST. JOHN CAPISTRAN'S CORRESPONDENCE*

INTRODUCTION

St. John Capistran, O.F.M. (1386-1456), as a reformer, inquisitor, promoter of the Observant movement, twice vicar general of the Observant friars, renowned preacher, papal diplomat and crusader, carried on a very extensive correspondence. Between 1418 and 1456 he exchanged letters with popes (Martin V, Eugene IV, Nicholas V and Callistus III), cardinals, bishops, kings, princes and military commanders.¹

He was continuously on the move. Between 1418 and 1451 he travelled from one end of Italy to the other, with side trips to Palestine, France and Belgium. While preaching in Austria, Germany, Moravia and Poland from 1451 to 1455, he battled fiercely against the Hussites. During the eighteen months preceding his death on October 23, 1456, he preached and organized a crusade against the Turks in Hungary. It is primarily through his letters that we are able to pinpoint his whereabouts at any given time.

As a jurist, Capistran kept careful record of his correspondence.² A few days before he died at Ilok (Ujlak in Hungarian), he ordered his companions to take all his books and writings back to the Franciscan friary in his hometown of Capistrano

* The redactors respectfully dedicate this calendar to the memory of the late Fr. Ottokar Bonmann, O.F.M. (1906-77).

¹ The best general survey of Capistran's correspondence and the problems of its preservation and publication is Ottokar Bonmann's "Um das Opus epistolarum des Hl. Johannes Kapistran (1386-1456)," *Religion-Wissenschaft-Kultur* 8 (1957): 9-23. Italian version: "L'epistolario di S. Giovanni da Capestrano nel corso dei secoli," *Studi Francescani* 53 (1956): 275-98.

² The register of Capistran's second vicariate (1449-1452) was known to Luke Wadding (d. 1657), but disappeared from the library of St. Isidore's College in Rome around 1700.

(L'Aquila). He left with his confreres in Austria, however, the polemical letters he had written against the Hussites so they might be used to refute the errors of that sect. Some of these letters survive in as many as twenty manuscripts.³

Part of the correspondence taken to Capistrano was stored in the reliquary of the Franciscan church in that village. In the course of subsequent centuries, almost half the letters written on paper became so badly damaged by humidity that Bonmann was unable to decipher them, even with the aid of ultraviolet light.⁴

Fortunately, a large part of the correspondence was copied or published before deterioration set in. Alexander Ricci (d.1497) transcribed fifty letters in his *Chronica Ordinis Minorum*,⁵ and Luke Wadding (d.1657) included 140 in vols. 11-13 of his *Annales Minorum*.⁶ Approximately 100 letters, some of which had already been published by Wadding, are preserved in the so-called *Liber epistolarum*, produced in the seventeenth century.⁷ Antonio Sessa of Palermo inserted about 200 of Capistran's letters—most of them copied from Wadding—in his *Opera Omnia Sancti Ioannis a Capistrano*, which was compiled in preparation for Capistran's canonization on October 16, 1690.⁸

Even before Sessa, Wadding had expressed the hope of publishing Capistran's *Opera Omnia*.⁹ This project was revived by

³ See the appendix which will follow Part II of this calendar.

⁴ These letters are currently preserved in four large volumes, labeled A, B, C and D, and glued to hard-paper leaves. Vol. A contains letters 74-172; vol. B, letters 173-286; vol. C, letters 287-375; and vol. D letters 376-482. The following note appears on the fly-leaf of volume A: "Questo carteggio per cura del sottoscritto restaurò a sue spese il Ministero dell'Educ. Naz. nella fine del 1939, servendosi dei Monaci Basiliani di Grottaferrata (Roma). — Roma, 6-V-1940. P. Aniceto Chiapini, O.F.M." Letters 1-73, written on pergamene and much better preserved, are kept separately.

⁵ Cod.73, Archivio di Stato di L'Aquila.

⁶ *Annales Minorum seu Trium Ordinum a S. Francisco institutorum*. 3rd ed. 25 vols. (Quaracchi: Collegium S. Bonaventurae, 1931-34). Vols. 11-13.

⁷ The best copy is found in Rome, Bibl. Naz., cod. 2468 (Gesuitici 339). Its correct title is *Epistolae Summorum Pontificum, Cardinalium, Episcoporum, Regum, Principum aliarumque personarum missae ad beatum Joannem de Capistrano Ordinis Minorum*.

⁸ This vast collection is now available under the title *Opera Omnia sancti Ioannis a Capistrano riproduzine in fac-simile della "Collectio Aracoelitana" redatta da P. Antonio Sessa da Palermo (1700): Mss. nell' Archivio del convento francescano dell'Aracoeli* (Roma-L'Aquila: Provincia San Bernardino da Siena in Abruzzo, 1985).

⁹ See *Annales Minorum* 12: 30.

the General Chapter of the Friars Minor held at Assisi in 1921. Finally, in 1952, Fr. Augustine Sépinski, Minister General of the Friars Minor, entrusted the undertaking to the Collegio S. Bonaventura at Quaracchi (Florence), with the proviso that it begin with an edition of the *Epistolarium*.

This task was assigned to Fr. Ottokar Bonmann of the Province of St. Elizabeth (Fulda), who the following year transferred the operation to the Pontificium Athenaeum Antonianum in Rome, where he intended to organize a *Commissio Capistraniana*. Unfortunately, he never succeeded in attracting a permanent group of collaborators, and was obliged to work alone most of the time.¹⁰ He had only occasional and temporary assistants, such as Frs. Lucian Łuszecki, Leodegrad Seuffert and the late Paulin Bedrone.

Around 1965, Bonmann realized that a critical edition of almost 700 letters, some of which survive in from 10 to 20 manuscripts of fifty or more pages, could not be completed in the lifetime of a single editor. Accordingly, he wrote a twenty-page booklet titled *La Commissione Capistraniana* in which, after sketching the history of the project and the problems connected with it, he proposed to prepare a provisional rather than a critical edition of the Capistran letters. To be titled *Prodromus*, this edition would consist of a collection of all hitherto discovered letters. Unfortunately, however, political circumstances prevented Bonmann from doing the required research in Czechoslovakia, Poland and Hungary where Capistran had been active during the last six years of his life.

From 1970 until his death on August 7, 1977, Bonmann was plagued by various illnesses, including failing eyesight. Nevertheless, a few months before his death he insisted on returning to Rome and shipping all the documentation concerning Capistran's correspondence to Fulda, hoping to publish at least a provisional catalogue of the known letters. This material filled six, four-drawer filing cabinets, in addition to a *schedarium* containing between 25 and 30 thousand index cards. But after his

¹⁰ Between 1956 and 1964 much of Bonmann's time was taken up revising Johannes Hofer's *Johannes Kapistran: Ein Leben im Kampf um die Reform der Kirche* (Innsbruck: Tyrolia-Verlag, 1936). A new edition was needed because, after the *Anschluß*, Hofer's work was put on the list of undesirable books and unsold copies were destroyed. The new edition was printed in 1964-1965 by the F. H. Kerle Verlag in Heidelberg, as vols. 1 (pp. 57* + 543) and 2 (pp. 527) of the *Bibliotheca Franciscana: Studia quae spiritum et vitam franciscanam illustrant*.

return to Fulda, Bonmann was too ill even to open the filing cabinets, let alone work on the material they contained.

After Bonmann's death, the material was shipped back to Rome as the property of the non-existent *Commissio Capistraniana*. Since no one in Rome seemed interested in Capistran's correspondence, Fr. Conrad Harkins, O.F.M., Director of the Franciscan Institute of St. Bonaventure University, obtained permission to take possession of Bonmann's papers and have them shipped to the United States.

Bonmann kept each letter in a large (32 x 22 cm.) envelope. Some he considered to be sufficiently examined; he thought some contained enough material for an article, and still others to require further study ("noch zu bearbeiten").¹¹ Seventy envelopes contain no letters, but only short notes by Bonmann or Capistran's biographer, Johannes Hofer, concerning mostly illegible and yet to be copied letters. Bonmann also painstakingly traced lost letters, the existence of which he conjectured from replies or follow-up correspondence. Since among his papers there are two unfinished articles, both titled "Was ist ein Brief?" (What is a Letter?), Bonmann may have been undecided what to do with about 80 letters of affiliation or confraternity as well as Capistran's responses to juridical queries. With the exception of the names of addressees, the letters of affiliation are identical.¹² Bonmann did, however, collate many of the published letters with the originals, and noted any variant readings.

Among Bonmann's papers there is also a 608-page provisional catalogue—a full page for each letter—with rubrics for date, address, location of the original or copies, place of publication (if any), and observations. These rubrics are in various stages of completion, and do not include incipits, explicits, and registers.¹³

¹¹ Bonmann was a meticulous, even scrupulous, scholar, "fasziniert vom minutiösen Detail," as Palmatius Säger wrote in "P. Ottokar Bonmann (+ 7 August 1977) Bio-Bibliographie," *Archivum Franciscanum Historicum* 71 (1978): 200.

¹² As Vicar General of the Observants, Capistran had the right to affiliate benefactors to that branch of the Franciscan Order. In 1452, upon completion of his second term in that office, he was granted the same right as a personal privilege. After Hofer published a list of 78 persons or groups affiliated by Capistran ("Bruderschaftsbriege des heil. Johannes Kapistran," *Franziskanische Studien* 22 [1935]: 326-37), Bonmann discovered six more such grants.

¹³ The more or less complete catalogues that have been compiled are not readily available. See Aniceto Chiappini, "Reliquie letterarie capestranesi: storia,

Hofer knew of 600 letters written by or to Capistran, most of which he quoted in his biography of the saint. He personally transcribed many of these letters in longhand on slips of paper, using an indelible pencil, and commented on them in German shorthand. After he came into possession of these transcriptions, Bonmann made typewritten copies of most of them.

The provisional calendar of Capistran's correspondence which follows is based almost exclusively on the material found in Bonmann's envelopes. We have added a few letters discovered and published by Celestino Piana¹⁴ and Vincenzo G. Mascia¹⁵ after Bonmann's death, and others listed by Aniceto Chiappini but not registered by Bonmann. It is possible that some of his envelopes may have been lost or misplaced.

Capistran's correspondence may be divided into three parts according to the three periods of his activity. Bonmann redacted in Latin the registers of Part I, which covers the Italian period (Oct. 24, 1418 to May 30, 1451), but several of them were so de-

codici, carte, documenti," *Bullettino della Regia Deputazione Abruzzese di storia patria* 30-35 (1918-23). This catalogue was later published in book form, (L'Aquila: Officine Grafiche Vecchioni, 1927). See also Chiappini, "La produzione letteraria di S. Giovanni da Capestrano," *Miscellanea Francescana* 24 (1924):109-49; 25 (1925): 157-98; 26 (1926): 52-66; 27 (1927): 54-104 which was also later published in book form (Gubbio: Scuola tipographica "Oderisi," 1927) but lists only letters written by Capistran. The most complete repertoire can be found in Ödön Bölcskey's *Capistránói Szent János élete és kora*, 3 vols. (Székesfehérvár: Debreczeni Könyvnyomdája, 1923-24) 3: 362-488. In this work 564 letters are registered with dates, places, incipits, desinits, registers (in Hungarian), manuscripts (at least one, if many exist) and all editions. Bölcskey discovered manuscripts of most of the Hussite correspondence in German and Austrian archives and libraries. He included a dozen letters of confraternity and some letters which were neither written by nor addressed to Capistran but closely concern him in some way. In addition, Atanasio Masci (d.1940), a resident of the Capistrano friary, compiled an *Epistolarium* (with index) of 166 of Capistran's letters. According to Bonmann, this collection is not suitable for publication because it includes previously published letters and letters found in Antonio Sessa's *Opera Omnia S. Ioannis a Capistrano*. It seems that deterioration of the letters conserved at Capistrano continued, or perhaps accelerated, during the present century. Some letters which Chiappini was able to decipher in 1918, Bonmann found completely illegible in 1960.

¹⁴ See "Scritti polemici fra conventuali e osservanti a metà del '400 con la partecipazione dei giuristi secolari," *Archivum Franciscanum Historicum* 71 (1978): 339-405; 72 (1979): 37-105.

¹⁵ See "Due manoscritti della biblioteca oratoriana di Napoli: B. Camilla Battista Verano e S. Giovanni da Capestrano," *Studi e ricerche francescana* 9 (1980): 247-79.

tailed—some three pages in length—that it was found necessary to abbreviate them. Part II covers the Hussite period (May 19, 1451 to May 17, 1455); and Part III, the period of the crusade against the Turks (May 18, 1455 to October 23, 1456). This division is admittedly somewhat artificial, because Capistran was already concerned with the crusade during the second period, did not cease to fight the Hussites during the third period, and continually promoted and defended the Observant movement during his entire religious life.¹⁶

Each entry in the calendar which follows lists the following elements: (a) date and place of composition,¹⁷ (b) writer and addressee, (c) incipit and desinit, (d) register, (e) manuscript, and (f) edition, if any. To identify precisely each letter, the number of the Bonmann envelope in which it is contained is also indicated.¹⁸ If a letter has been published, it is understood that a copy is available; but if it has not been published, the fact that a typed or handwritten copy is included in the pertinent Bonmann envelope is noted.

About half the 388 letters already edited have been published, mostly in periodicals, together with an introduction in which the location of the original manuscript or copy is indicated. In such cases we do not include any manuscript notation.¹⁹ A number of letters have been published several times since the seventeenth century.²⁰ In such cases, we indicate only the most recent or the most accessible edition or editions.²¹

¹⁶ Bonmann contemplated two possible divisions of his projected *Prodrumus*: (I) Pars Italica, (II) Pars Austro-Hussitica, and (III) Pars Turco-Hungarica; and (I) Pars Latino-Meridionalis, (II) Pars Germanico-Septentrionalis, and (III) Pars Hungaro-Orientalis.

¹⁷ Bonmann, as Hofer before him, preferred to use the German forms of Czechoslovak, Polish and Hungarian place names. We have substituted the names presently used in each of these countries, adding in parenthesis the fifteenth-century name if it is significantly different.

¹⁸ Some of Bonmann's envelopes have one number in the center and another in the upper right hand corner. The date of each dated letter is written in India ink in the upper left hand corner, but there are several undated or partially-dated letters.

¹⁹ The letters preserved at Capistrano do not seem to have been catalogued or labeled before the twentieth century. Thus Wadding and others who made copies earlier do not refer to them by number.

²⁰ See the appendix which will follow Part II of this calendar.

²¹ Thanks to the kindness of Fr. Cesare Cenci of the Collegio S. Bonaventura at Grottaferrata (Rome), the Franciscan Institute possesses xerox copies of more than ninety percent of the already edited Capistran letters.

The calendar which follows is intended to serve as a research tool. As such, its utility does not demand absolute perfection. Omissions can be supplied and errors corrected later. Very likely, other letters by or to Capistran will be discovered in public or private libraries in the near future. No error or omission in this calendar should be attributed to Bonmann; he would never have published it unless it was flawless. The Franciscan Institute would be grateful to scholars, archivists and librarians for information concerning letters to or from Capistran not listed below.

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ABBREVIATIONS

- AF *Analecta Franciscana, sive chronica aliaque varia documenta ad historiam fratrum minorum spectantia*. 12 vols. Ed. a patribus Collegii S. Bonaventurae adiuvantibus aliis eruditis viris. Quaracchi Florence-Grottaferrata (Rome): Collegium S. Bonaventurae, 1885-1983.
- AASS *Acta Sanctorum*. Vol. 10 (October 23-24). Paris-Rome: Victor Palmé, 1869.
- AFH *Archivum Franciscanum Historicum*. Quaracchi-Grottaferrata (1908-).
- BA *Bollettino della Società di storia patria A. L. Antinori negli Abruzzi*. L'Aquila (1910-44).
- BF *Bullarium Franciscanum Romanorum Pontificum: constitutiones, epistolas, ac diplomata continens tribus ordinibus minorum, clarissarum, et poenitentium a seraphico patriarcha sancto Francisco institutis concessa ad illorum exordio ad nostra usque tempora*. Vols. 1-4, ed. Johannes H. Sbaralea. Rome: Typis Sacrae Congregationis de Propaganda Fide, 1759-68. Rpt. Assisi: Santa Maria degli Angeli, 1983-84. Vols. 5-7, ed. Conrad Eubel. Rome: Typis Vaticanis, 1898-1904.
- BFNS *Bullarium Franciscanum continens constitutiones, epistolas, diplomata Romanorum pontificum*. Nova Series. Ed. Ulrich Hüntemann et J. M. Pou y Martí. 3 vols. Quaracchi (Florence): Collegium S. Bonaventurae, 1929-1949.
- Bn Ottokar Bonmann's envelopes.

- BSB *Bullettino di Studi Bernardiniani*. Siena (1935-1950).
- c. carta.
- Cap. Archives of St. Francis Friary, Capistrano.
- CProd Aniceto Chiappini. *La produzione letteraria di S. Giovanni da Capistrano*. Gubbio: Scuola tipografica "Oderisi," 1927.
- CRel Aniceto Chiappini. *Reliquie letterarie capestranesi: storia, codici, carte, documenti*. L'Aquila: Officine Grafiche Vecchioni, 1927.
- Des. Desinit.
- Ferraresi Guerrino Ferraresi. *Il beato Giovanni Tavelli da Tosignano e la riforma di Ferrara nel quattrocento*. 4 vols. Brescia: Morcelliana, 1969.
- FS *Franziskanische Studien*. Werl (1914-).
- Ges. Cod. 2418 [Gesuitici 339], Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale Vittorio Emanuele II, Rome.
- Harold Franciscus Harold. *Alberti a Sarthiano Opera Omnia*. Rome: Joannes Duffium, 1688.
- Hermann Amandus Hermann. *Capistranus triumphans, seu historia fundamentalis de S. Joanne Capistrano*. Cologne: B. J. Endterum, 1700.
- IdC Ioannes de Capistrano.
- Inc. Incipit.
- Liberati A. Liberati. "La reppublica di Siena e San Giovanni da Capistrano." *Bullettino senese di storia patria* 44 (1937): 375-402.
- Lusini Vittorio Lusini. *Storia della Basilica di S. Francesco in Siena*. Siena: Tipografia edit. S. Bernardino, 1894.

- Mascia Vincenzo G. Mascia. "Due manoscritti della biblioteca oratoriana di Napoli. B. Battista Verano e S. Giovanni Capestrano." *Studi e ricerche franciscane* 9 (1980): 247-79.
- Massonio Salvatore Massonio. *Della maravigliosa vita, gloriose attioni, et felice passaggio al cielo del B. Giovanni di Capistrano*. Venice: M. A. Brogiollo, 1627.
- Mazzatinti Giuseppe Mazzatinti. *Inventari dei Manoscritti delle Biblioteche d'Italia*. 75 vols. Florence: Olschki, 1890-1945.
- MF *Miscellanea Franciscana*. Rome (1886-).
- Pettkó Béla Pettkó. *Kapisztrán János levelezése az magyarokkal 1444-1456: A Capestranoban őrzött eredetiekből. Budapest, 1901*. Extract from *Magyar Történelmi tár 1901. Rpt. (with one addition) in Schematismus almae Provinciae S. Johannis a Capistrano Ordinis Fratrum Minorum in Hungaria ad annum MCMIX*. Kolozsvár, 1909. 1-66.
- proc. Copy to be procured.
- Reg. Regestum.
- Sessa *Opera Omnia sancti Ioannis a Capistrano riproduzione in fac-simile della "Collectio Aracoelitana" redatta da P. Antonio Sessa da Palermo (1700): Mss. nell'Archivio del convento francescano dell'Aracoeli*. Rome-L'Aquila: Provincia San Bernardino da Siena in Abruzzo, 1985.
- SF *Studi Francescani*. Florence (1914-).
- Tadra F. Tadra. "K pobytu Jana Kapistrana v zemich ceskych." In *Vestník, Sitzungsberichte der kgl. böhmischen Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften: Klasse für Philosophie u. Geschichte*. Jahrgang 1889. Prague: 1890. 31-48.
- W Luke Wadding. *Annales Minorum seu trium ordinum a S. Francisco institutorum*. 3rd ed. 25 vols. Quaracchi (Florence): Collegium S. Bonaventurae, 1931-1934.

THE CALENDAR

PART I

The Italian Period

Oct. 24, 1418 - May 30, 1451

1. 1418, X-24 — XI-11, Mantova.
IdC ad Martinum V.
Reg.: Pope Martin V appoints Capistran inquisitor against the faction of the Fraticelli called "della opinione." The letter is now lost but Capistran mentions it in letters 346 and 536.
See W 11: 156, 259. Bn 1.
2. 1418, ante XI-14, Mantova.
IdC ad Martinum V.
Inc.: Dispensatio. — Item, similiter. . .
Des.: insignitus auctoritate dicti Ordinis.
Reg.: Capistran, by order of his superiors, asks the pope to grant him a dispensation from the irregularity he might have incurred for having imposed, as a secular judge, the death penalty, followed by execution.
Ms.: Vatican., Reg. supplic., vol. 117, fol. 133v-4v. Bn 2 (1).
See AFH 49 (1956): 81.
3. 1422, ante IX-9, Roma.
IdC ad Martinum V.
Reg.: Capistran begs the pope's permission for the Observant friars to establish friaries in five places offered them by the faithful. Although the letter does not survive, such a supplication is mentioned by the pope in a letter to the Bishop of Chieti.
See BF 7: 576-7. Bn 3.

