

*Reliquary Housing Precious Relic  
from the Veil of the Blessed Virgin Mary*



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**ID:** 03-RSMBR-75e

**Relic:** *from the Veil of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**Origin:** Vatican, direct gift of Pope Clement XIV

**Age:** ca. 1774

**Cedula Label:** *ex velo / B(eatissimae) V(irginis) M(ariae) – (From the Veil of the Blessed Virgin Mary)*

**Size of the Reliquary:** 33 x 28 mm

**Authentic:** secured by the red wax seal with an imprint of a coat of arms of father Nicolai Angelo Maria Landini, Titular Archbishop of Porphyron, accompanied by a matching authentic document dated 1774 and signed by Fr. Landini in the capacity of Assistant at the Pontifical Throne and Sacristan of the Apostolic Shrine.

## **Description:**

Authenticated reliquary of impeccable provenance and documented origin housing **ex velo (of the veil) relic of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. The oval glass-fronted silver reliquary theca is decorated with silver wire. The relic is affixed to red silk backing, surrounded by gilt paperolles ornamentation and titled on a paper *cedula* label in Latin as *Ex Velo B. V. M. (of the Veil of the Blessed Virgin Mary)*. The theca is secured on the back with a perfectly preserved seal of red wax with imprinted coat of arms of Fr. Nicolai Angelo Maria Landini, Titular Archbishop of Porphyron and is accompanied by the original matching certification document dated 1774, issued by the direct order of Pope Benedict XIV and hand-signed by Fr. Landini in a capacity of Assistant at the Pontifical Throne and Sacristan (Custodial) of the Apostolic Shrine (1764-1782).

**Father Nicolai Angelo Maria Landini** (OSA Order of St. Augustine) († 1782), Titular Bishop of Porphyron (1764-1782) and Catholic Apostolic Prefect and was a significant member of the Vatican Curia at the time of a pontificate of Pope Clement XIV (p. 1769-1774) with an honorary title of Assistant to the Pontifical Throne. Part of his direct duties as the Sacristan of the Apostolic Shrine included certification of the Holy relics intended for direct papal gifts.

## **Attribution:**

Comparison of the offered authentic document with undoubtedly genuine reference examples allows us to assert that it is indisputably authentic and was issued by Fr. Nicolai Angelo Maria Landini under the direct orders of Pope Pope Clement XIV (p. 1769-1774). The relic's origin from the Titular Basilica of Saint Anastasia de Urbe in Rome is consistent with other documented examples of this relic issued during this time period.

## **Veneration of Relics from the Protective Veil of the Blessed Virgin Mary:**

According to tradition, **the Veil of the Blessed Virgin Mary** was worn by the Virgin as she stood at the foot of the Cross. It had been transferred in the early years of the Christianity from Jerusalem to Constantinople when it was presented by the Byzantine Empress Irene to the Holy Roman Emperor Charlemagne. In 876 his descendant Charles the Bald gave the relic to the Cathedral at Chartres. The Relic of the Veil is kept in a golden reliquary beside the high altar and has formed the focus of many traditions throughout the centuries. It was believed to have protected the faithful down through the centuries from many dangers and evils, including famine and war, outbreaks of the plague, and the worst ravishes of the French Revolution. The veil itself is more than six meters long and the scientific studies have shown that it is of Syrian design, of fine quality and can be traced to the first century. To the present day, every year on 15th August, the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, the Veil is processed through the town of Chartres.

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Original Authentic document issued by  
Fr. Nicolai Angelo Maria Landini, Sacristan of the Apostolic Shrine in 1774

FR. NICOLAUS ANGELUS MARIA LANDINI Florentinus,  
Ordinis Eremitarum S. Augustini, Dei, & Apostolicæ Sedis gratia Episcopus  
Porphyrien., Sacrarum Apostolici Præfectus, ac Pontificii Solii Assistentens.

**Father NICOLAI ANGELO MARIA LANDINI of Florence, Order of the Hermits of S(aint) Augustine,  
Bishop of Porphyryon, Apostolic Prefect and Assistant at the Pontifical Throne**

...particulaum de Velo B(eatiss)imæ Virg(inis) Mariæ ex Venli Eccle(s)ie S. Anastasiæ de Urbe...

...particles from the Veil of the Blessed Virgin Mary from the Church of Saint Anastasia de Urbe...



*ex velo / B(eatissimae) V(irginis) M(ariae)  
From the Veil of the Blessed Virgin Mary*



The Titular **Basilica of Sant Anastasia de Urbe** in Rome from where, according to the authentic document, the relics of the Veil of the Blessed Virgin Mary housed in the offered reliquary have originated



Matching seals on the Authentics seal and Authentics Document