

“We impart grant and bestow on you by tenor of these presents by Our Apostolic authority all and each of the privileges faculties favours and indulgences that have hitherto been vouchsafed by the Supreme Pontiffs or else that are usually vouchsafed to those who are sent by the Apostolic See to turn the souls of the infidels to the faith of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, and in particular to the Dominican friars. We grant to you that it be allowed each of you, namely you Paul Simon, John Thaddaeus and Vincent to choose 3,000 chaplets or rosaries and as many crucifixes and statues whether made by painting or by bronze or metal stamped, to all of which We give and grant the same indulgences and blessings and graces which hitherto We granted to the chaplets images and crucifixes which We blessed in accordance with the prayers of Our beloved son the noble Marquis de Villena the Ambassador at Our Court of Our dear son the Catholic king. On then! with rejoicing and spiritual joy, that you may bear fruit and your fruit may remain to the glory of Almighty God and the increase of Holy Church; and also that you may receive the reward of your labours from the eternal Father of our family who is rich in mercy and rewards abundantly the labourers in His vineyard. Meanwhile We by Our prayers shall pray that all things be favourable and propitious for you from the only begotten Son of God who made His journey from the Father’s bosom to earth that He might redeem the human race from the wickedness of sin and make it partake of His eternal inheritance.

“Given in Rome at S. Mark’s under the ring of the Fisherman, 20th July 1605, in the first year of Our Pontificate.”

The Pope also enjoined on the Augustinian Hermits in Isfahan friendly collaboration with the Carmelites sent out at his predecessor’s instance, writing on the following day, 21.7.1605, to them, the senior of whom was afterwards bishop of Cyrene, Fr. Antonio de Govea (Arch. Sec. Vat. Arm. XLV, 1, p. 51 (formerly 40):

“POPE PAUL V

“to Our beloved sons Brothers of the Order of Hermits of S. Augustine staying with the king of the Persians.

“Beloved sons, greetings and the Apostolic benediction. We bade Paul Simon, John Thaddaeus and Vincent priests of the Carmelite family who came into Persia by the order of Our predecessor Pope Clement VIII (whose memory be blessed) that they should hasten their journey they had begun, for We understand that the harvest indeed is ready indeed in plenty but the labourers are few. Accordingly, as to the brethren on their way to you, We wish firstly that you receive them with brotherly love according to the Lord’s command; and next that you aid these traders in the Lord’s talent with all that is needful: advice labour influence and favour. In this way you will have performed your duty and at the same time have done a thing especially pleasing to Us; and you will receive abundantly a reward from God the Father of mercies. But that you may more easily attain this We bless you with Our Apostolic blessing.

“Given in Rome at S. Mark’s under the Fisherman’s Ring, 21st July 1605, in the first year of Our Pontificate.”

In October of the same year he also wrote to Shah 'Abbas I, commending the three Carmelite Religious in the following terms (Arch. Sec. Vat. Arm. XLV, 1, p. 134 (formerly 123):

“POPE PAUL V

“to the illustrious and most puissant Shah 'Abbas, king of the Persians.

“Illustrious and most puissant Shah 'Abbas, king of the Persians, greetings and the light of the truth. Most pleasing was it to Us in that—when in the past months We wrote to