4. 1422, ante XI-11, Roma.
IdC ad Martinum V.
Reg.: This lost supplication is answered by the pope's letter to Capistran in letter 5.
Bn 5.
5. 1422-XI-11, Roma (Mantova?).
Martinus V ad IdC.
Inc.: Provenit ex tue devotionis obsequio. . . .
Des.: devotioni tue tenore presentium. . . .
Reg.: Pope Martin V grants Capistran's request that at the time of death he may choose a confessor who will have the faculty of granting him absolution with a plenary indulgence. Certain conditions must be fulfilled.
Ms.: Cap., perg. 4. Bn 6 (1).
6. 1424, ante XI-8, Roma.
IdC ad Martinum V.
Reg.: In a lost supplication Capistran begs the pope's permission for the Observants to take possession of the church called Santa Maria in Frisia (formerly of the Cistercians) in the diocese of Chieti, near Lanciano. See the letter of Martin V to the Bishop of Chieti in AFH 16 (1923): 258-60.
Bn 7.
7. 1425, post VI-18 (V-18?), Roma.
Martinus V ad IdC.
Reg.: The pope, petitioned by Guido Antonio, Count of Urbino, grants various faculties to Bernardine of Siena, Capistran and Matthew of Agrigento. The faculties (to preach everywhere, to absolve in cases reserved to the Holy See, to dispense from irregularities, etc.) were granted, but the pope's letter is lost. The supplication is edited in AFH 25 (1932): 557-8.
Ms.: Vatican., Reg. supplic., vol. 185, fol. 138v. Bn 9 (1a).
8. 1425-VII-11, Roma.
Iordanus Card. Orsini ad IdC.
Inc.: Grata tue devotionis obsequia. . . .
Des.: in testimonium duximus tibi concedendas.
Reg.: Cardinal Orsini informs Capistran that the pope granted the faculty by word of mouth to both Capistran

- and his companion to absolve in cases reserved to the bishops.
Ms.: Cap., c. 5. Ed: W 10: 106. Bn 10 (2).
9. 1426-V-27, Roma.
Martinus V ad IdC.
Inc.: Dilecto filio . . . Apostolica Sedes vigilantissime attendere debet. . . .
Des.: nullum volumus preiudicium generari.
Reg.: Pope Martin V appoints Capistran inquisitor against the Fraticelli in Italy.
Ed.: W 10: 119 f.; BF 7: 653 f. Bn 11 (3).
10. 1427-I-2, Lanciano.
IdC ad civitatem Ortonae.
Inc.: Spectabilibus et strenuis . . . Deus omnipotens vult talia operari. . . .
Des.: quia pedestres nos venire oportet.
Reg.: Capistran pleads with the citizens of Ortona to make peace with the citizens of Lanciano.
Ed.: AFH 17 (1924): 225 f. Bn 12 (4).
11. 1427-II-17, Lanciano.
Inc.: In Dei nomine. Amen. Anno nativitatis eiusdem 1427.
Des.: meoque solito signo signavi.
Reg.: A peace treaty between the citizens of Lanciano and Ortona composed by Capistran.
Ed.: AFH 17 (1924): 228-35. Bn 13 (4a).
12. 1427-V-3, Aversa.
Ioanna II, Regina Siciliae, ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabili et religioso viro. . . . Noviter ad nostrum pervenit auditum. . . .
Des.: tibi in premissorum testimonium duximus dirigendas.
Reg.: The queen authorizes Capistran to proceed against the Jews who practice usury and refuse to wear the Tau sign. At the same time she revokes the privileges her predecessors, especially King Ladislaus, granted to the Jews and sanctions whatever actions Capistran might take in fulfilling her mandate.
Ms.: Napoli, Arch. di Stato, Reg. Angioini, vol. 376, fol. 109. Ed: W 10: 656 ff. Bn 14 (5).

13. 1427-V-21, Aversa.
Ludovicus III, Dux Calabriae, ad IdC.
Inc.: Ludovicus III... Venerabili et Religioso viro...
Noviter...
Des.: tibi in premissorum testimonium duximus dirigendas etc..
Reg.: Louis III, Duke of Calabria, gives Capistran the same mandate concerning the Jews as his mother, Joan II, Queen of Sicily. The text of this letter agrees, almost verbatim, with the queen's letter.
Ms.: L'Aquila, A. S., cod. 73, fol. 264r-5v. Bn 15, copy available.
14. 1427, ante VI-7, ?.
IdC ad Martinum V.
Inc.: Beatissime pater... Exponitur Sanctitati Vestre pro parte....
Des.: de vestra benignissima gratia et providentia speciali. Fiat de utroque et gratis ubique.
Reg.: Capistran begs the pope to confirm and extend his previous authorization to proceed against the Fraticelli "della opinione" and against all other heretics. He also asks the pope to confirm and extend the same powers he received from Queen Joan II and from her son, Louis III of Calabria, against the Jews. See letters 1, 12, 13.
Ed.: BF 7: 654, n. 1. Bn 16 (6a).
15. 1428-V-VI, ?.
IdC C ad Ministrum Provinciale Apuliae.
Inc.: Gratia vobis et pax... Quia pre ceteris rebus est anima pretiosior...
Des.: vel meam exonerabo conscientiam, ubicumque fuerit opportunum.
Reg.: Capistran reproaches the provincial of Apulia for having permitted Lawrence Cerdone, a lay brother, to preach. Only priests, authorized by the chapter and the definitorium, have the right to exercise the office of preaching. Both the pope and the cardinal protector expect that preachers be well prepared.
Ms.: Cap., cod. VII, fol. 2r-v. Bn 17 (7), copy available.
16. 1428, ante VI-12, Trani (?).
Minister Provincialis Apuliae ad IdC.

- Reg.: The letter is lost, but it is obvious from the following rebuttal of Capistran that the provincial of Apulia tried to explain and justify his action permitting a lay brother to preach.
Bn 18.
17. 1428-VI-12, Vieste.
IdC ad Ministrum Provinciale Apuliae.
Inc.: Gratia vobis et pax... Vestrarum litterarum contentientia...
Des.: quia molestat me conscientia.
Reg.: The provincial of Apulia, in his (now lost) letter, enumerated several reasons why lay brothers should be permitted to preach. Capistran refutes them one by one.
Ms.: Cap., cod. VII, fol. 2v-3r. Bn 19 (8), copy available.
18. 1428, ante VII-11, Lucera.
Procurator loci (S. Salvatoris?) ad IdC.
Reg.: This letter does not survive, but from Capistran's answer (see letter 19) it is clear that the Procurator of Holy Savior Church consulted him concerning a legacy left by Pacifico Perelli of Naples in favor of Holy Savior. Angelus, the pastor of another church, claimed a quarter of it. He appealed to the Bishop of Lucera (Bastocchio Formica), who asked the advice of the procurator, and the procurator consulted Capistran.
Bn 20.
19. 1428-VII-11, Manfredonia.
IdC ad Procuratorem ecclesiae S. Salvatoris in civitate Lucera.
Inc.: Gratia vobis et pax... Vir egregie et precordialissime benefactor, vestras gratanter recepi litteras...
Des.: laudabilis et benedictus in secula seculorum. Amen.
Reg.: Capistran answers the inquiry of the Procurator of Holy Savior Church concerning the contested legacy. Without entering into details, he concludes that Angelus, the pastor of another church, has no right to the fourth part of it.
Ms.: Cap., cod. VII, fol. 6r-v. Bn 21 (9), copy available.
20. 1428-X-17, Montefusco.
IdC ad quendam Episcopum (?)

Inc.: Reverende in Christo pater... Venit ad me guardianus loci...

Des.: in via veritatis et iustitie salutaris. Amen.

Reg.: A woman, by the name of Joan, who had a son in the Franciscan Order, was buried, according to her expressed desire, in the Church of St. Francis in Ariano(?). But the deacon of the Church of St. Basil, De Magistro, had her body exhumed and reinterred in the Church of St. Basil. Capistran explains the rights of the friars in matters of burials and answers the deacon's objections.

Ms.: Cap., cod. VII, fol. 8r-v. Bn 22 (10), copy available.

21. 1429-IV-15, Roma.

Iordanus Orsini et Ioannes Cardinales ad Vicarios Observantium.

Inc.: Miseratione divina Iordanus Episcopus....

Des.: cum Deo poterimus seminare.

Reg.: Pope Martin V, having learned that many Observant friars were being subjected to various molestations, instructed the above-mentioned cardinals to take care of the matter. The cardinals ask the vicar provincials of the Observants to present them with six prudent friars from each vicariate.

Ms.: Cap., cod. II, fol. Iv-IIr. Bn 23 (10a), copy available.

22. 1429, ante XI-6, ?.

IdC ad Martinum V.

Reg.: Lost. From the pope's answer it can be surmised that Capistran consulted him about the way he should deal with simple people, who, out of ignorance, stupidity or weakness, rather than malice, had joined the Fraticelli.

Bn 24.

23. 1429-XI-6, Roma.

Martinus V ad IdC.

Inc.: Dilecto filio... Cum commiserimus tibi causam fidei...

Des.: aliorum exmplo salubrius videbitur expedire.

Reg.: The pope advises Capistran to follow his conscience in dealing with the Fraticelli. He may mitigate, modify or remit the punishment according to his prudent judgment.

Ms.: L'Aquila, A. S., cod. 73, fol. 267r (olim 224r). Bn 25 (11), copy available.

24. 1429-?-, Amatrice (?).

Reg.: This letter is lost, but we know from Capistran's answer that some friars reproached him for having received James Samnutio into the Order in spite of the fact that he was legally married. They contended that he should be dismissed. See letter 25.

Bn 26.

25. 1429-?-, ?.

IdC ad diversos.

Inc.: Frater Iohannes de Capistrano... Vestras litteras me recepisse noveritis de receptione...fratris Iacobi de Amatrice...

Des.: gratiam in presenti et eternam gloriam in futuro.

Reg.: Capistran explains why he had received James Samnutio into the Order. The marriage had not yet been consummated. Thus, the spouse was free to follow the example of her husband or marry someone else. He mentions that he himself had contracted marriage before entering the Order and that his spouse later married someone else.

Ms.: Cap., cod. VII, fol. 4r-5v. Ed.: MF 19 (1918): 52-6. Bn 27 (16).

26. 1430, ante V-1, ?.

Camerarius et Collegium quinque Artium civtatis Aquilae ad IdC.

Reg.: The writers ask Capistran's intercession for obtaining absolution from some excommunication. Lost. Conjectured to have existed from the following letter.

Bn 28.

27. 1430-V-1, Roma.

IdC ad Camerarium et Collegium quinque Artium civitatis Aquilanae.

Inc.: Gratia vobis et pax... Quamquam Iohanni Nanda de Rodio...

Des.: valete Christo Iesu perenniter ut adoptatis.

Reg.: Capistran notifies the chamberlain that the pope had already forwarded the bull of absolution to the Bish-

op of L'Aquila, but it cannot be executed unless the usual taxes are paid. Capistran would like to return to his beloved city of L'Aquila, but leaves it to God's will. He exhorts the citizens to finish the road to the tomb of Pope Celestine V. Further, he asks the chamberlain to facilitate the reconciliation between Corradutio Camponeschi and his uncle Antonuzzio.

Ms.: L'Aquila, A. S., cod. 72, fol. 149v (150v). Ed.: R. Casese, "La 'Chronica civitatis Aquilae,'" *Archivio storico delle Provincie Napolitane* 66 (1941): 197 ff. Bn 29 (12), copy available.

28. 1430-VI-21, ?.

Ioannes Card. Cervantes ad omnes Fratres Minores.

Inc.: Noveritis quod nos litteras. . . (Melius notum ut Bulla Eugenii IV, 1431-III-15: *Vinea Domini Sabaoth*. . .).

Des.: omnium singulorum premissorum me subscripsi. . . Nulli ergo . . . infringere etc..

Reg.: Cardinal Cervantes promulgates the so-called *Constitutiones Martinianae*, composed mainly by Capistran, and enacted at the General Chapter of Assisi, on June 21, 1430.

Ed.: BFNS I/2: 12 (see also 7: 737-39). Bn 30 (12-1).

29. 1430-VII-26, Roma.

Iordanus Card. Orsini et Antonius Card. Corrarius ad IdC.

Inc.: Ioanni de Capistrano salutem. . . Litteras Sanctissimi in Christo. . .

Des.: et fidei officio valeas merito commendari.

Reg.: The pope gave the above-mentioned cardinals the mandate to extirpate, both in Italy and in other parts of the world, all heresies, especially that of the Fraticelli, "della opinione." Since the pope authorized them to delegate this office to a competent person, they immediately delegated it to Capistran.

Ms.: Cap., perg. 10. Ed.: W 10: 194 ff. Bn 31 (14). See BF 7: 740, n. 1.

30. 1430, ante IX-22, ?.

IdC ad Martinum V.

Reg.: Lost. From the next letter it is clear that Capistran had asked the pope's advice as to how he should deal

with two women and a man who had relapsed into their former heresy.

Bn 32.

31. 1430-IX-22, Roma.

Martinus V ad IdC.

Inc.: Dilecte fili. . . Nuperrime litteris tuis receptis. . .

Des.: videbitur conscientie tue.

Reg.: The pope leaves it up to the prudent judgment of Capistran to deal with the relapsed heretics. Since he is on the scene, he knows the facts best.

Ed.: W 10: 196; BF 7: 740. Bn 33 (15).

32. 1430-XII-22, Rieti.

IdC ad Episcopum Reatinum eiusque successores.

Inc.: Eodem anno, ind., pont., mensis decembris. . .

Des.: Episcopo Reatino et eius successoribus.

Reg.: Capistran, as inquisitor against the Fraticelli, mitigates the penance previously imposed upon two sisters, Mariola and Perna Rubei Stacchoni. Three other friars are present as witnesses.

Ed.: AFH 49 (1956): 336 ff. Bn 34 (extra 94).

33. 1431-III-16, Roma.

IdC ad omnes Christifideles.

Inc.: Item, anno Domini 1431, die 16 mensis martii. . .

Des.: Et sic est pro quocumque catholico futuro summo pontifice.

Reg.: Capistran lets it be known to all the faithful that Pope Eugene IV, at his request, has granted by word of mouth an indulgence of 100 days to all who recite for the pope the prayer, "Deus omnium fidelium pastor et rector," during his pontificate.

Ms.: L'Aquila, A. S., cod. 73, fol. 268r. Bn 35, copy available. See AFH 20 (1927): 320.

34. 1431-V-15, Roma.

Guillelmus de Casali, Min. Gen. O.F.M. ad IdC.

Inc.: In Christo sibi carissimo . . . cum ex debito mei generalatus officii. . .

Des.: in tuo officio molestare vel impedire. Vale in Domino et ora pro me.

Reg.: The minister general appoints Capistran his person-

al commissary for some provinces in the Kingdom of Naples.

Ed.: AFH 49 (1956): 343 f. Bn 36 (12a).

35. 1431-V-17, Roma.
Guillelmus de Casali, Min. Gen., ad IdC.
Inc.: In Christo sibi carissimo.... Ut commissa per me tibi....
Des.: volo pro sufficienter expressum. Vale in Domino et ora pro me.
Reg.: The minister general authorizes Capistran to readmit apostates into the Order, to receive Conventuals into the community of the Observants, and to delegate the above authorizations to one or more substitutes. Further, he delegates him his commissary for the houses of the Vicariate of Bosnia which are located in Apulia.
Ms.: Cap., c. 82. Bn 37 (13), copy available.
36. 1431, ante V-20, Roma.
Eugenius IV ad IdC.
Reg.: Lost. Eugene IV appoints Capistran his apostolic commissary for the general chapter of the Order as well as for the general congregation of the Observants to be celebrated in Bologna at S. Paoli in Monte. The pope also wants him to be apostolic commissary for the whole Cis-montane family of the Observants.
See the papal brief sent to the chapter of Bologna in 1439, in cod. 73, fol. 267v and 272r of the A. S. of L'Aquila. Bn 38.
37. 1431-V-?, Roma.
IdC ad Philippum Barbegallum.
Inc.: Venerabili religioso ... fratri Philippo Barbegallo ... quod de Summi Ponticis protulisti.... [In Cap., cod. XX, fol. 169r the letter begins: Textus bulle: Iuxta predicti ordinis instituta....]
Des.: Vale frater et ora pro me.
Reg.: Capistran answers the arguments of Philip Barbegall against the bull *Vinea Domini Sabaoth* of Eugene IV. Humility and obedience are more praiseworthy than poverty. The Holy See is the competent interpreter of the Rule of St. Francis. The Rule is subject to the church not the church to the Rule.

Ms.: Cap., cod. XX, fol. 169r-185r. Ed.: *Repetitionum iuris canonicici* 6/2 (Köln, 1618): 116-31. See J. Pou y Martí, *Visionarios, beguinos y fraticelos catalanos (siglos XIII-XV)* (Vich, 1930): 269-83. Bn 39 and 41 (16-16a), copy available.

38. 1431-IX-11, Ragusa.
Respublica Ragusana ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabilis et religiose in Christo pater. Non latet vos quanto....
Des.: magister Angelus illuc accedens.
Reg.: The citizens of Ragusa (Dubrovnik) ask Capistran either to let Angelus of Rieti remain vicar of the local friary or to be vicar himself. They wish he would send them six to ten reformed friars and appoint a worthy person to be superior.
Ed.: MF 14 (1912): 23 f. Bn 40 (17), copy available.
39. 1431-?-, ?.
IdC ad Nicolaum de Auximo (Osimo).
Inc.: Venerando in Christo patri.... Audivi dominum vestrum nuncium....
Des.: et devote submittere non postpono. Vale, pater, et ora pro me.
Reg.: Nicholas of Osimo, vicar provincial of the Province of the Holy Angels, in a lost letter asked Capistran to clarify certain points of the Rule of St. Francis, especially those concerning poverty. Capistran answers Nicholas' questions more or less the same way he had answered Barbegall's objections. See letter 37. In fact, he sends him a copy of the letter (or rather pamphlet) that he had prepared for Philip.
Ms.: Cap., cod. X, fol. 203r-v. Bn 41 (18), copy available.
40. 1432-V-1, Roma.
Eugenius IV ad IdC.
Inc.: Apostolice Sedis providentia circumscripta.... Cum itaque....
Des.: nullum volumus preiudicium generari.
Reg.: Eugene IV appoints Capistran inquisitor against heretics, especially the Fraticelli "della opinione."
Ed.: BFNS 1: 39. Bn 42 (19).

41. 1432-V-15, Roma.
Antonius, Card. Correr ad IdC.
Inc.: Dilecto nobis in Christo... Sincera dilectio que ad personam...
Des.: persone tue impensum fuerit, nostre factum adscribimus.
Reg.: Anthony Cardinal Correr, Bishop of Ostia, praises Capistran and appoints him his chaplain and commensal. He recommends him and his companions to the authorities, asking that they provide them with escort and safe-conduct when needed.
Ms.: Cap., c. 12. Bn 43 (20), copy available.
42. 1432, post V-15, ?.
IdC ad Antonium Card. Correr.
Inc.: Quamquam non mihi si mille lingue sint...
Des.: ad eterna gaudia sublimari. Qui vivit... Amen.
Reg.: Capistran effusively thanks Anthony Cardinal Correr for his kindness and generosity.
Ms.: Cap., cod. XIX, fol. 17v. Bn 44 (20a), copy available.
43. 1432-VI-17, Roma.
Iordanus Card. Orsini ad subditos suos pro IdC.
Inc.: Universis et singulis Abbatibus, Prioribus... Litteras sanctissimi...
Des.: vicibus singulis restitui volumus presentanti.
Reg.: Cardinals Orsini and Correr were appointed by Pope Eugene IV (by the bull *Apostolica Sedes vigilantissime attendere debet*) inquisitors against the Fraticelli. They immediately delegate the office to Capistran, asking the authorities to assist him in the execution of his duties and provide him escort and safe-conduct.
Ms.: Cap., c. 13. Bn 45 (21), copy available.
44. 1433, ante XI-24, ?.
Superior quidam religiosus ad IdC.
Reg.: The letter is lost, but from the next letter we can surmise that someone consulted Capistran about the correct interpretation of apostolic privileges granted to exempt religious.
Bn 46.
45. 1433-XI-24, Ascoli.
IdC ad quendam superiorem religiosum.

