



Virgins and Widows – Unusual Relic Constellation
with Original Papal-level Authentics
Signed by Cardinal Respighi, Priest of the Lateran Basilica



Highly unusual collection of female saints, in a large silverplated reliquary theca, sealed, and accompanied by the original authentics bearing a Papal coat of arms and authorized by Petrus Cardinal Respighi, Priest of the



Papal Lateran Basilica and Vicar General to His Holiness the Pope, in Rome, and dated 16 August 1910. The relics are mounted on light gold silk and identified with typographic cedulae. The background is further embellished with floral designs in watercolor. The reliquary itself is large oval silverplated nickel theca, sealed with a single, red, Spanish sealing wax seal with the personal arms of Cardinal Respighi.

The saints included in this reliquary are: Saint Francisca Vid. of Rome [ex Praecordis]; Saint Maria Magdalena de Pazzi, Virgin [ex Vela imbuta sanguine]; Saint Rosa of Viterbo [Velo nigro]; Saints Theresa, Gertrude, Rosalia, Hiacyntha, Virgins [ex Reliquis]; Saint Mary Magdalene, Penitent and Saint Martha, Virgin.

The theca and the relics are undisturbed. Two of the tie cords, on the left side verso, are separated from the side of the theca, but the other six are intact.





PETRUS TITULI SSRUM
S. R. ECCLESIAE

CARDINALIS

SACROSANCTAE PATRIARCHALIS
SSMI DNI NRI PAPAE
ROMANAEQUE CURIAE EIUSQUE



QUATUOR CORONATORUM
PRESBYTER

RESPIGHI

BASILICAE LATERANENSIS ARCHIPRESBYTER
VICARIUS GENERALIS
DISTRICTUS IUDEX ORDINARIUS ETC.

Universis, et singulis, praesentes literas inspecturis fidem facimus, et attestamus, quod Nos ad maiorem Omnipotentis Dei gloriam, suorumque Sanctorum venerationem recognovimus sacras particulas *ex Recordis*

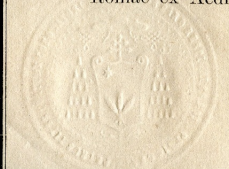
*S. Franciscus Rom. Vit., belainbuta sanguine S. Mariae Magd. de
Rom. Vit., belainbuta S. Rose Vit. V. et Reliquis S. Theresiae Certu
dij, Rosalindae, Vincimthe Mariae V., Mariae Magd. laene Pen. et
Marthae Vity*

quas ex authenticis locis extractas reverenter collocavimus in *theu deargentata ovatae formae* crystallo munita, bene clausa et funiculo serico coloris rubri colligata, ac sigillo nostro signata, easque tradidimus cum facultate apud se retinendi, extra Urbem transmittendi et publicae Fidelium venerationi exponendi. Monemus autem fideles in quorum manus hae sacrae reliquiae vel in posterum venturae sunt, nullo modo licere eas vendere, nec cum iis rebus quae mercimonii speciem praesferant, commutare.

In quorum fidem has literas testimoniales manu nostra subscriptas, nostroque sigillo firmatas per infrascriptum Sacrarum Reliquiarum Custodem expediri mandavimus.

Romae ex Aedibus nostris die *16* mensis *augusti* anni MCMX

+ Joseph Pat Copius Respighi



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GRATIS QUOCUMQUE TITULO.

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