- Inc.: Pater reverende, devota... Viso tenore vestrarum litterarum...
Des.: laborabo ad mandata paratus. Valete in Domino.
Reg.: Capistran answers the question of a religious superior about the interpretation of apostolic privileges granted to exempt religious.
Ms.: Cap., cod. VII, fol. 5v. Bn 47 (22), copy available.
46. 1434-VIII-12, Pavia.
Guillelmus de Casali, Min. Gen. ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabilis frater... Gaudeo de tua valetudine per fratrem Andream...
Des.: facta in capitulo generali. Vale et pro me Deum ora.
Reg.: The minister general, on his way to the Council of Basle, confirms all the favors, faculties and privileges granted to Capistran previously, in spite of the revocation made at the General Chapter of Bologna in 1433.
Ms.: Cap., c. 83c. Bn 48 (593), copy available.
47. 1435, ante X-13, Firenze.
IdC ad Eugenium IV.
Reg.: Lost. Capistran asks the pope's permission to accept five houses already built or about to be built by the faithful for the Observant friars.
Bn 50.
48. 1435, ante X-13, Firenze.
IdC ad Eugenium IV.
Inc.: Beatissime pater. Exponitur S. V. pro parte devote creature...
Des.: gratia speciali misericorditer elargiri.
Reg.: Capistran begs the pope to grant him and four other Franciscan priests of his own (Capistran's) choosing the faculty to hear confessions everywhere in the world and to absolve in cases reserved to the Holy See.
Ms.: Cap., c. 16. Bn 49 (23), copy available.
49. 1435-X-13, Firenze.
Eugenius IV ad IdC.
Inc.: Inter ecclesiasticos ordines in domo Domini...
Des.: indignationem omnipotentis Dei et sanctorum Petri et Pauli Apostolorum eius se noverit incursum.
Reg.: The pope praises the Observant friars above all oth-

er Orders and gives Capistran or the vicars provincial of any vicariate permission to establish five friaries for the Observants.

Ed: W 11: 173 f.; BFNS 1: 95 f. Bn 51 (24).

50. 1435, post X-13, Firenze.
Eugenius IV ad IdC.
Reg.: Lost. The pope granted the faculties Capistran asked for in letter 48.
Bn 49a.
51. 1435, ante XII-19, Airola.
IdC ad Eugenium IV.
Reg.: Lost. Capistran notifies the pope, who had sent him as his legate to Naples, of the arrival of a certain gentleman named Antonin.
Bn 52.
52. 1435, ante XII-19, Ortona.
IdC ad quendam praelatum in Curia Romana.
Reg.: Conjectured. Capistran relates the events which preceded his departure from Naples. He mentions the projected marriage of the pope's nephew.
Bn 54.
53. 1435-XII-19, Napoli.
IdC ad Eugenium IV.
Inc.: Noverit Sanctitas Vestra qualiter postquam scripsi....
Des.: et gregis Ecclesie sancte sue. Amen.
Reg.: Capistran gives the pope an account of his mission. James Caldora, Duke of Bari, is willing to accept John Vitelleschi as the pope's legate. The marriage between the pope's nephew and Raymond Caldora's daughter is approved. Capistran has convinced the queen and the nobility in Naples to accept the legate. The envoys of the Kingdom of Naples will confer about these matters with the pope personally.
Ms.: Cap., cod. XIX, fol. 16r. Bn 53 (25), copy available.
54. 1435-XII-19, Napoli.
IdC ad quendam praelatum in Curia Romana.
Inc.: Illustrissime Domine ... postquam scripsi vobis de Ortona, applicui Neapolim....

Des.: dignemini reminisci. Valete feliciter cum triumpho et mihi mandate.

Reg.: Capistran asks a friend in the Roman Curia to inform the pope of the happy conclusion of the marriage he was sent to arrange. He hopes it will be a presage of future peace. He urges his friend to come without delay to Naples with the legate of the pope, or at least send his procurator to conclude the marriage contract.

Ms.: Cap., cod. XIX, fol. 16. Bn 55 (27), copy available.

55. 1435-XII-19, Napoli.
IdC ad Ioannem Vitelleschi, Archiep. Florentinum.
Inc.: Vestra reverendissima Dominatio noverit per presentes....
Des.: concito gressu possibiliter comparebo. Valete feliciter ad excelsa cum prosperitate et triumpho.
Reg.: Capistran notifies John Vitelleschi that the queen and the council of the Kingdom of Naples are willing to accept him (Vitelleschi) as papal legate. He should come as soon as possible as an angel of peace.
Ms.: Cap., cod. XIX, fol. 16v. Bn 56 (26), copy available.
56. 1435-XII-28, Firenze.
Guilelmus de Casali, Min. Gen., ad IdC.
Inc.: In Christo sibi carissimo.... Ut predicationis officium et commissiones....
Des.: in contrarium facientibus non obstantibus quibuscumque. Vale in Christo Iesu et ora pro me.
Reg.: The minister general confirms all the privileges he had previously granted to Capistran, even though the General Chapter of Bologna (1433) revoked them.
Ms.: Cap., c. 17. Bn 57 (28), copy available.
57. 1436-I-20, Monte Gargano.
IdC ad Eugenium IV.
Inc.: Noverit Sanctitas Vestra, qualiter postquam scripsi Vestre Sanctitati de Neapoli....
Des.: ad Pastoris et gregis finalem gloriam sempiternam. Amen.
Reg.: Capistran relates the results of his peace mission in the courts of the rulers of Nola, Manfredonia, Taranto, Bari and Andria. In view of the well-known craftiness of James of Caldola, he exhorts the pope to act quickly,

Ms.: Cap., cod. XIX, fol. 16v. Bn 58 (29), copy available.
See letter 53.

58. 1436, ante VII-11, ?.
IdC ad Eugenium IV.
Reg.: A lost supplication. Capistran asked the pope to absolve the Observant friars from all censures and excommunications contained in both the old and new constitutions of the Order and to declare that they will not be binding in the future. He also asks that the Observant friars be free to preach everywhere.
Bn 59. See AFH 8 (1915): 10.
59. 1436-VII-11, Gaeta.
IdC ad omnes Christifideles.
Inc.: Pateat universis et singulis Christi fidelibus....
Des.: propria manu subscripsi et consueto sigillo munivi.
Reg.: Capistran declares that John of Tappia, a Spanish gentleman, has been absolved from the excommunication he incurred for having beaten a cleric. At the hour of death he may choose a confessor. He promised to give fifteen ducats as a tax to be used to fight the infidels.
Ms.: Sessa 5/3: 0071 f. Bn 60 (30), copy available.
60. 1436-XII-15, Bologna.
IdC ad omnes Tertiarios Italiae.
Inc.: Universis fratribus et sororibus tertii Ordinis....
Noveritis qualiter pluries personaliter....
Des.: fidem credulam adhibete.
Reg.: Capistran declares that at his request, Eugene IV, on December 15, 1436, orally revoked the constitution *Sancta Romana Ecclesia*, by which John XXII forbade the members of the Third Order of St. Francis to live in community. At the same time the pope gave permission to the Italian tertiaries to choose their own confessors and to live in communities.
Ed.: SF 41 (1944): 42 f. Bn 61 (31).
61. 1436-XII-16, Bologna.
IdC ad quendam superiorem ecclesiasticum.
Inc.: Denique percepi Dominum sancte Crucis....
Des.: Valete igitur in Domino semper et me recommissum habete clementer.

- Reg.: Capistran admonishes a religious superior (William of Casali?) not to be too hasty with excommunications, especially when priests are concerned. The Cardinal of the Holy Cross was not pleased when he learned his letter was not given due consideration.
Ms.: Sessa 5/3: 0074-77. Bn 62 (32), copy available.
62. 1436, ante XII-17, Bologna.
IdC ad Guillelmum de Casali, Min. Gen. O.F.M..
Reg.: Lost. The minister general mentions a letter of Capistran which caused him great pleasure.
Bn 63.
63. 1436-XII-17, Treviso.
Guillelmus de Casali, Min. Gen. O.F.M., ad IdC.
In.: In Christo sibi carissimo.... Cum ex debito mei officii tenear....
Des.: in tuo officio molestare vel impedire. Vale in christo yesu et ora pro me.
Reg.: Since the minister general is busy preparing the next general chapter (Toulouse 1437), he appoints Capistran visitor general for the eastern provinces. The friary of Capha (Feodosiya) is in urgent need of reform. The general grants Capistran a long list of special faculties. Among other things, he may receive Conventuals into the Observant family if they wish to live a more regular and devout life.
Ms. Cap., c. 77. Bn 64 (33), copy available.
64. 1436-XII-17, Treviso.
Guillelmus de Casali ad IdC.
Inc.: Cum nunc febribus laboro....
Reg.: Illegible. The minister general was pleased with Capistran's letter concerning his mission to the East.
Ms.: Cap., c. 318. Bn 65.
65. 1436-XII-24, Treviso.
Guillelmus de Casali ad IdC.
Inc.: Carissimo in Christo fili.... Litteras necessarias vobis pro expeditione....
Des.: sed sit satis significare me cum ratione egisse. Val-ete.
Reg.: The general notifies Capistran that he sent him the

necessary documents for his mission to the East. He explains that Fr. Simon was expelled from the Milan Province because he held canon law in contempt, had no respect for the bishop, stirred up the people against Fr. Bernardine of Siena and did other things which are better left unsaid. These reasons should be brought to the attention of the Cardinal of Bologna and of the pope.

Ms.: Cap. c. 78. Bn 66 (34), copy available.

66. 1437-I-20, Venezia.
Guillelmus de Casali, Min. Gen. ad IdC.
Inc.: In Christo sibi carissimo.... Licet alias in provincia orientali....
Des.: ac mea libere uti valeas in Christo Iesu et ora pro me.
Reg.: The minister general had already sent Capistran an obedience for the visitation of the eastern provinces. With the present letter he appoints him vicar "a latere" and his commissary for the same provinces, especially for the friary of Capha (Feodosiya), urging him to go as soon as possible but with some companions. If he had received some faculties from the Holy See which would require the general's consent, it is hereby given without reserve.
Ms.: Cap. c. 79. Bn 67 (35), copy available.
67. 1437, ante II-8, ?.
Gabriel de Malauxiis, Minister Tertii Ordinis, ad IdC.
Reg.: Lost. The minister of the Third Order of St. Francis asks Capistran to clarify nine doubts concerning the Third Order. These doubts are answered in letter 68.
Bn 68.
68. 1437-II-8, Bologna.
IdC ad Gabrielem di Malauxiis Mantuanum.
Inc.: Vir deicola, mi peramantissime, salutem, gratiam et pacem in Domini Iesu Christo. Spiritus ubique presens non distantiam considerat personarum....
Des.: Accipite igitur meum affectum ... et gloria per infinita secula seculorum. Amen.
Reg.: In this long letter, Capistran answers the nine questions or doubts of Gabriel of Malauxiis concerning the life, duties and privileges of the tertiaries.
Ms.: Cap., cod. XIX, fol. 18-19v. Bn 69 (36), copy available.

69. 1437-III-17, ? Frater Ricerus, ad IdC.
Inc.: Frater Ricero al suo venerabile e insima formidabel padre Commissario.... Non ho volupo ma forse incomprendibil misterio....
Des.: vestra sapientia et bonitate lustrando erigite.
Reg.: Fr. Ricerio, an Observant friar, asks Capistran's opinion about a very difficult case of restitution, proposed to him by a worried priest.
Ms.: Cap., c. 119. Bn 70.
70. 1437-III-25, Ferrara.
Guillelmus de Casali, ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabilis et dilectissime pater. Fratrem Franciscum de Arimino....
Des.: per me fiendum confidentissime intimeretis. Val-ete.
Reg.: The minister general, William of Casale, about to undertake a journey, informs Capistran, visitor general for the eastern provinces, that he is sending him his own socius, Fr. Francis of Rimini.
Ms.: Cap., c. 83a. Bn 71 (37), copy available.
71. 1437-IV-5, Osimo.
Andreas de Montecchio, Episc. Auximamnus, ad IdC.
Inc.: La cagione di questa....
Des.: pro salute et reparazione de lanime.
Reg.: The Bishop of Osimo complains to Capistran that the provincial and the friars of the province of the Marches of Ancona had successfully opposed the founding of a friary for the Observants at the place outside Osimo which the bishop and the citizens had offered for that purpose. This was done in spite of the fact that Gabriel, the vicar of the Observants, has the pope's permission to establish three friaries.
Ms.: Cap., c. 81. Bn 72 (38), copy available.
72. 1437-IV-12, Bologna.
IdC ad Iulianum de Fonte, O.F.M., Aquilanum.
pInc.: Reverendo in Christo.... Sapete quando lo amore....
Des.: con gran dolore parlo.
Reg.: Capistran is dismayed by the scandal caused by the discord between Julian of Fonte, the former tyrannical vicar, and the vicar newly elected by the majority of the

friars. He exhorts Julian to submit to the new vicar so that peace and harmony may reign again. He is afraid that the scandal might also distress the pope and the cardinals.

Ms.: Aquila, A. S., cod. 73, fol. 278r-8v. Ed.: AFH 21 (1928): 88 f. Bn 73 (39).

73. 1437, post IV-16, Bologna.
IdC ad omnes Christifideles.
Reg.: Lost. Capistran makes it known that, at his request, Pope Eugene IV granted, by word of mouth, the privilege to all nuns to choose their own confessors who will have the faculty to absolve them from the excommunication they may have incurred for wearing false hair. The same applies to priests who may have contracted irregularity for having communicated "in sacris" with such nuns.
Bn 74. See next entry.
74. 1437, post IV-16, Bologna.
IdC ad Antonium Bituntinum.
Inc.: Propter festinationem fratrum quos misistis....
Des.: ad supplicationem mei, fratris Ioannis de Capistrano.
Reg.: Capistran informs Fr. Anthony of Bitonto of the privileges Eugene IV granted, at his request, to all nuns and priests to choose their own confessors who will have jurisdiction to absolve them from excommunication incurred for wearing false hair or from any irregularity contracted for having communicated "in sacris" with such persons.
Ed.: BA 20 (1908): punt. XIX, 52 f. Bn 75 (40).
75. 1437-V-16, ?.
Guillelmus de Casali, Min. Gen. O.F.M., ad IdC.
Inc.: In Christo sibi carissimo.... Ut commissa per me tibi....
Des.: quam habes in provinciis per me tibi commissis.
Reg.: The minister general grants Capistran, his commissary in Apulia, full spiritual powers and permits him to receive Conventual friars into the family of the Observants.
Ms.: Cap., 82.

76. 1437-V-20, Osimo.
Andreas de Montecchio, Episc. Auximanus, ad IdC.
Inc.: Recepti litteras paternitatis vestre ...
Reg.: The bishop thanks Capistran for the services rendered to his diocese and tells him that Gabriel of Necciano(?) is now taking care of a certain problem known to Capistran.
Ms.: Cap., c. 327. Bn 76. Deteriorated.
77. 1437-V-27, Bologna.
Eugenius IV ad IdC.
Inc.: Eugenius Episcopus... Ad monasterium etc....
Sane ad audientiam....
Des.: concedimus facultatem. Non obstantibus statutis etc.
Reg.: The pope commissions Capistran to visit and reform the San Guglielmo Monastery of the Poor Clares outside of Ferrara. He should proceed with the authority of the pope, disregarding statutes and customs to the contrary.
Ed: W 11: 380 f.; BFNS 1: 133. Bn 77 (42).
78. 1437-VI-1, Mantova.
Paula, Comitissa Mantuana, ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabilis et religiose amice.... Intelleximus vos illuc Ferrariam....
Des.: fidem credulam libeat impertiri.
Reg.: The countess sends her familiar, Henry, to Capistran, who is visiting the Poor Clares outside Ferrara, asking him to accept Henry's word as true concerning the life of the nuns.
Ms.: Cap., c. 84. Bn 78 (43), copy available.
79. 1437-VI-11, Bologna.
Eugenius IV ad IdC.
Reg.: Conjectured. The pope grants certain favors and privileges to Capistran by word of mouth. That such favors had been given to Capistran at this date is stated in cod. 1552, fol. 71v-72v of the archives of the city of Zara. Bn 78a. See AFH 10 (1917): 223, n. 16.
80. 1437-VI-14, Ferrara.
IdC ad Antonutium Camponeschi, Gubernatorem civitatis Aquilae.

- Inc.: Magnifice et excellens domine. . . . Pero che alli principi secolari. . . .
Des.: cum triumpho ad gaudia sempiterna.
Reg.: Capistran asks the governor of the city of L'Aquila not to take sides in the controversy between Fr. Julian, the former vicar provincial, and the newly elected vicar.
Ed.: AFH 21 (1928): 89. Bn 79 (45).
81. 1437-VI-17, Bologna.
Scipio de Maineribus, Episc. Mutinensis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverende in Christo. . . . Non letari non potui. . . .
Des.: Domino preces effundere dignetur.
Reg.: The bishop congratulates Capistran on his appointment as visitor of the San Guglielmo Monastery. At the same time he recommends three good sisters, who are his relatives, to Capistran.
Ms.: Cap., c. 85. Ed.: Mascia 275. Bn 80 (46).
82. 1437, ante VI-23, L'Aquila.
Quidam fratres Observantes provinciae Pennensis ad IdC.
Reg.: This letter does not survive. Some friars of the province of Penne (Abruzzi) relate to Capistran the temerarious actions of the former vicar provincial, Fr. Julian. They tell Capistran their problems and ask his help. See next letter.
Bn 81.
83. 1437-VI-23, Ferrara.
IdC ad fratres de Observantia, Provinciae Pennensis.
Inc.: Reverendi in Christo Patres. . . . Multa cordis amaritudine. . . .
Des.: placuerit elargiri. Valet interim et orate pro me.
Reg.: Capistran replies to the letter of the friars of the province of Penne who were complaining about the behavior of the former vicar provincial, Fr. Julian, and exhorts them to be patient. He is seeking secular help in removing Fr. Julian from office.
Ed.: AFH 21 (1928): 90 f. Bn 82 (48).
84. 1437, ante VII-1, Ferrara.
IdC ad Antonium, Cardinalem Correr.

- Reg.: Lost. The contents of the letter remain unknown. The cardinal found it very delightful.
Bn 83. See next entry.
85. 1437-VII-1, Verona.
Antonius, Cardinalis Correr, ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabilis religiose et amice. . . . Etsi iam diu literas a caritate vestra. . . .
Des.: ad nostram consolationem sepius nos visitate.
Reg.: Cardinal Correr thanks Capistran for his delightful letter. He is very old but hopes that before he dies he will have the pleasure of seeing Capistran and having a conversation with him.
Ms.: Cap., c. 86. Ed.: Mascia 273 f. Bn 84 (49).
86. 1437-VII-2, ?.
Eugenius IV ad omnes fratres Observantes.
Inc.: Item, Eugenius papa 4us . . . ad supplicationem fratris Johannis de Capistrano. . . .
Des.: tholose nuperrime editas similiter possent.
Reg.: The pope, at Capistran's request, absolves the Observant friars from all censures and excommunications which they would have incurred according to the constitutions and statutes of the Franciscan Order. They will not be bound by them in the future. They also have the pope's permission to preach everywhere.
Ms.: L'Aquila, A. S., cod. 73, fol. 275r. Bn 84a (49a), copy available.
87. 1437-VII-6, Verona.
Antonius, Cardianlis Correr, ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabilis religiose ac amice. . . . Per alias nostras litteras vobis. . . .
Des.: nobis significare velitis. Orate pro nobis.
Reg.: Cardinal Correr sends Capistran another letter, with the same content as letter 86, but now by messenger, to ensure its delivery.
Ms.: Cap., c. 87. Bn 85 (50), copy available.
88. 1437, ante VII-10, Bologna (?).
IdC ad Eugenium IV.
Reg.: Conjectured. Capistran gives an account to the pope of his canonical visitation of the San Guglielmo

Monastery. He thinks the situation cannot be remedied unless a new abbess is elected, but considering the manifold disagreements among the nuns, it is not likely that such an election can be arranged peacefully and canonically.

Bn 86.

89. 1437-VII-10, Bologna.
Eugenius IV ad IdC.
Inc.: Eugenius Episcopus... Dudum de prudentia et integritate...
Des.: dicta auctoritate, tenore presentium concedimus.
Reg.: The pope instructs Capistran to return to Ferrara as apostolic visitor and have a new abbess elected for the monastery of San Guglielmo.
Ed.: W 11: 383 f.; BFNS 1: 1378. Bn 87 (51).
90. 1437-VII-11, ?
IdC Epistola circularis ad fratres de Observantia.
Inc.: Pateat evidenter fratribus universis...
Des.: Sanctissimi domini nostri pape et ecclesia sancta Dei. Amen.
Reg.: Capistran makes it known to all the friars that he, with James Primadizzi, Francis of Bologna and other friars who were about to go to the East, presented themselves to the pope and obtained the following favors for the Observants: (a) they are not bound by the new constitutions enacted at the General Chapter of Toulouse; (b) they are authorized to preach everywhere; and (c) they are not obliged to say the divine office as prescribed by the new constitutions.
Ed.: *Antonianum* 19 (1944): 256 f. Bn 88 (52).
91. 1437-VII-31, Ferrara.
Ioannes Tavelli Tossignano, Episc. Ferrariensis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverende in Christo pater... Noverit p. v. me habere hic Ferrarie...
Des.: unde mihi scandalum afferri possit. Valeat... vestra colendissima.
Reg.: The bishop writes to Capistran about three monasteries of nuns which need to be reformed. After finishing the visitation of the San Guglielmo Monastery, he himself should go as visitor to these three monasteries or

send another competent person. Further, he asks him to send Francis of Treviso to preach the Lenten sermons in the cathedral.

Ed.: Ferraresi 415-18. Bn 90 (54).

92. 1437-VIII-9, Bologna.
Eugenius IV ad Laurentium Iustiniani, Episc. Castellianum et ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabili fratri... Ad ea, que pacem et quietem populorum...
Des.: non immerito commendari possitis.
Reg.: The pope instructs the Bishop of Castello to inquire into the accusations of heresy made against certain persons of the bishop's diocese, and assigns Capistran as assitant to the bishop.
Ed.: W 10: 15 f.; BFNS 1: 145 f. Bn 91 (56).
93. 1437-VIII-26, Ferrara.
Ioannes Tavelli Tossignano, Episc. Ferrariensis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverende in Christo pater... Dominus Enricus quem P. V. cappellanum...
Des.: et periclitanti succurrat. Valeat... oro suscipiat.
Reg.: The bishop tells Capistran that Henry, the chaplain of the San Guglielmo Monastery, will inform him of the confusion reigning in that monastery, and relates to Capistran the tentative plan made to return the San Guglielmo Monastery to the jurisdiction of the minister general of the Franciscan Order. The bishop thinks that it would be advisable to appoint a president for the monastery. Perhaps Henry, the chaplain, would be the most suitable person.
Ed.: Ferraresi 420. Bn 92 (57).
94. 1437-IX-3, Ferrara.
Ioannes Tavelli Tossignano, Episc. Ferrarensis, ad IdC.
Inc.: De libro [*Speculum simplicium animarum*] miror valde...
Des.: et calumniantium facibus eripiat.
Reg.: The Bishop of Ferrara informs Capistran that he found no errors in the above-mentioned book. He commends the orthodoxy and virtuous life of the Jesuati, among whom he himself had been living for 25 years. Complaints against them, which may have been justified

in the past, are now without foundation. There is no reason to question the right of the Order to exist.

Ed.: Ferraresi 421. Bn 93 (58).

95. 1437-IX-9, Venezia.
IdC ad Eugenium IV.
Reg.: Lost. Capistran lists for the pope the many obvious errors which he found in the book, *Speculum simplicium animarum*.
Bn 94. See next entry.
96. 1437-IX-10, Venezia.
IdC ad Eugenium IV.
Inc.: Beatissime ac clemetissime pater... Pridie Vestre Sanctitati succincto sermone scribebam de *Speculo simplicium animarum*...
Des.: ad sui honorem et salutarem triumphum Vestre Sanctitatis et totius populi christiani. Amen.
Reg.: Capistran, after mentioning to the pope his previous letter concerning the errors he had found in *Speculum simplicium animarum*, tells him that he found other booklets, dictated by a certain woman named Mina, which contain fantastic revelations. He also found other suspicious writings, including *Breviarium testamenti*, *Lucidarium* and *De infantia Salvatoris*. In a postscript, he mentions the accusations some made against the former inquisitor, James of Tolentino, O.F.M.
Ms.: Cap., cod. XIX, fol. 20. Bn 95 (59), copy available.
97. 1437-IX-13, Verona.
Antonius, Cardinalis Correr, ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabilis serve Dei... Intelleximus dominum nostrum commisisse vobis Inquisitori...
Des.: si vobis eadem loqueremur. Valet in Christo et orata pro nobis.
Reg.: Cardinal Correr tells Capistran that his messenger, Mark Douat, will talk to him, in the cardinal's name, about the book, *Speculum simplicium animarum*.
Ms.: Cap., c. 91. Bn 96 (60), copy available.
98. 1437-IX-18, Padova.
Antonius Zono, Vicarius O.F.M. Patavinus, ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverendissimi in Christo patres... Ad litteras R.P.

mihi noviter obsignatas respondeo...

Des.: paratus ad mandata [...] Valet in Christo.

Reg.: Anthony Zono, in answer to a letter of Capistran, notifies him that he (Anthony) prohibited some clandestine meetings of heretics and the reading of the book, *Speculum simplicium animarum*. Almost illegible.

Ms.: Cap., c. 331. Bn 97 (61), copy available.

99. 1437-IX-18, Castello.
Laurentius Iustiniani, Episc. Castell., ad IdC.
Inc.: Damus et concedimus vobis...
Reg.: Bishop Giustiniani appoints Capistran inquisitor for his diocese. Barely legible.
Ms.: Cap., c. 92. Bn 98 (62), scheda.
100. 1437-X-2, Venezia.
Laurentius Iustiniani, Episc. Castell., pro IdC ad omnes Christifideles.
Inc.: Condignum arbitramur veritati testimonium dare..
Des.: et secreti sigilli munimine roborari mandavimus.
Reg.: Bishop Giustiniani and Capistran jointly declare that they found the life and customs of the Jesuati above suspicion.
Ms.: Cap., c. 93. Ed: W 11: 16 f. Bn 99 (63).
101. 1437, ante X-18, Treviso.
Ludovicus Barbo, Episc. Tarvisinus, ad IdC.
Reg.: Lost. The Bishop of Treviso tells Capistran that he asked the Bishop of Ferrara, John Tavelli da Tossignano, what should be done about the accusations leveled against the Jesuati.
Bn 100.
102. 1437-X-18, Bologna.
IdC ad quendam Praelatum (ad Ioannem de Tossignano?).
Inc.: Reverendissime pater... Reor mirari vestram prestantiam...
Des.: et me, licet indignissimum, recommissum habere dignemini pietate.
Reg.: Capistran acquits himself of the accusation that he was unjust to the pastor of St. Raphael Church and to the Jesuati. On the contrary, he did his best to defend their

reputation. He asks his friend to bring this matter to the pope's attention.

Ms.: Sessa 5/3: 0085 ff. Bn 101 (64), copy available.

103. 1437-X-26, Bologna.
Guillelmus de Casali, Min. Gen. O.F.M., ad IdC.
Inc.: In Christo sibi carissimo. . . . Exigit caritas Iesu Christi.
Des.: quovis modo te valeat impedire. Vale in Christo yesu et ora pro me.
Reg.: The minister general renews and confirms the faculties and privileges granted previously to Capistran; only the general himself can take them away.
Ms.: Cap., c. 83 f. Bn 102 (65), copy available.
104. 1437-XI-10, Venezia(?)
Guillelmus de Casali, Min. Gen. O.F.M., ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabilis et dilectissime pater. . . . Scripsi S. D. nostro per unum fratrem. . . .
Des.: et scripture prestanter vacabitis et utiliter. Valete, et me si contingat . . . commendate.
Reg.: William of Casale tells Capistran that he wrote to two persons concerning problems in Dalmatia. Very faded.
Ms.: Cap., c. 83d. Bn 103 (65*), copy available.
105. 1437-XI-20, Venezia.
Guillelmus de Casali, Min. Gen., O.F.M., ad IdC.
Inc.: . . . pater, mitto vobis presentium exhibitorem. . . .
Des.: Nicolao Piceno cuius mihi litteras misit pro ipso commenda(?). Valete ex Venetiis XX novembris.
Reg.: This only partly legible note of William was sent to Capistran by a messenger. It concerns some contentions between friars. A Frater Herculanus is mentioned.
Ms.: Cap., c. 83e. Bn 104 (65a), copy available.
106. 1437-XI-26, Verona.
Fr. Dalisman, Minister Provinciae S. Antonii, ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabilis ac . . . in Christo. . . . Aviso reverentiam vestram. . . .
Des.: libertate fretus. . . .
Reg.: The provincial tells Capistran that he is free to choose the church where he wishes to deliver his Advent sermons. Very faded.

- Ms.: Cap., c. 331. Bn 105 (66), partial copy available. See W 11: 17.
107. 1437-XII-18, Bologna.
Guillelmus de Casali, Min. Gen. O.F.M., ad IdC.
Inc.: Post discessum Vicarii, frater Marcus. . . .
Des.: ut possim integre providere.
Reg.: An almost illegible note of the minister general to Capistran concerning the cause of a friar on whose account Fr. Mark intends to see the general.
Ms.: Cap., c. 319. Bn 106 (66a), copy available.
108. 1437-XII-18, Bologna.
Guillelmus de Casali, Min. Gen. O.F.M., ad IdC.
Inc.: Accepi litteras tuas. . . .
Reg.: The general answers a letter of Capistran concerning Fr. Julian of Fonte, who was deprived of certain faculties and is forbidden to return to his province. The report of Fr. Louis of L'Aquila is not favorable to Julian. Not entirely legible.
Ms.: Cap., c. 320. Bn 107 (66b), scheda of Hofer.
109. 1437-XII-21, Verona.
Anonymus ad IdC.
Reg.: An anonymous prince or bishop asks Capistran to send him a good Lenten preacher. Faded.
Ms.: Cap., c. 332. Bn 108 (67), scheda.
110. 1437-XII-22, Verona.
IdC ad Guillemum de Casali, Min. Gen. O.F.M.
Inc.: Reverendissime in Christo pater et domine. . . . Concussa sunt et commota. . . .
Des.: ac recommissum suscipite gratiose.
Reg.: The general has consulted Capistran about the case of Fr. Julian of Fonte, the former vicar provincial of the Penne (Abruzzi) province, who caused great scandal by his insubordination. Capistran advises the general that the contenders, the old and the new vicars, should either make peace or be dismissed.
Ed.: AFH 21 (1928): 91 f. Bn 109 (68).
111. 1437-?-, Ferrara.
Nicolaus III, Dux Ferrariae et filius Lionel, ad IdC.

- Reg.: W (11: 17) mentions a letter of Nicholas d'Este and his son, Lionel, to Capistran, asking him to send the famous preacher, Fr. Francis of Trevis, to preach the Advent sermons in Ferrara.
Bn 110 (69), note.
112. 1437-?-, ?.
Reg.: Illegible.
Ms.: Cap., c. 90. Bn 92a, scheda.
113. 1438-ante I-11, ?.
IdC ad Ioannem Tavelli Tossignano, Episc. Ferrariensem.
Reg.: Lost. Capistran wrote two letters to the bishop about a problem not known to us. The Bishop of Ferrara wrote to him about the same problem. Capistran, for reasons of health, cannot accept the invitation to preach in Ferrara.
Bn 114 and 115.
114. 1438-I-11, Ferrara.
Ioannes Tavelli Tossignano, Episc. Ferrariensis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverende in Christo pater... Hodie reddite sunt mihi due littere...
Des.: Cardinali dignissimo ... valeat paternitas vestra et leta gaudeat sospitate.
Reg.: The bishop notifies Capistran that he received both his and Cardinal Correr's letters. Another preacher will be found for Ferrara. The Council of Ferrara has already held its first session. Now they await the arrival of the Greeks and the pope.
Ed: W 11: 38 f.; Ferraresi 423. Bn 116 (70).
115. 1438-II?-, Trento.
IdC ad Albertum de Sarteano, O.F.M.
Reg.: Lost. Albert had sent a rough copy of his booklet against the detractors of martyrs to Capistran who sends it back with this letter which indicates certain points to be corrected.
See Harold 250-58. Bn 117.
116. 1438-II?-. Bologna.
Albertus de Sarteano ad IdC.

- Inc.: Saluto te pater optime, et de reintegrata tua valetudine...
Des.: augendo tibi cumulo meritorum, non estimes relinquendam.
Reg.: Albert is pleased to hear that Capistran regained his health. He regrets the deposition of Nicholas of Osimo from the office of Vicar of the Holy Land. He recommends that another suitable person be substituted, otherwise the holy places may suffer. He made the corrections suggested by Capistran in his booklet *Contra detractores martyrum*. He recommends that Capistran make friends with his (Albert's) humanist friends in Verona.
Ms.: Cap., cod. 56, fol. 99. Ed.: Harold 300 f. Bn 118 (79).
117. 1438-VI-1, Trento.
Consilium et cives Tridentini ad IdC.
Inc.: Quoniam vir Dei et S. Francisci dilectissime...
Des.: calefacit bene operando et corda illustrat.
Reg.: The authorities and citizens of Trent urge Capistran to come to their city, revive their faith and re-establish the peace by his preaching.
Ms.: Cap., c. 97. Bn 119 (71), copy available.
118. 1438-VI-3, Trento.
Alexander de Masovia, Episc. Tridentinus, ad IdC.
Inc.: Alexander, Dei gratia ... Venerabilis ac religiose...
Relatu veridico percepimus...
Des.: dante Domino, volumus opportunos.
Reg.: The prince-bishop invites Capistran to preach to the people of Trent, and assures him that he will be well received.
Ms.: Cap., c. 96. Ed: W 11: 39. Bn 120 (72).
119. 1438-VIII-12, Pavia.
Guillelmus de Casali, Min. Gen. O.F.M., ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabilis frater... Gaudeo de tua valetudine...
Reg.: The general congratulates Capistran on his recuperation.
Ms.: Cap., c. 83c.
120. 1438-X-13, Castelnuovo di Trento.
Alexander de Masovia, Episc. Tridentinus, ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabilis et Religiose... Relatibus fide dignorum intelligentes...

Des.: queque grata et accepta exhibere.

Reg.: The Prince-bishop of Trent thanks Capistran for having re-established peace by his preaching and good example.

Ms.: Cap., c. 98. Ed: W 11: 39 f. Bn 121 (73).

121. 1438-X-17, Trento.

IdC ad Alexandrum de Masovia, Episc. Tridentinum.

Inc.: Reverendissime in Christo pater. . . . Tua me gratia pungit. . . .

Des.: quia a scriptitandi frequentia precavebo. Ex tua Tridentina civitate, die 27 mensis octobris, manu propria festinanter.

Reg.: Capistran answers the letter of the Prince-bishop of Trent, exhorting him to deal justly and kindly with his subjects even if they are ungrateful.

Ms.: Cap., cod. XIX, fol. 11r. Bn 122 (74), copy available.

122. 1438-XII-2, Trento.

IdC ad quendam amicum.

Inc.: Mi percolende pater. . . . Terrea sunt hec terrenaque cuncta mola molari vile quid. . . .

Des.: pro temporalibus tibi conferat premia sempiterna. Amen. Et si quid valeo percipe confidenter.

Reg.: Capistran thanks his friend for his gifts of bread, wine and fish (trout and pike), and explains their mystical meaning.

Ms.: Cap., cod. XIX, fol. 11v-12. Bn 123 (75), copy available.

123. 1438-XII-9, Trento.

IdC ad Alexandrum de Masovia, Episc. Tridentinum.

Inc.: Reverendissime in Christo pater. Etsi summum bonum sit. . . .

Des.: protegat, augeat et exaltet ad premia beatorum. Amen.

Reg.: Capistran begs the Prince-bishop of Trent for the life of a young man, Peter-Paul, son of John the barber, who was condemned to death. His life should be spared by reason of his youth, in consideration of his parents, and because he promised that if pardoned, he will enter the Order of St. Francis.

Ms.: Cap., cod. XIX, fol. 12v. Bn 124 (76), copy available.

124. 1438-XII-15, Trento.

IdC ad Alexandrum de Masovia, Episc. Tridentinum.

Inc.: Reverendissime in Christo pater. . . . Pridie quendam brevem vestre Maiestati litterulam. . . .

Des.: legi dispensatio conferatur omnino. Valete.

Reg.: Capistran supplicates again for the life of the youth mentioned in letter 123. The young man vowed to do penance for the rest of his life.

Ms.: Cap., cod. XIX, fol. 12v. Bn 125 (77), copy available.

125. 1438-XII-24, Trento.

IdC ad quendam principem ecclesiasticum.

Inc.: Reverende in Christo pater. . . . Quia scriptum novi.

Des.: Valete et me commissum precor habete.

Reg.: After proving from Holy Scripture how wicked men's tongues are, Capistran defends himself against the accusation of having spoken against canon law and the freedom of the church. It does not befit honest persons to listen to detractors.

Ms.: Sessa 5/3: 0108-0113. Bn 126 (78), copy available.

126. 1438-?-, ?.

IdC ad Placidum Pavellini, Abbatem Vallombrosanum.

Inc.: Accipite iam placite, pater Abbas Placite. . . .

Des.: est honor et gloria in secula seculorum. Amen.

Reg.: Capistran sends the abbot a little work of his, which is part of a larger one, declaring that he submits whatever he writes to the judgment of Pope Eugene IV, pastor of the universal church. He also outlines to the abbot the duties of the ideal religious superior and the way to a perfect religious life.

Ms.: Cap., cod. XIX, fol. 19v-20r. Ed.: *De universali futuro iudicio* (Venetiis: 1578) 51. Bn 127 (80), copy available.

127. 1438-?-, Trento(?).

Inc.: Qua nos. . . .

Reg.: A short, practically illegible note, perhaps to the Prince-bishop of Trent.

Bn 128, note.

128. 1439-VII-23, ?.

Ioannes Tavelli Tossignano, Episc. Ferrariensis ad IdC.

Inc.: Venerabili fratri. . . Relatione religiosi patris Guardiani. . .

Des.: quia sum de aliis gravatus . . . toto ex corde committo.

Reg.: The bishop asks Capistran's advice concerning those who do not go to confession and communion once a year. He wishes to borrow the booklet Capistran wrote about this obligation. He also mentions that the prince, Lionello d'Este, asked the minister general to send Fr. Francis of Tremo to preach the Lenten sermons in the cathedral. There is something about the reformation of the San Guglielmo Monastery. Although the Basilian Fathers of Grottaferrata restored it well in 1940, the letter is barely legible.

Ed.: Ferraresi 425 f. Bn 89 (53).

129. 1439-IX-9, Chiavenna.

IdC ad quendam principem ecclesiasticum.

Inc.: Reverendissime in Christo pater. Quanto mens estuet desiderio. . .

Des.: ferventi instantissime recomendo. Ex confinibus Alemanie et Italie in Valle Clavensi, 1439, die 9 septembris.

Reg.: Capistran recounts to a friend in Bologna a vision in which God showed him the future calamities of the church. He reminds this friend of what he had already told him of his fears concerning the reunion with the schismatics of the East: "We risk losing an eye for a toe." He mentions also that Hungary is menaced by the infidels, and that rumors of wars can be heard everywhere. According to Marcellino da Civezza [*Saggio di bibliografia san franciscana* (Prato: R. Guasti, 1879) 80, num. 113], two letters of Capistran to the Duke of Bourgogne, exhorting him to take up arms to reconquer the Holy Land, exist in the Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris. The first is dated March 19, 1439. More precise information is not given. See Bn 129-130.

Ms.: Cap., cod. XIX, fol. 20v. Bn 131 (81), copy available.

130. 1439-?-, ?.

IdC ad Antonium, Cardinalem Correr.

Inc.: Reverendissimo in Christo. . . Grande mihi onus impositum. . .

Des.: qui semper est laudabilis et benedictus in secula seculorum. Amen.

Reg.: Capistran dedicates his work *De Papae, Concilii sive Ecclesiae auctoritate* to his friend, Cardinal Correr. He wrote it in obedience to the cardinal, to promote unity in the church, and to edify the faithful. He is willing to submit this and all his other works to the judgment of the pope and to the general of the Franciscan Order.

Ed.: *De Papae, Concilii sive Ecclesiae auctoritate* (Venetiis, 1580). Bn 132 (81a), copy available.

131. 1440, ante II-1, Firenze.

Eugenius IV ad IdC.

Reg.: Lost. The pope, at the request of Duke Philip M. Visconti, sends Capistran to preach the Lenten sermons in Milan.

Bn 133.

132. 1440, ante III-25, Firenze.

Eugenius IV ad IdC.

Reg.: Conjectured. On Good Friday evening (March 25, 1440) Capistran received a brief from Eugene IV ordering him to appear before him in Florence immediately after Easter.

See Hofer 208. Bn 134.

133. 1440-III-26, Milano.

IdC ad Bernanrdinum Senensem.

Inc.: Reverende in Christo pater. . . Vidisse me recolo. . .

Des.: Valere te peropto quotidie ad promissa beatorum.

Reg.: Capistran tells Fr. Bernardine of Siena that the pope, in the brief mentioned above, has assigned him a new task. He asks Bernardine to intercede with the pope on his behalf. He prefers not to interrupt the activity he has undertaken in the interest of the church.

Ms.: Cap., cod. X, fol. 204r. Bn 135 (82), copy available.

134. Sine die et loco.

IdC ad quendam Ministrum de schismate suspectum.

Inc.: Quamvis nullam tui notitiam habeam, venerande Minister. . .

Des.: quamvis nondum meruerim habere responsum. Vale in Domino et ora pro me.

Reg.: Capistran sent this letter of admonition and exhortation around 1440 to a minister (provincial?) who, according to rumors heard by Capistran, refused to recognize Eugene IV as the legitimate pope and adhered to the anti-pope, Felix V, elected in 1439 by the illegitimate Council of Basle.

Ed.: AFH 4 (1911): 118 f.

135. Sine die et loco.
IdC ad quendam Praelatum.
Inc.: Primo, cum omni instantia et diligentia memor esto....
Des.: Semper animam et vitam meam V. R. P. humillime recomendo etc..
Reg.: This memorial is a discussion concerning the continuity of the faith and the legitimacy of the papal election. According to Capistran it is up to the legitimately convoked general council to judge such continuity. He is firmly convinced that the Council of Constance (1414-1418) decided the question.
Ms.: Cap., cod. XX, fol. 185v-6r. Bn sine/19.
136. 1440-III-27, Genova.
Guillelmus de Casali, Min. Gen. O.F.M., ad IdC.
Inc.: In Christo sibi carissimo.... Exigit caritas Iesu Christi.
Des.: quovis modo te valeat impedire.
Reg.: The minister general confirms Capistran's previous faculties.
Ms.: Cap., c. 83g.
137. 1440-III-31, Milano.
IdC ad quendam Praelatum.
Inc.: Reverende in Christo pater.... Quia in meis opportunitatibus....
Des.: facito, si placuerit, commendatum.
Reg.: Capistran entreats a prelate, a friend of his, to tell the pope that he (Capistran) is in poor health and too old for the task the pope intends to impose upon him. He also wrote to Fr. Bernardine of Siena about this matter.
Ms.: Cap., cod. X, fol. 203v. Bn 136 (83), copy available.
138. 1440, post IV-1, Firenze.
Christophorus de S. Marcello ad IdC.

Reg.: Conjectured. Christopher notifies Capistran that the pope has agreed to let him stay in Milan.
Bn 137.

139. 1440, ante IV-3, Milano.
IdC ad Guillelmum de Casali, Min. Gen. O.F.M.
Reg.: Lost. Capistran writes to the minister general about the brief Eugene IV had granted him (Capistran) on March 25, 1440.
Bn 138
140. 1440-IV-4, Bologna.
Guillelmus de Casali, Min. Gen. O.F.M., ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabilis et dilectissime pater. Que mihi scripsisti.
Des.: Valet et si quid aliud est fiendum, significate.
Reg.: The minister general notifies Capistran that everything he requested has been granted, but that he wants to avoid scandal. He considers Capistran's mission to the barbarians dangerous, and very likely useless. If he must go, he should not bring with him certain friars whose names were listed in a previous letter, nor Fr. Louis.
Ms.: Cap., c. 83b. Bn 139 (38), copy available.
141. 1440-V-17, Genova.
Guillelmus de Casali, Min. Gen. O.F.M., ad IdC.
Inc.: In Christo sibi fratri.... Exigit caritas yesu Christi et postulat....
Des.: quovis modo te valeat impedire. Vale in Christo Iesu et ora pro me.
Reg.: The minister general renews and confirms all the favors and privileges previously granted to Capistran. The content is the same as that of letter 104.
Ms.: L'Aquila, A. S., cod. 73, fol. 283r. Bn 140 (84).
142. 1440-V-28, Santa Maria degli Angeli, Milano.
IdC epistola circularis ad Tertium Ordinem.
Inc.: Devotissimis in Christo fratribus de poenitentia Tertii Ordinis etc., fr. Ioannes de Capistrano, Ordinis Minorum minimus et indignus....
Des.: Valet in Domino semper et iterum pro me precor orate.
Reg.: This is the treatise titled *Defensorium Tertii Ordinis*, which survives in three manuscripts and three editions.

One by one, Capistran refutes the charges leveled against the Third Order. He also lists the privileges of the tertiaries and the favorable declarations of various popes. His comprehensive knowledge of canon law is displayed throughout.

Ms.: Cap., cod. X, fol. 335r-343r. Ed.: Hilario de Paris, *Liber Tertii Ordinis* (Geneve, 1888) 803-33. Bn 141 (84a).

143. 1440-VII-31, ?.
Epistola circularis S. Bernardini Senensis, adlaborante IdC redacta.
Inc.: In Christo sibi carissimis fratribus... Volens mihi commissorum...
Des.: ne periculosam incurrant ignorantiam. Valete...
Reg.: This circular letter, promulgated by Fr. Bernardine of Siena when he was superior of the Observants, contains a declaration on the Rule of St. Francis by Nicholas of Osimo. Primarily concerned with the observance of poverty, it was examined and approved by the minister general and by Capistran.
Ed.: *Sancti Bernardini Senensis Opera Omnia*, 9 vols. (Quaracchi: Collegium S. Bonaventurae, 1950-1965) 8: 317-20. Bn 142.
144. 1440 post VIII-2, ?.
Innominatus quidam ad IdC.
Reg.: Lost. Someone brings to Capistran's attention certain errors in the *Quadriga* of Nicholas of Osimo, and asks Capistran to examine it more closely to prevent damage to Nicholas' reputation.
Bn 143.
145. 1440-IX-27, Milano.
IdC ad Fr. Bernardinum Senensem.
Inc.: Reverende in Christo pater... Post indulgentiam Portiuncule...
Des.: et me despiciere non velitis.
Reg.: Capistran denies that he forbade the reading of Nicholas of Osimo's *Quadriga*. However, he heard some chapters of it read at the table in Ferrara, Bologna and Milan and has some reservations. He does not wish to make the corrections himself, but if ordered to do so, he should at least have a copy of the work. He thinks it

would be preferable for Nicholas to make the corrections.
Ms.: Cap., cod. X, fol. 204r. Bn 144 (86).

146. 1440-X-5, Milano.
IdC ad Guillelmum de Casali, Min. Gen. O.F.M..
Inc.: Reverendissime in Christo pater. Die precedenti vigiliam gloriosissimi Seraphici Patris nostri...
Des.: quod serevare ferventi desiderio concupisco. Valeat igitur etc.
Reg.: Capistran tells the minister general that he has read his letter addressed to the provincial of Milan. He was ready to obey the pope's command but, at the request of that provincial, the pope has already agreed that he (Capistran) should remain in Milan until Easter.
Ms.: Cap., cod. X, fol. 204v. Bn 145, copy available.
147. 1441-I-9, Milano.
IdC ad cives Bergomenses.
Inc.: Magnifici et Spectabiles viri, Iesum Christum Salvatorem imprimere...
Des.: Valete interim, et oremus pro invicem ut salvemur. Ex Mediolano, 1441, die VIII mensis ianuarii, cursu calami festinanter, fr. Ioannes de Capistrano.
Reg.: Capistran, invited repeatedly to preach at Bergamo, promises to go there after Easter.
Ms.: Cap., cod. X, fol. 204r. Bn 87, copy available.
148. 1441-II-5, Milano.
IdC ad Franchinum de Castilione et Nicolaum de Arceboldis.
Inc.: Cogitis me, viri magnifici ac ducales, spectatissimi senatores...
Des.: ad gloriam et honorem nominis triumphantis. Amen.
Reg.: Capistran, asked by the famous jurists, Franchinus of Castiglione and Nicholas of Arceboldi, how to choose between conflicting opinions, sends them, with a dedication, his treatise, *Speculum conscientiae*.
Ms.: Cap., cod. XVIII, fol. 1. Ed.: *Tractatus illustrium iuris consultorum 1: 324; Speculum Conscientiae*, prooem. Bn 91, copy available.
149. 1441-II-14, Capriola (Siena).
Bernardinus Senensis ad IdC.

- Inc.: Reverende pater, optime frater. . . . Iam decreveram mittere ad vos. . . .
 Des.: Paratus semper placitis vestris. Et denique valete in Christo Iesu.
 Reg.: Fr. Bernardine of Siena, supervisor of the Observants of Italy, thanks Capistran for his letter and asks him to thank the pope for the decisions made in favor of the Observants. He orders him, in obedience, to visit him after Easter (April 16). At the same time he commissions him to preside over the congregation of the Milan province during the octave of Easter.
 Ed.: *S. Bernardini Opera Omnia* 8: 326 f.
150. Sine anno-III-15, ?.
 Guillelmus de Casale, Min. Gen. O.F.M. ad IdC.
 Inc.: Venerabilis et dilectissime pater. Fratrem Franciscum de Arimino. . . .
 Des.: et si quid est per me faciendum confidentissime intimetis.
 Reg.: The general, about to undertake a journey, sends Fr. Francis of Rimini to Capistran. He should listen to Fr. Francis.
 Ms.: Cap., c. 83a.
151. 1441-V-1, Firenze.
 Bernardinus Senensis ad IdC (vel forsán alicui Vicario provinciali).
 Inc.: Venerabilis frater carissime. . . . Non expedit vos venire. . . .
 Des.: non pigeat intimare. Valete in Christo Iesu . . . et negotiis nostris.
 Reg.: Fr. Bernardine of Siena rescinds the order given to Capistran to come to visit him. The pope favors the Observants, and it is not true that he revoked the brief and authorization given to Bernardine in the interest of the Observants. Nothing has been changed.
 Ed.: *S. Bernardini Opera Omnia* 8: 327 f.
152. 1441-V-18, Capriola (Siena).
 Bernardinus Senensis ad IdC.
 Inc.: Carissime in Christo frater. . . . Quia officii mei debetum requirit. . . .

- Des.: Prudentia ergo hic locus [opus] est. Vale vir Dei et memento mei.
 Reg.: Fr. Bernardine of Siena orders Capistran to go to Genoa as soon as he finishes his task in Milan to take care of the Genoa province, especially the newly established friary.
 Ed.: *S. Bernardini Opera Omnia* 8: 328.
153. 1441-XI-10, Firenze.
 Guillelmus de Casali, Min. Gen. O.F.M., ad IdC.
 Inc.: In Christo tibi, Reverendissimo fratri Ioanni. . . . Familiam fratrum. . . .
 Des.: in Domino recomendo. Vale in Christo Iesu et ora pro me.
 Reg.: The minister general appoints Capistran his commissary and visitor general for the Milan province, granting him full authority.
 Ms.: Cap., c. 99. Bn 90.
154. 1441-??, ?.
 Eugenius IV ad IdC.
 Inc.: Dilecto filio fratri Ioanni. . . . Dilecte fili . . . benigno favore illa libenter concedimus. . . .
 Des.: Illegible.
 Reg.: The pope grants Capistran the faculty to absolve Captain Aloysius of San Severino from some ecclesiastical censure.
 Ms.: L'Aquila, A. S., cod. 73, fol. 267v; the text is crossed out. Bn 91a.
155. 1442-II-22, Milano.
 IdC ad Episcopum ad Bergomensem.
 Inc.: Reverendissime in Christo. . . . Venerunt ad me presentium latores. . . .
 Des.: habere misericorditer commendatum . . . hora noctis tertia festinanter.
 Reg.: Certain persons, contesting the inheritance of Zanon of Bulgare, came to Capistran with their problem. Capistran sends them to the bishop, as to the father of the poor. At the same time he explains to the bishop the laws concerning the execution of testaments. He emphasizes the prerogatives of the poor.
 Ms.: Cap., cod. X, fol. 175r-v. Bn 92, copy available.

156. 1442-VI-2, Milano.
IdC ad quendam Episcopum.
Inc.: Reverendissime in Christo pater... Quod diu iam optaveram...
Des.: ad vitam felicitatis. Amen. Ex Mediolano, 1442, die 2 iunii, festinanter.
Reg.: After asking pardon for not having visited him in person, Capistran informs the bishop of the invalid ordination of certain friars who heard confessions while unaware of the invalidity of their ordination. He begs the bishop to ask the pope to give permission to supplement what was omitted.
Ms.: Cap., cod. X, fol. 190r. Bn 93.
157. 1442-IX-1, Firenze.
Albertus de Sarteano, Vicarius Generalis O.F.M., ad IdC.
Inc.: In Christo sibi carissimo... Cum ex debito mei generalis vicariatus...
Des.: molestare vel impedire. Vale in Domino Iesu et ora pro me.
Reg.: The vicar general, because of the general chapter to be celebrated at Padua, is not able to visit the provinces north of the Alps. Therefore, he appoints Capistran commissary and visitor general for France, Tour, Burgundy, England, Ireland and all the Ultramontane provinces.
Ed.: AFH 35 (1942): 284 ff. Bn 94.
158. 1442-IX-1, Firenze.
Eugenius IV ad IdC.
Inc.: Dilecto filio... Iniuncti nobis oneris... Cum itaque, divina suffragante clementia...
Des.: inviolabiliter observari.
Reg.: The pope informs Capistran that he agrees to the celebration of the general chapter at Padua as well as the confirmation of Albert of Sarteano as Provincial of the Province of St. Anthony and as vicar general. He asks Capistran to make these decisions known in the Ultramontane provinces and to exhort the friars to live in peace and be obedient to the pope. He appoints Capistran visitor and reformer of the said provinces, granting him the faculty to absolve the friars who had become schismatics or heretics.
Ed.: W 11: 183 ff.; BFNS 1: 289 ff. Bn 95.

159. 1442-IX-12, Firenze.
Eugenius IV ad IdC.
Inc.: Eugenius Episcopus... Cum dilectus filius Iohannes...
Des.: a data presentium computandum, minime valituris.
Reg.: The pope provides safe-conduct for Capistran and his companions for their journey to the Ultramontane provinces.
Ed.: AFH 35 (1942): 286 f. Bn 95a. See BFNS 1: 900.
160. 1442-X-1, Avignon.
Petrus, Episc. Albanensis, Cardinalis de Fluxo, ad IdC.
Inc.: Petrus, miseratione divina... Vobis et vestrum cuilibet...
Des.: complacere merito teneamur.
Reg.: Cardinal Fluxo, Bishop of Albano and vicar of the pope in Avignon and vicinity, provides Capistran with safe-conduct for the territories under his jurisdiction.
Ed.: W 11: 302 f. Bn 95b.
161. 1442-XI-8, Besançon.
IdC ad S. Colettam.
Inc.: Christo Deo devote Sorori Colete...
Des.: et susceptum diligenter et devote exercent. Vale in Christo Iesu et ora pro me.
Reg.: Capistran confirms the faculties given by the minister general to Colette and her confessor as well as to the confessors of other monasteries existing or to be built. He authorizes Colette to appoint one or more prudent friars visitors of the monasteries under her jurisdiction.
Ms.: Reliquarium conventus O.F.M. in Ghent. Ed.: AASS, Oct. 10, 301 f. Bn 98.
162. 1442-XII-7, ?
Philippus, Dux Burgundiae, ad IdC.
Inc.: Comme tant de l'autorité de nostre saint père...
Des.: jusques à Pasques prochainement venant.
Reg.: Philip, Duke of Burgundy, grants safe-conduct to Capistran and his companions everywhere on his territory.
Ed.: AFH 35 (1942): 287 f. Bn 99a.
163. 1442-XII-22, Bruges.
Isabella, Ducissa Burgundiae, ad IdC.

Inc.: ... Nous avion recu votre gratiose littres....

Des.: qui Vous ait en sa.... Escrip....

Reg.: Isabell, Duchess of Bourgogne, acknowledges reception of Capistran's letter, but she has not yet seen his messenger, Peter Vasque. (O. Bonmann mentions here a letter, no better identified, dated 1442-XII-24, saying: "Der Brief existiert. Lippens irrt sich [mit Chiappini und Sessa-Masci]. Thema: Ungedruckte Texte zur ... Legation.")

Ed.: AFH 35 (1942): 288. See also AFH 30 (1937): 393, corrected in AFH 35 (1942): 131, n. 3. Bn 100.

164. 1443-I-9, Bruxelles.

IdC ad Henricum de Werl, Ministrum Provinciae Coloniae.

Inc.: Quoniam indicant accidentia de subiecto....

Des.: cum discreta modestia agendorum. Vale pater optime etc..

Reg.: Capistran praises Henry's treatise written in defense of the faith and the church, and tells him about the King of Poland's victory over the Turks. He exhorts him to be present at the general chapter to be celebrated at Padova.

Ms.: Cap., cod. XIX, fol. 27r. Bn 101, copy available.

165. 1443-II-7, Bruges.

IdC ad quendam Doctorem.

Inc.: Spectabilis et egregie Doctor.... Non est mentitus qui ait: dulcis amor patrie....

Des.: exposuisse fideliter, humiliter et devote. Valete ... suscipite recommissum.

Reg.: Capistran demonstrates to a defender of the Council of Basle that the pope is superior to the council. Eugene IV is the legitimate pope, and he transferred the Council of Basle to Italy (first to Ferrara and later to Florence). Capistran began this letter on Dec. 24, 1442, at Verdun.

Ms.: Cap., cod. XIX, fol. 39r-v. Bn 105, copy available.

166. 1443-II-15, Bruges.

IdC ad Albertum de Sarteano, Vicarium Generalem Observantium Cismontanorum.

Inc.: Reverendissime.... Magnalia Dei que nunquam a seculo cessaverunt....

Des.: dignemini admittere pia mente ... noctis tempore, manu propria festinanter.

Reg.: Capistran sent Fr. Anthony of Rimini to Italy to inform the vicar general of his (Capistran's) activity in France. He recounts his dangerous journey and his conversations with John Maubert, vicar general of the Observants for the Ultramontane provinces, and with other friars. All are willing to obey the pope and the minister general. He declares that Fr. Simon Philemon is innocent. Finally, he asks Albert to refer all these things to the pope.

Ed.: AFH 35 (1942): 291 ff. Bn 103.

167. 1443-II-18, Bruges.

IdC ad magistratum civitatis S. Audomari (St.-Omer).

Inc.: Magnifici et spectabiles.... Receptis vestris mihi gratissimis....

Des.: valebitis postulare ... gloriam sempiternam. Amen.

Reg.: This is Capistran's answer to three questions raised by the city council. The next provincial chapter will appoint a visitor for the monastery of the Poor Clares. He has already been informed by Fr. Anslem of Turro that two blood sisters, Jacheline Wilchin and Mary Dardre, intend to join the Colettines, and are ready to sell their jewels for the benefit of the monastery. Concerning the privileges of the friars of St. Omer, the General Chapter of Padova will decide.

Ed.: AFH 35 (1942): 293 f. Bn 104.

168. 1443-VII-13, Siena.

Antonius de Rusconibus, Min. Gen. O.F.M., ad IdC.

Inc.: In Christo sibi carissimo.... Cum pridem, quinto videlicet Idus iulii....

Des.: et totum Ordinem merito commendari. Vale in Domino Iesu et ora pro me.

Reg.: Anthony Rusconi, the new minister general, at the suggestion of Eugene IV, appoints Capistran vicar general of the Observants south of the Alps, granting him most ample authority over the Observant friars.

Ms.: Cap., c. 101. Ed: W 11: 201-04. Bn 107.

169. 1443-VII-23, Capriola (Siena).
IdC ad Nicolaum de Brixia, Vicarium Observantium Provincie Mediolanensis.
Inc.: Ego frater Ioannes, supra dictus Vicarius. . .
Des.: in officio successoribus et ad fidem manu propria me subscripsi.
Reg.: Capistran forwards Nicholas the letter of the minister general (see letter 168), and in an autograph postscript grants him the same faculties and authority over the friars under his jurisdiction as he (Capistran) had received from the minister general.
Ms.: Pavia, Bibl. Univ., cod. 60, fol. 52v. Bn 107b, copy available.
170. 1443-VII-23, Bologna.
IdC ad Martinum de Altavilla, Vicarium Observantium Terrae Laboris.
Reg.: Very likely Capistran sends to Martin the same letter and the same authorization he sent to Nicholas of Brescia in letter 169.
Ms.: Bologna, Arch. conventus S. Pauli, cod. non signatus, fol. 94-97?
171. 1443-VII-?, ?.
Albertus de Sarteano, ad IdC.
Inc.: Gaudeo plurimum atque letor. . .
Des.: si me uteris quolibet foedere ut arbitrio tuo. Vale.
Reg.: Albert congratulates Capistran on his appointment as Vicar General of the Cismontane Observants and exhorts him to be patient and just with his subjects. He declares himself ready to follow his orders.
Ed.: SF 53 (1956): 833 f. Bn 107d.
172. 1443-VIII-1, Siena.
Eugenius IV ad IdC.
Inc.: Eugenius Episcopus. . . Fratrum Ordinis Minorum in vinea Domini Sabaoth. . . In Chrito sibi carissimo fratri Ioanni de Capistrano. . .
Des.: et totum Ordinem merito commendari. Vale in Domino Iesu et ora pro me. Nos igitur salubrem, necessariam . . . patrocinio communimus. Nulli ergo . . . se nov'erit incursum.
Reg.: The pope declares that the minister general, Antho-

- ny Rusconi, following the pope's order, appointed two vicar generals for the Observants: John Capistran for the Cismontane and John Maubert for the Ultramontane provinces. Anthony Rusconi announces the same appointments, listing the faculties granted Capistran. The pope confirms the appointments, emphasizing that he did so *motu proprio*.
Ed.: W 11: 201-04; BFNS 1: 332 ff. Bn 107a.
173. 1443-VIII-8, Siena.
Antonius de Rusconibus, Min. Gen. O.F.M., ad IdC.
Inc.: Cum te meum Vicarium instituerim. . .
Des.: tamquam mihi in omnibus parent et intendant. Vale in Christo Iesu et ora pro me.
Reg.: The minister general appoints Capistran his vicar for the Poor Clares of Italy.
Ms.: Cap., c. 342 (illegible). Ed: W 11: 204 f. Bn 108.
174. 1443-VIII-10, Milano.
Philippus Visconti, Dux Mediolani, ad IdC.
Inc.: Filippus Maria Angelus. . . Amicos et . . . nostros atente rogamus. . .
Des.: admodum complacebunt. Presentibus uno anno valituris.
Reg.: The duke issues a safe-conduct to Capistran and his companions, ordering his officials to provide him with everything he may need: guides, escort, etc..
Ms.: L'Aquila, A. S., cod. 73, fol. 296v (olim 252v). Bn 109, copy available.
175. 1443-VIII-12, Siena.
Eugenius IV ad IdC.
Inc.: Dilectis filiis Ioanni de Capistrano. . . Tanta est nostra. . .
Des.: quemquam eximere non intendimus ex predictis. Nulli ergo. . .
Reg.: The pope declares that the revocation of certain concessions previously made to the Observants should be considered null and void.
Ed: W 11: 518; BFNS 1: 335. Bn 111.
176. 1443-VIII-14, Milano.
Philippus M. Visconti ad IdC.

- Inc.: Magno desiderio iam diu tenemur in hac urbe nostra. . . .
 Reg.: The duke asks Capistran to send Albert of Sarteano to preach in Milan.
 Ms.: Cap., c. 343 (illegible). Bn 112.
177. 1443-IX-5, Siena.
 IdC ad fratrem Gandulphum Siculum, Guardianum Montis Sion.
 Inc.: Ego Frater Ioannes supradictus. . . .
 Des.: in officio successoribus. Et ad fidem . . . feci muniri sigillo.
 Reg.: Capistran sends Gandulph the letter by which he (Capistran) was appointed vicar general, and grants him all the faculties he himself received.
 Ed.: *Diarium Terrae Sanctae* 3 (1910): 118 ff. (as a note). Bn 116, copy available.
178. 1443-IX-11, Siena.
 Eugenius IV ad IdC.
 Inc.: Eugenius episcopus. . . . Dilecto filio Ioanni. . . . Inter ecclesiasticos ordines etc. Cum itaque. . . .
 Des.: salvo felicitis recordationis Bonifacii VIII etc., contrariis non obstantibus quibuscumque. Nulli ergo etc.
 Reg.: The pope grants Capistran permission to establish or accept six friaries, no matter where, as dwellings for the Observants.
 Ms.: L'Aquila, A. S., cod. 73, fol. 317r-v (273r-v). Ed: W 11: 520 f. Bn 113.
179. 1443-IX-11, Siena.
 Eugenius IV ad IdC.
 Inc.: Universis et singulis. . . . Cum dilectus filius. . . .
 Des.: veniat merito commendanda.
 Reg.: The pope issues a safe-conduct for Capistran.
 Ed.: BFNS 1: 619, 900. Bn 113a.
180. 1443-IX-12, Siena.
 Eugenius IV ad IdC.
 Inc.: Ad ea libenter intendimus etc. Sane dilectus filius. . . .
 Des.: si qui forsan intervenerint in eisdem.
 Reg.: At Capistran's request, the pope confirms the foun-

- dation of an Observant friary in the town of Sluis, in the diocese of Tour.
 Ed.: BFNS 1: 346. Bn 114.
181. 1443-IX-24, La Verna.
 IdC epistola circularis ad fratres de Observantia.
 Inc.: Venerabilibus in Christo fratribus. . . . Quoniam, ut ait Gregorius, quantum. . . .
 Des.: hortans vos omnes ad observantiam regularem.
 Reg.: These are Capistran's *Ordinationes* for the Italian Observants. The work contains twelve chapters.
 Ms.: Vat. lat. 7694, fol. 155v-165v. Ed.: Hermann 206-19. Bn 115, copy available.
182. 1443-X-11, ?.
 IdC ad sorores monasterii Corpus Domini.
 Reg.: Capistran confirms the election of Eugenia to the office of abbess of the Poor Clares in the town of Pesaro.
 Ms.: Pesaro, Bibl. Oliveriana, cod. 376 (fasc. III, carta 64). Bn 117. See Mazzatinti 35: 54-55.
183. 1444-II-6, Roma.
 IdC ad fratres familie Observantium (alias: Sermo ad studentes).
 Inc.: Venerabiles Patres, Fratres venerandi. . . . Non modicum admirari cogor. . . .
 Des.: bonis operibus crescite iubilanter.
 Reg.: Encyclical letter to the friars of the Observant family on the necessity of learning. Priests cannot exercise their ministry if they are ignorant. St. Francis did not discourage St. Anthony from studies.
 Ed.: AFH 11 (1918): 127-31. Bn 118.
184. 1444-II-13, Roma.
 Eugenius IV ad IdC.
 Inc.: Eugenius Episcopus. . . . Cum ex nostra deliberata maturaque dispositione. . . .
 Des.: in contrarium facientes non obstantibus quibuscumque.
 Reg.: The pope orders the Ultramontane Observants to obey Capistran, their legitimate vicar general. Capistran is hereby authorized to correct and punish the disobedient friars.
 Ed.: W 11: 211-12; BFNS 1: 357 f. Bn 102.

185. 1444?-III-18, Vicomoso.
Henricus quidam ad IdC.
Inc.: Ve ho scritto una altra lettera. . . .
Reg.: A certain Henry informs Capistran that his (Henry's) daughter entered a monastery and that he sold his possessions.
Ms.: Cap., c. 347 (illegible). See CRel 233, n. 347.
186. 1444-VII-19, Siena.
Cives Senenses ad IdC.
Inc.: Fratri Iohanni de Capestrano . . . scriptum est rogando. . . .
Des.: nos sic facere intendamus etc.
Reg.: The authorities of Siena ask Capistran to permit Fr. Felice to go to Milan and give the duke certain objects which belonged to Fr. Bernardine of Siena.
Ed.: Liberati 377. The *copia littere* which Liberati published are located in the Archivio di Stato of Siena, Concistoro o Archivio Sergardi, as the editor indicates.
187. 1444-IX-4, L'Aquila.
IdC ad Christophorum de Modoetia, Vicarium Provinciae Mediolanensis.
Inc.: In Christo sibi carissimo. . . . Cum quod iustum est et petitum. . . .
Des.: concedo in officio successoribus. In quorum testimonium presentes fieri iussimus.
Reg.: Capistran extends the authority of the vicar provincial over the Poor Clares living in his territory. He also grants him authority to appoint confessors for all the monasteries with the faculty to absolve in reserved cases and dispense candidates for the priesthood from hindrances such as required age, etc.
Ms.: Pavia, Bibl. Univ., cod. 60, fol. 52v. See *La Verna* 10 (1912): 250. Bn 119a, copy available.
188. 1444-XI-18, Siena.
Cives Senenses ad IdC.
Inc.: Fratri Iohanni de Capestrano. . . . Abunde de nostra dispositione. . . .
Des.: nos nullum alium elegerimus nec electuri sumus.
Reg.: The citizens of Siena ask Capistran to send Fr. Andrea as preacher.
Ed.: Liberati 378.

189. 1445-I-13, Roma.
Eugenius IV ad IdC.
Inc.: Eugenius Episcopus . . . cum universalis. . . .
Des.: verbum Domini predicare possitis etc.
Reg.: The pope commissions Capistran to preach the crusade against the Turks who are menacing the island of Rhodes. He grants spiritual benefits to all those who contribute money to the cause.
Ed.: BFNS 1: 406 f. Bn 117.
190. 1445-I-19, Roma.
Eugenius IV ad IdC.
Inc.: Eugenius Episcopus. . . . Inter ecclesiasticos ordines etc. Cum itaque, sicut exhibita Nobis. . . .
Des.: contrariis non obstantibus quibuscumque.
Reg.: The pope gives Capistran permission to accept fourteen houses for the Observant friars.
Ed.: W 11: 548; BFNS 1: 410. Bn 122.
191. 1445-I-22, Roma.
Eugenius IV ad IdC.
Inc.: Eugenius Episcopus. . . . Cum te ad diversas provincias. . . .
Des.: deputandis plenarie respondeatis.
Reg.: The pope grants Capistran, as nuncio and collector of donations for the crusade against the Turks, ample jurisdiction.
Ed.: BFNS 1: 410 f; see also 430-31. Bn 123.
192. 1445-I-27, Roma.
IdC ad Elisabetham, Abbatissam Clarissarum, in Mantua.
Inc.: Venerabili in Christo matri et sorori. . . . Tuis perlectis litteris. . . .
Des.: per infinita seculorum secula. Amen.
Reg.: Capistran notifies the abbess that he has approached the pope personally on her behalf, and that the pope has granted her request. An exposition of the Rule of St. Clare follows.
Ed.: AFH 22 (1929): 342-57, 512-28. Bn 124. The Italian version of this letter is edited in AFH 5 (1912): 303-04.
193. 1445-I-27, Roma.
IdC ad Clarissas.

- Inc.: *Debilis intellectus, fragilis ingenii...*
 Des.: *et pro me ... preces ad Deum porrigite quando libet.*
 Reg.: Capistran exhorts the Poor Clares' abbess to be like a mother to the sisters, and at the same time he appeals to the sisters to obey the abbess.
 Ms.: L'Aquila, A. S., cod. 73, fol. 293a. Bn 338ra (293ra), copy available.
194. 1445-III-22, L'Aquila.
 IdC ad cives Senenses.
 Inc.: *Magnifici et spectabiles domini... Vestris benignis litteris...*
 Des.: *in perpetuum valere feliciter concupisco.*
 Reg.: Capistran notifies the civil authorities of Siena that the cardinals of the pontifical commission for the canonization of Fr. Bernardine of Siena are ready to go to L'Aquila. He advises them concerning expenses, and asks them to send Fr. Dominic with a true-to-life portrait of Fr. Bernardine.
 Ed.: Lusini 112 f. Bn 125b, copy available.
195. 1445-III-12, Siena.
 Cives Senenses ad IdC.
 Inc.: *Venerabili patri fratri Iohanni de Capestrano... Aquile commoranti...*
 Des.: *donec ipse super hiis respondeat nobis.*
 Reg.: The authorities in Siena inquire how much the citizens of L'Aquila plan to spend for the canonization of Fr. Bernardine and how much the citizens of Siena are expected to contribute.
 Ed.: Liberati 381. Bn 124b (sine die), copy available.
196. 1445-III-13, Roma.
 Eugenius IV ad IdC.
 Inc.: *Cum vos ad provincias et loca predicta...*
 Des.: *plenary respondeatis.*
 Reg.: Eugene IV grants certain faculties to Capistran and other collectors of donations for an expedition against the Turks.
 Ed.: BFNS 1: 430. Bn 125a.
197. 1445-III-24, ?.
 IdC ad Ioannetum de Silvestro.

- Inc.: *Pateat evidenter Universis Christifidelibus...*
 Des.: *nec non Sanctis Sacramentis Ecclesie. Interim ego te absolvo etc.*
 Reg.: Capistran, by authority of Pope Eugene IV, grants the addressee permission to choose, at the hour of death, a confessor who will have jurisdiction to absolve him in cases reserved to the pope. The same permission is granted to his wife, Nicolascia. They donated a certain amount of money for the expedition against the Turks.
 Ed.: Massonio 113 f. Bn 126, copy available.
198. 1445-IV-28, Roma.
 Eugenius IV ad IdC.
 Inc.: *Eugenius Episcopus... Cum pridem per alias Nost-ras litteras...*
 Des.: *simili tenore remittimus, non obstantibus etc.*
 Reg.: The pope extends and increases the faculties already granted to Capistran whom he commissioned to collect donations for the expedition against the Turks.
 Ed.: BFNS 1: 441. Bn 127.
199. 1445-V-6, Siena.
 Cives Senenses ad IdC.
 Inc.: *Fratri Iohanni de Capestrano... Reverende... Accepimus noviter...*
 Des.: *immortalibus eius duraturum.*
 Reg.: The authorities in Siena notify Capistran that they expect a visit from some members of the pontifical commission for the canonization of Fr. Bernardine. They are coming to investigate the life and customs of Fr. Bernardine. The Siennese promise to do their best, and ask Capistran to do the same.
 Ed. Liberati 382. Bn 127a.
200. 1445-VI-3, Siena.
 Cives Senenses ad IdC.
 Inc.: *Fratri Iohanni de Capestrano... Venerabilis pater etc. Reddite sunt...*
 Des.: *nos certiores reddite. Valete in Cristo.*
 Reg.: The citizens of Siena, in answer to a letter of Capistran, inform him that they had already selected a number of citizens to be sent to L'Aquila to investigate the life and virtues of Fr. Bernardine; but when they learned

that the pope had entrusted such an inquiry to the Bishop of Siena (Neri), they decided not to send their delegation.

Ed. Liberati 383. Bn 127b.

201. 1445-VI-8, L'Aquila.
IdC ad Vannutiam de Matthaео Romanelli.
Inc.: Pateat evidenter Universis Christifidelibus ... qualiter ego...
Des.: ducatum unum venetum.
Reg.: By authority of Eugene IV, Capistran grants the addressee the privilege of choosing, at the hour of death, a confessor who will have the faculty to absolve her from all her sins and grant her a plenary indulgence. Vannuzia donated a Venetian ducat for arming a fleet against the Turks.
Ed.: Massonio 114. Bn 128, copy available.
202. 1445-VI-18, Siena.
Cives Senenses ad IdC.
Inc.: Fratri Iohanni de Capestrano.... Reverende pater... Cum sumus avidi...
Des.: credimus et speramus.
Reg.: The Sienese invite Capistran to come to Siena the following year to preach the Lenten sermons.
Ed.: Liberati 383 f. Bn 128a.
203. 1445-VII-1, Kotor (Cattaro).
Cives Cattareses ad IdC.
Inc.: Habentes nos nobiles et cives Catari...
Reg.: The authorities of Cattaro (Kotor) ask Capistran that a friary be established in their city for the Observants, who are needed to head off the heretics.
Ms.: Cap., c. 349 (illegible). Bn 129.
204. 1445-VII-10, L'Aquila.
IdC ad Episcopum Licensem. (Defensio fratris Antonii Bituntini).
Inc.: Reverendissime pater... Accidit se penumero...
Des.: instantissime commendatum. Valetе feliciter cum triumpho.
Reg.: The Dominicans have accused the famous preacher, Anthony of Bitonto, of heresy for saying in a sermon that

those who receive Communion during Holy Week do not commit a sin if they fail to communicate again on Easter Sunday. In defense of Anthony, Capistran explains to the bishop how the decree of the Fourth Lateran Council concerning Easter communion should be interpreted.

Ed.: AFH 21 (1928): 277-81. Bn 129a.

205. 1445-VII-12, Siena.
Cives Senenses ad IdC.
Inc.: Fratri Iohanni de Capestrano.... Reverende pater... Verum est quod...
Des.: conforme prestolamur responsum.
Reg.: The authorities of Siena ask Capistran to take over the direction of the friary which the citizens of Massa Marittima are building for the Observants. The friary will be dedicated to the memory of Fr. Bernardine of Siena.
Ed.: Liberati 384f. Bn 129b.
206. 1445-VII-25, Siena.
Cives Senenses ad IdC.
Inc.: Fratri Iohanni de Capestrano. Grandis utique cura...
Des.: ad exitum optatum perducere.
Reg.: The citizens of Siena ask for news about the canonization of Fr. Bernardine. They ask what is being done in Rome and in L'Aquila.
Ed.: Liberati 385f. Bn 129c.
207. 1445-VII-27, Roma.
Eugenius IV ad IdC.
Inc.: Eugenius Papa... Alias, cum dilecti filii, communitas terre Montepulciani...
Des.: laudabiliter gubernari.
Reg.: The pope, complying with the desire of the citizens of Monte Pulciano and Florence, decided to transfer the friary of Monte Pulciano from the Conventuals to the Observants. He instructs Capistran to take it over for the Observants.
Ms.: Cap., perg. 41. Ed.: Mascia 262 f. Bn 130.
208. 1445-VIII-4, Magreta.
Franciscus Gaetano et Margarita ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverendissime et devotissime... Cum desiderio videndi presentiam...

Des.: orationibus vestris nos et ipsum in dies commendamus.

Reg.: Francesco Gaetano and his wife thank Capistran for their son's eyesight being restored through the intercession of Fr. Bernardine of Siena.

Ms.: L'Aquila, A. S., cod. 108, fol. 34v. Bn 597 (further study needed).

209. 1445-VIII-6, Porziuncula (Assisi).
IdC declarationes super Regulam S. Francisci.
Inc.: Primo circa primum capitulum, de electione facienda.
Des.: vel quomodocumque posita viderentur.
Reg.: Capistran wrote these eleven declarations on the Rule of St. Francis at the Porziuncola in Assisi at the request of the vicar provincials of the Cismontane Observants. He had written other declarations at La Verna on 1443-IX-24.
Ms.: L'Aquila, A. S., cod. 73, fol. 340r-v. Bn 130a, copy available.
210. 1445-IX-2, L'Aquila.
IdC ad Philippum M. Visconti, Ducem Mediolani.
Inc.: Illustrissime et benignissime Princeps, omni cum reverentia....
Des.: vestris iussionibus obedivit. Valeat ... cum triumpho ... cursu calami festinanter.
Reg.: Capistran, unable to send the duke any part of Fr. Bernardine of Siena's body, sends him a piece of cloth which had touched his body. At the same time he recounts the many great miracles that are happening through the intercession of Fr. Bernardine.
Ms.: L'Aquila, A. S., cod. 108, fol. 8r-v. Bn 131, copy available.
211. 1445-X-31, Roma.
Eugenius IV ad IdC.
Inc.: Dilecto filio.... Regimini universalis Ecclesie.... Sane cum Nos....
Des.: ubi Capitulum fuerit celebratum. Nulli ergo.
Reg.: Eugene IV orders Capistran to convoke the vicar provincials of the Cismontane Observants to a chapter to elect a new vicar general, since Capistran's term is about to expire.
Ed: W 11: 269 f.; BFNS 1: 466. Bn 132.

212. 1445-XII-18, Siena.
Cives Senenses ad IdC.
Inc.: Fratri Iohanni de Capestrano ... scriptum est stricte ipsum rogando....
Des.: et totius populi nostri etc.
Reg.: The Sienese ask Capistran to send Fr. Anthony of Rimini to Siena to preach the Lenten sermons in the church of St. Francis.
Ed.: Liberati 386.
213. 1445-XII-29, Siena.
Cives Senenses ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverendo fratri.... Reverende in Cristo.... Menti nostre divini....
Des.: paternitati placita atque grata.
Reg.: The citizens of Siena, knowing that Capistran is in Rome, ask him for news about the canonization process of Fr. Bernardine of Siena. They want to know how it could be accelerated.
Ed.: Liberati 386 f. Bn 132a.
214. 1446-I-13, Siena.
Cives Senenses ad IdC.
Inc.: Fratri Iohanni de Capestrano ... in hac forma videlicet: Grandis utique cura....
Des.: pro posse paratos invenietis.
Reg.: The Sienese ask Capistran to hasten the canonization of Fr. Bernardine of Siena and let them know if there is anything they can do to expedite it.
Ed.: Liberati 387. Bn 132b.
215. 1446-I-20, Brescia.
Albertus de Sarteano ad IdC.
Inc.: Ex Mediolano et Bergamo sepius ad te scripsi....
Des.: et offert et subicit.
Reg.: Albert solicits Capistran's help in realizing one of his projects in Brescia. He feels sorry for Capistran because he has to suffer the insolence of certain friars. He declares himself willing to help in any way he can.
Ms.: Cap., cod. LVI, fol. 133r. Ed.: Haraldus 433 f. Bn 134.
216. 1446-II-2, Roma.
IdC ad quendam sacerdotem Regiae Civitatis.

Inc.: Reverendissime in Christo. . . . Nostri nobilitas intellectus nos semper ad altiora. . . .

Des.: Quem servet Altissimus et augeat ad eterna.

Reg.: Capistran learned with great regret that the addressee had forbidden the veneration of Fr. Bernardine of Siena in Reggio(?), ordering the destruction of his images. He lets him know that Eugene IV had already instituted a commission of cardinals to inquire into the virtues and miracles of Fr. Bernardine. The king also solicited, more than once, his canonization. The pope himself has an image of Fr. Bernardine.

Ms.: L'Aquila, A. S., cod. 108 fol. 16r. Bn 125, copy available.

217. 1446-V-5, Roma.

IdC ad Valentinum de Treviso.

Inc.: In Christo sibi carissimo. . . . Piis tuis ac honestis petitionibus. . . .

Des.: te carius in domino recomendo. Vale in cristo Iesu et ora pro me.

Reg.: Capistran, as vicar general of the Observants, gives permission to Fr. Valentine to go to Modavie(?) and other places to take care of a certain matter known to Capistran.

Ms.: L'Aquila, A. S., cod. 73, fol. 344r. Bn 135, copy available.

218. 1446-V-8, Siena.

Leonardus, civis Senensis, ad IdC.

Inc.: Religiosus vir, fervore plenus. . . .

Des.: opto exhortoque. Vale in Domino semper, mi colendissime pater.

Reg.: Peter of Siena, at the request of Capistran, asks Leonard to gather all the information he can obtain concerning the origin, life and customs of Fr. Bernardine of Siena before he entered the Order. Leonard promises to do it.

Ms.: L'Aquila, A. S., cod. 73, fol. 245v-246r (199v-200r).

Ed.: *Analecta Bollandiana* 21 (1902): 58 f. Bn 136, copy available.

219. 1446-V-20, Siena.

Cives Senenses ad IdC.

Inc.: Fratri Iohanni de Capistrano scripte sunt eedem littere et eiusdem forme in personam eiusdem domini Comitis [Cacciaconti] Abbatis antedicti.

Reg.: The same letter was sent to Fr. James of Bologna. The Sienese inform Capistran that they bestowed all authority concerning the promotion of Fr. Bernardine of Siena's canonization on Count Cacciaconti.

Ed.: Liberati 388. Bn sine numero.

220. 1446-VII-7, Roma.

Eugenius IV ad IdC.

Inc.: Dilecto filio. . . . Fide digna relatione. . . .

Des.: populis nota facias.

Reg.: Eugene IV, having heard of the controversy which had arisen in Lecce, commissions Capistran to promulgate the pope's declaration concerning the obligation to go to confession once a year and to receive Communion during Easter time. It is not necessary to receive communion on Easter day.

Ed.: AFH 21 (1928): 282 f. Bn 138.

221. 1446-VII-27, L'Aquila.

Episcopus Aquilanus ad IdC.

Inc.: Reverende in Christo. . . . Avide adventum vestrum hii cives. . . .

Des.: ac si nullam lesionem habuisset. Ad laudem omnipotentis Dei et obturationem oris . . . oro ut me eisdem velitis commendare.

Reg.: The bishop relates to Capistran that an 18-month-old boy fell into a tub where he remained for half an hour. Everyone considered him dead, but through the intercession of Fr. Bernardine of Siena, he returned to life and, as the bishop personally ascertained, is in good health.

Ms.: L'Aquila, A. S., cod. 108, fol. 52v. Bn 138c, copy available.

222. 1446-X-13, Siena.

Cives Senenses ad IdC.

Inc.: Reverende in Cristo pater. . . . Novit, paternitas Vestra.

Des.: in sua gratia conservare dignetur.

Reg.: The authorities of Siena write to Capistran, who is in L'Aquila, asking him to go to the pope, together with

the Bishop of L'Aquila, and urge the canonization of Fr. Bernardine of Siena. They promise to do their part.
Ed.: Liberati 389. Bn 138a.

223. 1446-X-18, L'Aquila.

IdC ad uxorem Rogerii Colae de Silvestro, Patritii Aquilani.

Inc.: Pateat evidenter universis....

Des.: solitoque sigillo munitas.

Reg.: Capistran, by authority of Eugene IV, gives Joppa, the wife of Cola de Silvestro, permission to choose, at the hour of death, a confessor who will have the faculty to absolve her from all her sins. Joppa donated sixty-four papal coins toward the arming of a fleet against the infidels.

Ms.: Sessa 5/3: 0287. Bn 139, copy available.

224. 1446-X-19, L'Aquila.

IdC ad Ioannem Dragonetti et uxorem Aquilanos.

Inc.: Pateat evidenter universis....

Des.: solitoque sigillo munitas.

Reg.: Capistran, by authority of the pope, authorizes the addressees to choose, at the hour of death, a confessor who will have jurisdiction to absolve them from all their sins. The nobleman, John Dragonetti, contributed sixty-four papal coins for himself and the same amount for his wife, toward the arming of a fleet against the infidels.

Ms.: Sessa 5/3: 0287 f. Bn 140, copy available.

225. 1446-XI-3, Siena.

Cives Senenses ad IdC.

Inc.: Fratri Iohanni de Capistrano ita rescriptum est videlicet. Riverende in Cristo pater.... Leto animo recepimus....

Des.: conservet et augeat ad vota.

Reg.: The citizens of Siena, answering a letter of Capistran, thank him for the report of the new miracles God performed by the intercession of Fr. Bernardine of Siena. They again bring up the question of expenses and mention the miracles that have occurred in Siena.

Ed.: Liberati 391 f. Bn 140a.

226. Sine die et loco.

IdC ad Tertiarios regni Siciliae.

Reg.: Pope Eugene IV, at the request of Capistran, orally grants all members of the Third Order of St. Francis in the Kingdom of Sicily and Naples permission to choose their own confessors at the hour of death.

Ms.: Napoli, Bibl. Naz., cod. XIII-A-24, fol. 371r. See C. Cenci, *Manoscritti francescani della Biblioteca nazionale di Napoli* (Quaracchi: Collegium S. Bonaventurae, 1971) 892 and 940.

227. 1447?-I-14, Roma.

Lucas, Episc. Nepensis, ad IdC.

Inc.: O Ioannes, prece Dei, precor esto memor mei....

Des.: datis penultima mensis.

Reg.: Lucas Rossi, the Bishop of Nepi and Sutri (d.1447), a friend of St. Bernardine of Siena, hopes to regain his health if Capistran prays for him.

Ms.: Cap., c. 245. Bn 497, copy available.

228. 1447-III-3, Ofena.

Stephanus de Solperts Papiensis ad IdC.

Inc.: Reverende in Christo.... Iam duobus annis elapsis continuo....

Des.: Salvatori piissimo laus semper in ore meo.

Reg.: The writer intends to visit Capistran and wishes to hear his Lenten sermons, and would like to know whether those who neglected to pay the tithes will be deprived of eternal salvation.

Ms.: Cap., c. 105. Ed.: Mascia 278 f. Bn 141.

229. 1447-IV-25, ?.

Ludovicus della Genga ad IdC.

Inc.: Reverende pater.... Heri ut tuo imperio satisfacere....

Des.: non obliviscaris mei. In mane sancti Marci raptim et manu ... dicendo passa loro dandare amessa.

Reg.: Fr. Louis of Genga, a Franciscan humanist of L'Aquila, at the request of Capistran relates what Lactantius Firminius wrote in the praise of the Holy Cross in his *Institutiones Divine*.

Ed.: AFH 60 (1967): 320. Bn 605.

230. 1447-V-16, Tivoli.

Alphonsus, Rex Aragoniae, ad IdC.

- Inc.: Alphonsus, Dei gratia. . . . Quia vos. . . .
 Des.: restutui volumus presentanti.
 Reg.: Alphonse, King of Aragonia and Naples, notifies his officials that he issued a safe-conduct for Capistran and his companion, valid in the Kingdom of Naples.
 Ms.: Cap., c. 106. Bn 141a.
231. 1447-V-post 3, ?.
 Ludovicus della Genga ad IdC.
 Inc.: Reverende in Christo pater. Sicut memini, superioribus diebus. . . .
 Des.: et errata corrigenda. Vale . . . qui te ex corde amat.
 Inc. poema: Cur mihi nunc desunt optate in carmina vires. . . .
 Des. poema: Nec locus insidiis nec simulata honos. . . .
 Vale in Domino et ama diligenter.
 Reg.: Fr. Louis of Genga sends Capistran a poem he wrote in honor of the Holy Cross. He finished it after the Feast of the Finding of the Holy Cross.
 Ed.: AFH 60 (1967): 320-23. Bn 606.
232. 1447-VI-2, Roma.
 Instrumentum notarile pro monasterio S. Eucharistiae.
 Inc.: In nomine Domini. Anno a nativitate Domini 1447. . . .
 Universis et singulis. . . .
 Des.: habitis specialiter et rogatis.
 Reg.: Capistran was one of the proxies who had to decide the fate of the Holy Eucharist Monastery. It had declined to such an extent that the single remaining nun wished to join another monastery.
 Ms.: L'Aquila, A. S., cod. 73, fol. 358r-9v. Bn 142, note.
233. 1447-VI-23, Roma.
 Nicolaus V ad IdC.
 Inc.: Nicolaus Episcopus. . . . Super gregem Dominicum. . . .
 Des.: se noverit incursum.
 Reg.: Pope Nicholas V commissions Capistran to enforce his decrees against the Jews. The pope imposed new restrictions upon the Jews and revoked the privileges granted them by Martin V and Eugene IV.
 Ms.: Cap., perg. 45. Ed.: W 11: 322; BFNS 1: 544. Bn 146a.
234. 1447-VII-3, Roma.
 Nicolaus V ad IdC.

- Inc.: Nicolaus Episcopus. . . . Apostolice Sedis providentia circumspecta. . . .
 Des.: nullum volumus preiudicium generari.
 Reg.: Nicholas V confirms Capistran's previous appointment as inquisitor against the Fraticelli called "della opinione" and against all other heretics.
 Ed.: W 11: 322; BFNS 1: 544. Bn 144.
235. 1447-VII-8, Napoli (?).
 Alphonsus Rex Neapolis pro IdC.
 Inc.: Qui religioni dediti. . . .
 Reg.: Alphonse, King of Aragonia and Naples, issues a safe-conduct to Capistran and his companion, instructing his officials to provide them with food and transportation.
 Ms.: Cap. perg. 48. Bn 144b.
236. 1447-XII-1, Gagliano.
 Cobella, Comitissa Caelani, ad IdC.
 Inc.: Cobella de Celano, Comitissa Celani. . . . Immensa Dei. . . .
 Des.: pendenti sigillo munitum, cum subscriptione nostre proprie manus.
 Reg.: Cobella, Countess of Celano, grants Capistran permission to establish a friary for the Observants in her domain at Palumbara.
 Ed.: W 11: 360 f.; CRel, 267-71.
237. 1447-?-?, ?.
 IdC ad dominum Iacobum eiusque uxorem.
 Inc.: Domine Iacobe. O quam bene et optime dixisti: benedicaris a Deo. . . .
 Des.: et in alio mundo per gloriam. Amen.
 Reg.: Lord James, a married man, would like to enter a religious order, but his wife refuses to give her consent. Capistran advises both of them to join the Third Order of St. Francis, which has given the church many saints.
 Ms.: Napoli, Bibl. Naz., cod. VIII B 35, fol. 94s. Bn 144a, copy available.
238. 1448-V-24, Roma.
 Nicolaus V ad IdC.
 Inc.: Nicolaus Papa V, dilecte fili. . . . Exponi fecerunt Nobis dilecte. . . .

- Des.: auctoritate apostolica licentiam elargimur.
Reg.: The pope authorizes Capistran to execute the order of Alphonse, King of Aragonia and Naples, concerning the restitution of certain possessions to the Abbess Margarita and to the Prioress Alexandrina of Lecco.
Ed.: BFNS 1: 611 f. Bn 146.
239. 1448-VI-14, Roma.
IdC ad Nicolaum V.
Inc.: Beatissime pater, cum per sanctitatem vestram. . .
Des.: de vestra benigna gratia speciali.
Reg.: Capistran has begged the pope to allow the Bishop of Ascoli (Piceno), Angelo Capranica, who is in charge of the process of canonization of Fr. Bernardine of Siena, to choose a delegate for the same cause. The pope has agreed, and Capistran hands the supplication with the pope's agreement to the bishop.
Ms.: L'Aquila, A. S., cod. 50, fol. 8v. Bn 146c, 153. See Massonio 139.
240. 1448-VI-19, Siena.
Cives Senenses ad IdC.
Inc.: Fratри Iohanni de Capistrano. . . Reverende etc. Re-
cepimus litteras. . .
Des.: pro nobis tamquam pro amicis vestris oret.
Reg.: The citizens of Siena thank Capistran for his letter and for his zeal in promoting the canonization of Fr. Bernardine of Siena. They inform him that they exchanged several letters with the Cardinal of Taranto who is working on the same case. They are grateful to Capistran for having given Fr. Paul permission to preach the Lenten sermons in Siena.
Ed.: Liberati 393 f. Bn 146b.
241. 1448-VI-22, ?.
Nicolaus V ad IdC.
Inc.: Universis et singulis . . . cum dilectus filius Ioannes de Capistrano. . .
Des.: Sedem ipsam veniat merito commendanda.
Reg.: The pope issues Capistran and his companions a safe-conduct.
Ed.: BFNS 1: 619. Bn 147.

242. 1448-VIII-1, Siena.
IdC ad civitatem Massam Maritimam.
Inc.: Magnifici Domini. . . Scriveme la vostra grazia del venire. . .
Des.: desponiamo ad venir. Valetе in Domino. E Senis . . . manu propria.
Reg.: Capistran tells the citizens of Massa Marittima that he cannot accept their invitation because he is too busy with the process of canonization of Fr. Bernardine of Siena. He asks them to notify him if they learn of any miracles that have taken place there through the intercession of Fr. Bernardine.
Ed.: BSB 9 (1943): 174. Bn 147a, copy available.
243. 1448-XII-2, Campoli.
IdC ad Marcum Diecum de Specchio.
Inc.: Magnifice et excellens domine. . . Cum non ignorem. . .
Des.: in filium susceperim spiritualem. Vale. . . manu propria festinanter.
Reg.: Capistran asks the intervention of Diego on behalf of Anthony of James de Camplo, a prominent jurist, who is in custody in Amatrice on account of a sentence imposed with some miscalculation.
Ms.: Cap. X, fol. 164v. Bn 148, copy available.
244. 1448-XII-2, Campoli.
IdC ad quendam officialem regni Neapolitani.
Inc.: Spectatissime doctor. . . Quamquam post communem abcessum de Perusio. . .
Des.: non relinquere sine fructu. Vale . . . ad felicitatem glorie sempiternae.
Reg.: Capistran begs a judge, who long ago was his companion at the University of Perugia, to free and forgive Anthony of James de Camplo, whom he unjustly condemned because he was offended by Anthony's father.
Ms.: Cap., cod. X, fol. 165v. Bn 149, copy available.
245. 1449-III-20, L'Aquila?
IdC et sex cives Senenses ad Capitaneos populi Senensis.
Inc.: Consilio populi et popularium etc. In Nomine Domini amen. Ricordasi. . .
Des.: che ci mantenga in pace et liberta.

Reg.: Capistran and six citizens of Siena in charge of Fr. Bernardine of Siena's canonization, notify the citizens of Siena that the pope is well-disposed toward the canonization of Fr. Bernardine, and ask them to come up with their share of the expenses, viz. 2,500 florins.
Ed. Liberati 397. Bn 150a-1.

246. 1449-V4, Mugello-Firenze.
IdC ad Batholomeaum de Chaimis, O.F.M., Vicarium Provinciae Mediolanensis.
Inc.: In Christo sibi carissimo.... Volens, ut tuum debite....
Des.: uti possem si personaliter adessem. Vale in Christo et ora pro me.
Reg.: Capistran, as vicar general of the Cismontane Observants for the second time, confirms the faculties granted to Bartholomew by the former vicar general, James of Primadizzi, and by himself during his first term as vicar general. The same faculties are also granted to Bartholomew's successors. Another letter with the same content was, very likely, also sent to the vicar provincial of the Observants of the Marshes of Ancona.
Ms.: Pavia, B. Univ., cod. 60, fol. 53r-v. Bn 150a-2, copy available.
247. 1449-VI-2, Firenze.
Antonius de Rusconibus, Min. Gen. O.F.M., ad IdC.
Inc.: In Christo sibi carissimo.... Cum in congregatione fratrum....
Des.: teque illis in Domino commendo. Vale in Christo Iesu et ora pro me.
Reg.: Capistran was elected vicar general of the Cismontane Observants for the second time at the Chapter of Firenze-Mugello. The minister general hereby confirms his election.
Ms.: Cap., perg. 58. Ed: W 12: 35. Bn 152.
248. 1449-VI-6, Firenze.
IdC ad Marcum Fantuzzi de Bononia, O.F.M.
Inc.: In Christo sibi carissimo fratri Marco.... Cum ex officio....
Des.: ac dies tibi vite prestitos utiliter expende.
Reg.: Capistran, in consideration of Fr. Mark's exemplary life and zeal, grants him the privileges to preach every-

where, choose three companions, carry and procure books, visit the vicar general at any time, and receive candidates who are under 18 years of age into the Order.
Ed.: AFH 2 (1909): 543 f. Bn 153.

249. 1449-VI-15, Siena.
Cives Senenses ad IdC.
Inc.: Fratri Iohanni de Capistrano.... Venerabilis etc. Singulare gaudio....
Des.: sempre promptissimi et apparecchiati. Datum etc.
Reg.: The citizens of Siena, thanking Capistran for his zeal in promoting the canonization of Fr. Bernardine of Siena, express their joy over the fact that the canonization will take place on the Feast of Ascension in the coming year. They declare that they are always ready to do their part.
Ed.: Liberati 399. Bn 153a.
250. 1449-VII-29, Capestrano.
IdC ad Ducem Andriae.
Inc.: Illustris et excellens Princeps, Domine.... Vehementer gratulatus sum....
Des.: ac officiosos solita clementia et caritate complectere.
Reg.: Capistran praises the duke's orthodoxy, zeal and piety and thanks him for his good will toward the Order of St. Francis. He is glad to hear that the duke was pleased with the preaching of Fr. Robert of Lecce, and promises to send him Fr. Lawrence of Sinesio as Lenten preacher next year.
Ms.: Cap., cod. XXXIII, fol. 238v-239v (314v-315v). Bn 154, copy available.
251. 1449-X-14, Fabriano.
Nicolaus V ad IdC.
Inc.: Inter ecclesiasticos ordines etc. Cum itaque, sicut exhibita....
Des.: non obstantibus felicis recordationis Bonifacii Pape VIII etc. quibuscumque. Nulli ergo etc.
Reg.: The pope, at the request of Capistran, gives him permission to establish twelve friaries for the Observant friars anywhere in the world.
Ed.: BFNS 1: 675 f. Bn 155.

252. 1449-X-20, Fabriano.
IdC ad Vicarios Provinciales Observantium.
Inc.: Reverende in Christo pater. . . Non me latet. . .
Des.: que si modo supponantur, peribunt. Vale.
Reg.: Capistran calls the vicars provincial of the Observant family to the general chapter to be celebrated the following Pentecost at the friary of Aracoeli in Rome. At the same time, he orders them to be present in Rome, with five or six friars of their choosing, for the canonization of Fr. Bernardine of Siena, which will take place next May.
Ms.: Sessa 5/3: 0150. Bn 156, copy available.
253. 1449-X-29, Fabriano.
Nicolaus V ad IdC.
Inc.: Dilecto filio. . . Cognita devotionis constantia. . .
Des.: omnibus et singulis privilegiis etc. iure tamen etc.
Reg.: The pope orders Capistran to permit Count Gratia Gambelli to build a friary for the Observants outside the walls of Troia in the province of Foggia, and to dedicate it to Santa Maria de Grazia.
Ed.: BFNS 1: 677. Bn 156a.
254. 1449-XI-4, Fabriano.
IdC ad Ioannem de Monte Alcino, O.F.M., Vicarium Provinciae S. Angeli.
Reg.: Capistran orders the vicar provincial of the Observants to attend to the building of the friary outside of Troia. The letter is not available, but it is mentioned by Wadding 12: 45.
Bn 157.
255. 1449-XI-18, Massa.
IdC ad Philippum, Cardinalem Bononiensem.
Inc.: Reverendissime in Christo pater. . . Quanta diligentia. . .
Des.: finem dicendi faciam. Valeat . . . confortet et salvet.
Reg.: Capistran exhorts the Cardinal of Santa Susanna (called Cardinalis Bononiensis) and papal legate for the Marshes of Ancona to suppress the heresies in areas under his jurisdiction. He explains and excuses the absence of Fr. Francis. Note that cod. P, fol. 103-4 of the friary

- library of Falconara contains a letter of Capistran from Massaccio dated 1449-XI-19.
Ms.: Sessa 5/3: 0151 f. Bn 158, copy available.
256. 1449-?-?, ?
IdC ad fratrem Nicolaum de Regio, O.F.M.
Inc.: Venerande in Christo pater. . . Solet nonnumquam sinistra suspicio. . .
Des.: dedecus invaluisset ardentem. Vale, pater, et acquiesce consilio saniori etc.
Reg.: Capistran tells the addressee to retract what he wrote to Francis of Areopoli about James of the Marshes who has always defended the Franciscan Order before both the pope and the cardinal protector.
Ms.: Sessa 5/3: 0148 f. Bn 158a, copy available.
257. 1450-I-12, Roma.
IdC ad Angelum Christophori de Perusio, Vicarium Gen. O.F.M.
Inc.: In Christo pater et doctor. . . Etsi ab infantuli etate, tunc ego provector. . .
Des.: felici commercio terrenorum. Vale . . . commendatum.
Reg.: Capistran congratulates Fr. Angelo Serpetri of Perugia on his election to the office of vicar general. He praises his exemplary life and vast learning and recommends him to the Observant family. He excuses himself for not having answered his letters sooner. He also mentions his activity against the heretics in Fabriano.
Ms.: Cap., cod. XXXIII, fol. 239v-40r (315v-316r). Bn 159, copy available.
258. 1450-I-18, Todi.
Iacobus et Andreas Tudertini ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverende in Christo pater. . . Perche el venerabile religioso frate Matteo di Monopoli. . .
Des.: offriamo et raccomandiamo reverendo vestro paternitati.
Reg.: James and Andrew of Todi ask Capistran to send Fr. Matthew of Naples to Todi.
Ms.: Cap., c. 110. Bn 160.
259. 1450-I-30, Roma.
Nicolaus V ad IdC et fratres de Observantia.

- Inc.: Dilectis filiis. . . Sacre religionis etc.. Exhibita siquidem Nobis. . .
 Des.: uti valeant etc., non obstantibus quibuscumque.
 Reg.: The pope gives Capistran permission to take over the Monastery of St. Martin outside the city walls of Varoli (Lazio) for the Observants. It belongs to Benedictine nuns, but since no more than three nuns—two of them old—live in it, the town asks that it be given to the Observants.
 Ed.: BFNS 1: 686 f. Bn 161.
260. 1450-II-9, Roma.
 IdC ad Andream Sangeminensem, Vicarium Provinciae S. Francisci O.F.M.
 Inc.: In Christo sibi carissimo. . . Cum sepe numero ex litteris. . .
 Des.: solito mei officii sigillo impressione muniri. Datas Rome. . . Nicolai Pape quinti Anno tertio.
 Reg.: In virtue of Eugene IV's bull *Inter ecclesiasticos ordines*, Capistran gives the vicar provincial of the Observants permission to build a friary in the territory of Cascia. The papal bull is attached.
 Ms.: Assisi, Arch. Porziunculae 144-5, num. 21. Bn 162, copy available.
261. 1450 [1451?]-II-19, Casalmaggiore.
 Consilium civitatis Casalis Maioris ad IdC.
 Inc.: Desideravimus, christianissime. . . Multis iam decursis annis. . .
 Des.: eiusdem plurimum recommissos facientes. Ex Casalimaioire. . . Commune et homines Casalimaioris.
 Reg.: The authorities of Casal Maggiore beg Capistran to visit their town for a day or two and preach the word of God to them. The letter was brought to Capistran by James Chisoli and Christopher Ruggeri.
 Ms.: Cap., c. 111. Bn 163, copy available.
262. 1450-III-26, Roma.
 IdC ad Vicarium Generalem dioecesis Viterbensis.
 Inc.: Doctor profundissime, salutem. . . Patet in naturalibus evidenter. . .
 Des.: et viam reconciliationis poteris adhibere. Vale.
 Reg.: Capistran reminds the vicar general to interpret

- canon law correctly and not to turn the Bishop of Viterbo against the friars.
 Ms.: Sessa 5/3: 0153 ff. Bn 164, copy available.
263. 1450-IV-16, Dubrovnik (Ragusa).
 Respublica Ragusana ad IdC.
 Inc.: Venerabilis et religiosus vir frater Christophorus de Pirano. . .
 Des.: ad singularem complacentiam. Valete parati.
 Reg.: The citizens of Ragusa tell Capistran that they were very much pleased with the Lenten sermons of Fr. Christopher of Pirano and they wish Capistran would send him back for the good of the citizens and the friars who live among them.
 Ed.: MF 14 (1912): 178. Bn 165.
264. 1450-V-27, Roma.
 IdC ad quendam Episcopum O.F.M.
 Inc.: Reverende in Christo pater. . . Nove letitie, quam Altissimus. . .
 Des.: novello Sancto congratulare summopere.
 Reg.: Capistran, filled with joy, notifies a certain bishop of the solemn canonization of Fr. Bernardine of Siena, which took place on May 24, at St. Peter's in Rome. As a souvenir of the event, he sends the bishop a candle used during the solemnity.
 Ed.: *S. Bernardino da Siena. Pubblicazione commemorativa del V centenario della Canonizzazione, MCDL-MCML.* (L'Aquila: Deputazione Abruzzese di Storia Patria, 1950) 124 f.
265. 1450-IX-22, Ferrara.
 IdC ad Margeritam de Mantua, Abbatissam Clarissarum.
 Inc.: Christo devote Sorori Margarite. . . Cum per mortem Venerabilis Sororis. . .
 Des.: et mea interveniente absentia. Valete . . . et orate pro me.
 Reg.: After the death of Sister Clare, Sister Margaret of Mantova was elected abbess of the Poor Clare monastery of San Guglielmo outside Ferrara. Capistran confirms her election and exhorts her to exercise her office for the good of the community. At the same time, he admonishes the Sisters to obey the abbess.

- Ms.: Ferrara, Arch. Archiep., S. Guglielmo, 2, Filza Q, num. 4. Bn 167, copy available.
266. 1450-X-15, Reggio Emilia.
Iacobus Forumliuensis O.F.M. ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverendissime in Christo. . . . Cum per multa tempora. . . .
Des.: et valeant qui valere desiderant.
Reg.: Fr. James of Forli asks Capistran to depose a certain Fr. Bartholomew, guardian of the friary at Civitavecchia, who is the cause of much discord and lack of observance.
Ms.: Cap., c. 112. Bn 168.
267. 1450-XI-5, Roma.
Dominicus, Card. Capranica, Episc. Firmanus, ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabilis pater carissime. Accepitis tuis et aliorum.
Des.: arbitrio et iudicio relinquimus.
Reg.: The cardinal explains to Capistran that it was the Duke of Venice who sent a letter to the pope about certain Sisters. He had only obeyed the order of the pope. He leaves it up to Capistran to decide what to do about the Sisters.
Ed.: Mascia 274. Bn 169.
268. 1450-XII-5, Venezia.
Franciscus Foscari, Dux Venetiarum, ad IdC.
Inc.: Cum venerabilis. . . .
Reg.: The Duke of Venice issues a safe-conduct for Capistran, ordering his subjects to let him have free and gratuitous passage everywhere.
Ms.: Cap., c. 61. Bn 170.
269. 1450-??, Iraklion (Candia).
Franciscus Dandalus ad IdC.
Reg.: Francis Dandalo tells Capistran with how much rejoicing the news of Fr. Bernardine of Siena's canonization was received. The people have already built altars and chapels in his honor. The citizens of Seteia (Cylei, Cytei, Sitia), wish the friary of St. Francis to be given to the Observants. This letter does not survive, but Wadding (12: 77) quotes it.
Bn 171.

270. 1451-I-7, Venezia.
Angelus Serpetri Christophori, Min. Gen. O.F.M., ad IdC.
Inc.: In Christo sibi carissimis. . . . Cum non sine displicentia
Des.: ac censuris superius designatis. Valetate in domino et orate pro me.
Reg.: The minister general forbids, under penalty of excommunication, all superiors of the Conventuals to receive into their community any Observant friar without the consent of Capistran, the legitimate vicar general of the Observants. Capistran, in a postscript, attests that he has received this letter, signed it and appended his seal to it.
Ms.: Cod. Bibl. Episc. Brugge, D-II-13, fol. 207v-8r; Bibl. Apost. Vat., Arch. Secr., Reg. Vic. Gen. O.F.M., fol. 81. Bn 171a, copy available.
271. 1451-I-8, Roma.
Antonius M. de Luscanis, Officialis Pontificis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverende in Christo pater. . . . Postquam paternitas vestra ex Francolino, Ferrariensi dioecesi discessit. . . .
Des.: auxilium mihi prestare possunt, plurimum commendo.
Reg.: Anthony, an abbreviator in the Roman Curia, promises Capistran that he will exert his influence with the curia and Peter of Noceto to correct certain minutes concerning St. Bernardine. He asks Capistran to remain in Ferrara for at least eight days. There they will correct the minutes and come to an agreement with an adversary of his (Anthony's).
Ms.: Cap., c. 114. Bn 172.
272. 1451-I-15, Vicenza.
IdC ad quendam praedicatorum O.F.M.
Inc.: Reverende colendeque pater. . . . Nisi te scirem virum probatissimum. . . .
Des.: gloriam divini nominis exaltare. Vale et me ama, te veraciter diligentem.
Reg.: Capistran, after extolling the merits of the preacher, orders him to preach the Lenten sermons in Vicenza and not in Venice, where he had formerly been assigned. Capistran himself, by order of the pope, must preach in Venice, even though he would have preferred to preach in Milan or Padova. He mentions what great success Fr. Robert (of Lecce?) is having in Padova.
Ms.: Sessa 5/3: 0159 f. Bn 173, copy available.

273. 1451-I-18, Vicenza.
Ambrosius Patavinus ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverendissime in Chrsito. . . Havendomi in gran tumulto, si a Padova. . .
Des.: de la quale humiliter mi ricomando.
Reg.: Ambrose, because of the great crowd that usually surrounds Capistran, was unable to approach him or touch his habit. He wants to implore his intercession for the recovery of his only son who is epileptic. He does this by the present letter.
Ms.: Cap., c. 115. Bn 174, copy available.
274. 1451-I-22, Vicenza.
Donatus Citadellensis Patavus ad IdC.
Inc.: Indignus quamvis ego Christi servus amator. . .
Des.: Inque dies cresce mitis amore Dei.
Reg.: Donat of Cittadella, a humanist of Padova, wrote this poem in honor of Capistran, extolling him as standard-bearer of the faith, ornament of the homeland, true follower of St. Francis, miracle worker, etc. He commends himself to him as a faithful friend.
Ed.: AFH 4 (1911): 178 f. Bn 174a.
275. 1451-II-7, Pasman (Pasmano).
Nicolaus de Zara, Vicarius Prov. Bosniae O.F.M. ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverendissime pater . . . tot totiens scripsi paternitati vestre et toties fratres misi. . .
Des.: in regimine minorum conservet Deus omnipotens.
Reg.: Nicholas complains that Capistran failed to answer his repeated letters. He asks him to believe neither the priest Valentine of Pozega nor the lay brother Gregory of Bosnia. They became apostates because they were reprimanded for serious crimes.
Ms.: Cap., c. 116. Bn 176.
276. 1451-II-12, Crema.
Iacobus Antonius de Marcello ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverendissime in Chrsito pater. Io cum tutto ques-
to populo. . .
Des.: exhibitori presenti per accompagnar la vostra reverenda paternita fin qui.
Reg.: Giacomantonio, a soldier, in the name of the whole town, implores Capistran (who is preaching in Brescia)

- to come to Crema, at least for a day, to preach to the good people of the town. He assures him that his preaching will be very fruitful.
Ms.: Cap., 117. Bn 177, copy available.
277. 1451-II-19, Fara.
Thomas, Episc. Farenensis et Legatus Apostolicus Bosniae, ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverende pater . . . ut alias contuli cum paternitate vestra. . .
Des.: cuius me orationibus commendo.
Reg.: The bishop, having learned that the Vicariate of Bosnia is under the jurisdiction of Capistran, commends it to him. The king and the greater part of the people accepted the true faith; if there were enough friars, the Manichean heresy would completely disappear. He asks Capistran not to separate some Dalmatian friaries from the Bosnian Vicariate because it could not survive without them.
Ms.: Sessa 1/1: 390 ff. Ed.: W 12: 130 f. Bn 178.
278. 1451-III-11, Venezia.
Franciscus Barbarus, humanista, ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverendo patri. . . Quia nihil est in rebus humanis virtute. . .
Des.: ut tecum videam consolationem in Israel.
Reg.: Francis Barbaro, a humanist, professes himself and his city (Venice) lucky for having heard Capistran's preaching and having witnessed his example. Asks to be accepted as a friend.
Ed.: AFH 11 (1918): 295 f. Bn 180.
279. 1451-III-18, Venezia.
IdC ad Franciscum Barbaro.
Inc.: Fr. Ioannes de Capistrano. . . Pluries nonnumquam, vir spectatissime, fallit opinio . . .
Des.: te valere peropto feliciter. Amen. Ex gymnasio . . . manu propria festinanter.
Reg.: Capistran tells Francis Barbaro to attribute whatever he (Capistran) achieved in Venice to the grace of God. He is well-informed of Barbaro's great learning, having heard of it from St. Bernardine of Siena, Albert of

- Sarteano and Anthony of Bitonto. He asks Barbaro to number him among his friends.
Ed. AFH 11 (1918): 296 f. Bn 181.
280. 1451-III-20, Venezia.
IdC ad Franciscum Barbaro.
Inc.: Frater Ioannes de Capistrano.... Hodie familiaris quidam tuus....
Des.: gratius esse solet. Vale in Christo Iesu et me tuorum numero adscribe.
Reg.: Capistran thanks the addressee for his gift of two bottles of wine. As an old man, Capistran enjoyed the sweet one more.
Ed.: AFH 11 (1918): 297. Bn 182.
281. 1451-III-22, Dubrovnik (Ragusa).
Christophorus Benna de Pirano O.F.M. ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverendissimo in Christo patri fratri.... Pudore vehementissimo confundor....
Reg.: Fr. Christopher praises Capistran and thanks him for his kindness. He sends his greetings to his good friend, Nicholas of Fara, supposing he is with Capistran.
Ms.: Cap., c. 360 (illegible). Bn 183.
282. 1451-III-23, Venezia.
Franciscus Barbaro ad IdC.
Inc.: Franciscus Barbarus.... Gratias habeo Deo nostro, reverende pater....
Des.: et ea mihi sola placeant que Deus velit.
Reg.: The writer was pleased to learn that Capistran enjoyed his gift. He asks him to accept him as a friend and to pray for him.
Ed.: AFH 11 (1918): 298. Bn 184.
283. 1451-III-28, Bologna.
Bessarion, Cardinalis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerande pater, latōr presentium, nuper religionem ingressus....
Des.: fratrem Petrum de Candia qui cum latore presentium erit. Valete in Domino Iesu.
Reg.: Cardinal Bessarion, Bishop of Frascati and Apostolic Legate to Bologna, recommends to Capistran the

- friar who has brought the present letter, and also his companion, Peter of Candia.
Ms.: Cap., c. 118. Bn 185.
284. 1451-IV-6, Venezia.
IdC ad Dominicum Capranica Cardinalem, Episc. Firmanum.
Inc.: Reverendissime pater.... Sepius propulsarem....
Des.: ad serenissimam Regis Romanorum Maiestatem quantotius diligenter.
Reg.: Capistran asks the cardinal to compel a wrongful heir to restitution, without damaging his reputation. At the same time he notifies the cardinal that after Easter he must go, by order of the pope, to the court of the emperor.
Ms.: Sessa 5/3: 0162 f. Bn 186, copy available.
285. 1451-IV-13, Venezia.
IdC ad Congregationem Generalem Observantium Ultramont. in Barcinona.
Inc.: Reverendi in Christo Patres.... Intellecto superiori tempore....
Des.: meque utimini arbitrio vestro dum mihi vita comes.
Reg.: Capistran expresses his profound sorrow at the death of Fr. John Maubert, the Ultramontane vicar general of the Observants. He exhorts the capitulars to elect a worthy successor, and assures them that the Italian Observants, who are closer to the Roman Curia, will always be glad to help them. If they have any problem, they should let him know.
Ms.: Sessa 5/3: 0164 ff. Ed.: W 12: 127 f. Bn 187.
286. Sine die et loco.
IdC ad Antonium Bituntinum.
Inc.: Venerande in Christo pater. Devota recommendatione....
Des.: ad supplicationem mei, fratris Ioannis de Capistrano, die XVI mensis aprilis, audita missa in capella sacri palatii.
Reg.: Capistran explains to Anthony that the pope, at his request, granted the faculty to all the nuns who may have incurred excommunication (imposed by John XXII

on all women wearing false hair), to choose a confessor who will have jurisdiction to absolve them. The same applies to clerics who may have incurred an irregularity for having participated *in divinis* with such women.

Ed.: BA 20 (1908): sez. 2, punt. XIX, 52 f.

287. 1451-IV-20, Venezia.
IdC ad Antonium Bituntinum O.F.M.
Inc.: Reverendo in Christo Patri. . . Receptis tuis litteris. . .
Des.: Vale in Christo Iesu et me tuis et sociorum orationibus commenda.
Reg.: Capistran explains to Anthony that although Eugene IV revoked the excommunication of John XXII against women who wear false hair—Capistran is willing to testify to this fact—it nevertheless remains sinful.
Ed.: BA 20 (1908): sez. 2, punt. XIX, 53 f.
288. 1451-IV-24, Roma.
Nicolaus V ad IdC.
Reg.: Lost. The pope granted Capistran the faculty to dispense from private vows, with the exception of the vow to enter a religious order. This letter is mentioned in a letter of Callistus III to Capistran dated December 12, 1455 (letter 576).
See W 12: 291. Bn 188a.
289. 1451-V-10, Roma.
Nicolaus V ad IdC.
Inc.: Dilecte fili. . . Cum nobilis vir, dilectus filius, Franciscus Sfortia. . .
Des.: a tam salubri opere possit avertere.
Reg.: The pope, at the request of the Duke of Milan, orders Capistran to go as soon as possible to Milan and Liguria to preach the word of God.
Ms.: Cap., perg. 63. Ed.: W 12: 93. Bn 189.
290. 1451-V-30, Milano.
Franciscus Sforza, Dux Mediolani ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverendo Fratri Iohanni. . . Affectantes vos ad modum et ittidem. . .
Des.: Deo nostro gratum et nobis gratissimum.
Reg.: The duke notifies Capistran of the pope's order that

he should go to Milan to preach. He attaches the brief of Nicholas V.

Ed.: MF 5 (1890): 135 f. Bn 190.

291. 1451-??, ?.
IdC ad Nicolaum de Fara.
Inc.: Quoniam inter cetera mortalium exercitia. . .
Des.: vel ubi melius atque salubrius visum fuerit.
Reg.: This is a letter of obedience given by Capistran to Nicholas of Fara (or perhaps a form letter, good for any of Capistran's subjects), ordering him to preach the Lenten sermons in an unnamed city.
Ed.: AFH 4 (1911): 120.
292. 1451-??, ?.
Ad cives cuiusdam civitatis.
Inc.: Magnifici et spectatissimi. . . Hesterno die allate sunt mihi littere vestre. . .
Des.: Expedi enim in queque flagitiosa. . .
Reg.: Capistran answers the letter of the authorities of a certain town. He praises their religious sentiments, is pleased with their benevolence toward the Observant friars and exhorts them to live a truly Christian life.
Ed.: AFH 4 (1911): 121.
293. Sine die et loco.
Anonymus ad IdC.
Inc.: Benignissime et piissime mi pater. Supplico mentote mei. . .
Des.: sitis meus, ero etiam vester, mi pater.
Reg.: An anonymous writer, destitute of everything except books and clothing, begs Capistran to remember him.
Ms.: Cap., c. 195. Bn 609, copy available (stude).
294. Sine die et loco.
IdC ad magistrum Bernardinum de Narni.
Inc.: Reverende pater et domine. . . Propulsatus ab hoc pauperculo. . .
Des.: pauperculus recommissus. Tuus, si quid est, etc.
Reg.: Capistran sends this letter to the addressee by a priest who committed involuntary manslaughter. He presents the case and discusses the imputability of manslaughter.

Ms.: Indicated wrongly as Cap., cod. X, fol. 55v. Bn 581, copy available.

295. Sine die et loco.
Anonymus ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverende et mihi merito diligende.... Sapiate benigno patre che io non posso....
Des.: Io ve saluto da parte de molti li quali non ve nomino.
Reg.: An anonymous friend tells Capistran that even if they are far from each other, he will always remember him.
Ms.: Cap., c. 120. Bn 587 (sine/6).
296. ?-II-15, Teramo.
Frater Gregorius de Bonsinaco ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverendissime.... Vestra dulcissima paternitas....
Reg.: The writer consults Capistran on a personal matter.
Ms.: Cap., c. 358 (almost illegible). Bn 604 (sine/5).
297. Sine die et loco.
IdC ad quendam Doctorem anonymum.
Inc.: Preclarissime et spectatissime....
Des.: relinquenda est iudicio seculari.
Reg.: In the first part of this letter Capistran discusses the problem of whether a Christian may buy meat from a Jewish butcher. He proves that the addressee's view is incorrect. In the second part he lists the rules Christians must observe in dealing with Jews as well as certain prohibitions or obligations imposed on the Jews by canon law.
Ed.: BA 20: sez. 2, punt. XIX, 59-62. Bn 572 (sine/3)
298. Sine die et loco.
Ioannes et Dominicus ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverendissime pater.... Iohannes et Domincus vestri filioli in Domino....
Reg.: Very faded. It seems that the writers are asking Capistran to remember them in his prayers.
Ms.: Cap., c. 196. Bn 610 (sine/6).
299. Sine die et loco.
Anonymus ad IdC.

Inc.: Venerabilis frater. Cum Georgius, familiaris meus....
Des.: me orationibus tuis ac fratrum interea recom-
mendans.

Reg.: Capistran is not named in the address. The writer asks the addressee to decide whether George, the bearer of this letter, has a religious vocation.

Ms.: Cap., c. 122. Bn 613 (sine/7).

300. Sine die, Trento.
Communitas Tridentina ad IdC.
Inc.: Iesus. Quoniam vir Dei et Sancti Francisci....
Des.: nec non Communitatis Tridentini vestri filii.
Reg.: The whole city of Trent ardently desires to see Capistran and hear his sermons.
Ed.: Mascia 276 f.

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