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Reverend Marcantonio Durando, C.M. (1801-1880), was beatified in the Papal chapel, Saint Peter's Square, on World Missions Day, Sunday, 20th October 2002.

Marcantonio Durando was born in Mondovì, Italy, to a prominent family. At the age of 15 he aspired to go to China as a missionary, although this was not to be. Durando joined the Congregation in 1816, was ordained a priest in June of 1824, and spent his entire life in Turin. Reverend Durando worked tirelessly to promote works of charity, spread the "Propagation of the Faith" in Italy, establish the Daughters of Charity in Piedmont and Turin, and expand the reach of the Congregation country-wide and its missions overseas. His vision and effort eventually conferred the title of "Saint Vincent of Italy" upon him. Durando served as Visitor from the age of 36 to his death.

In his remarks, John Paul II said of Durando, "He lived the faith with great spiritual fervor, rejecting any form of compromise or spiritual tepidity." Later, "After the example of your blessed confrere, give yourself to the service of the poor and the most needy In confiding you and all your works to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin and our new Beati, I give my heartfelt blessing to you and your dear ones, and to all those you will encounter on your missionary and charitable paths." And, said Reverend Robert Maloney, C.M., Superior General, "As members of the Vincentian Family, we all rejoice in this beatification. With you, I pray that God who nourished in the heart of Father Durando the fire of sanctity, will kindle this same fire in our hearts too."

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PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Marie Poole, D.C., trans. and ed., et al, *Vincent de Paul: Correspondence, Conferences, Documents*, 13a & 13b (New York: New City Press, 2003). The Vincentian Translation Project has released volumes 13a and 13b, the *Documents*, another important step in their formidable work to translate Pierre Coste's 14 volume *Saint Vincent de Paul: Correspondance, Entretiens, Documents* from its original French. Most of the material in these two volumes has never before been available in English. The publication of *Documents* follows the recent completion of the *Correspondence* (Vols. 1-8), and work will now turn to translating the *Conferences* (Vols. 9-12).

Some particularly notable Documents include those pertaining to Saint Vincent: "Sermon on the Catechism," "Last Will and Testament of Saint Vincent," "Reflections on a Spiritual Retreat," "Reflections on Community Life," and "Cuissot to Dehorgny on the Virtues of Saint Vincent"; those pertaining to the Congregation of the Mission: "Foundation Contract of the Congregation of the Mission, April 17, 1625," "Reply of the Nuncio to Propaganda Fide concerning the Suitability of Saint Vincent to Direct the Mission, September 26, 1627," and "Entrance of the Congregation of the Mission into Saint-Lazare, January 8, 1632"; those pertaining to the Confraternities of Charity: "General Regulations for Charities of Women," and "Regulations for a Combined Charity"; those pertaining to the Ladies of Charity: "On the Reasons Why the Ladies Should Meet from Time to Time [about 1636]," and "On Works of Charity"; and those pertaining to the Daughters of Charity: "Regulations of the Daughters of Charity," "Act of Establishment of the Daughters of Charity and Appointment of Officers, August 8, 1655," and "Rules of the Daughters of Charity."

Priced at \$69.95 for the pair, Volumes 13a and 13b are available from the *Vincentian Heritage Department Bookstore*, and can be purchased by calling 773-325-4943 or through our online bookstore at < www.depaul.edu/~vstudies >. They can also be obtained directly from the Vincentian Translation Project by phoning 301-447-6020, faxing 301-447-7079, or writing the Vincentian Translation Project, 333 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727.

Orest Ranum, *Paris in the Age of Absolutism: An Essay* (University Park: University of Pennsylvania, 2002), pp. 403. Jacket description: "By the eighteenth century, Paris was one of the great wonders of Europe, renowned for its magnificent royal monuments and as a center for science, literature, and the arts. More so than any other European city, Paris reflected the spirit of an age – an age that reached its zenith with the reign of France's Sun King, Louis XIV. No book better captures that spirit than Orest Ranum's *Paris in the Age of Absolutism*, first published in 1968 and now reissued in a revised and expanded edition.

Ranum's tour of Paris begins in the late 1500s with a French capital exhausted by the violence of the Wars of Religion and proceeds through the long century that ends with the death of Louis XIV in 1715. Henry IV (1589-1610), head of the Bourbon branch of the royal family, laid the foundations of modern Paris, but it was during the mature years of his grandson, Louis XIV, and during the service of his visionary minister, Jean-Baptiste Colbert, that a New Rome was created. By 1715 the city was far different from what it had been in 1590. There were now large geometrical public squares with statues of the king at their focal points. There were arches of triumph, hospital-prisons, a new and gigantic wing on the Louvre, handsome stone bridges, streetlights, and massive stone quays along the Seine.

Ranum ranges widely through the streets and quarters of Paris, attentive to the achievements of town planners, architects, and engineers as well as to city politics, social currents, and the spirit of religious reform. Behind it all lay the rule-creating authoritarianism of the absolute state, which, ironically unleashed Parisians' creative impulses in everything from literature, painting, and music to architecture, mathematics, and physics.

Paris in the Age of Absolutism is one of those rare books that combines elegant prose with stunning erudition, making it both captivating for general readers and challenging to scholars. The new edition has been thoroughly revised and expanded to take into account the wealth of scholarship that has appeared since 1968. Of particular note are a new introduction and a new chapter on women writers."

Ranum speaks of the role of Vincent de Paul in the history of Paris during this period. This work is indispensable reading for anyone wishing to understand the French and Parisian contexts for the foundation of the Congregation of the Mission, the Daughters and the Ladies of Charity.

JOURNALS

Colloque: The Journal of the Irish Province of the Congregation of the Mission.

Winter 2002, Number 46, features several articles of interest:

- “Marcantonio Durando C.M. (1801-1880),” by Thomas Davitt, C.M.
- “Expectatio Israel,” by Maurice Vansteenkiste, C.M., and Thomas Davitt, C.M.
- “Saint Vincent, the Fathers of the Church and the Theme of Christ in the Poor in the Conferences to the Daughters of Charity,” by Michael Edem, C.M.

Oceania Vincentian: A new journal published by The Vincentian Studies Group of the Australian Province of the Congregation of the Mission. Information on subscriptions can be obtained from the Vincentian Studies Group, Agincourt Road, Marsfield NSW 2122, Australia.

September 2002, Volume 3, contained the following articles of interest:

- “Many Strokes of the Lash Andre Duval,” by Tim Williams, C.M.
- “Nurturing Conscience in the Vincentian Way,” by Greg Cooney, C.M.

Vincentiana: This magazine of the Congregation of the Mission is published every two months by the General Curia in Rome.

Volume 46, Number 6, November-December 2002, titled *Saint John Gabriel Perboyre: Bicentennial of his birth, 1802-2002*. Articles include:

- André Sylvestre, C.M., “The Influence of his Family and Friends on the Development of St. John Gabriel Perboyre.”
- Eugene Curran, C.M., “The Psycho-Spiritual Development of John Gabriel Perboyre.”
- Thomas Davitt, C.M., “John Gabriel Perboyre in his Letters to his Family.”
- Philippe Lamblin, C.M., “John Gabriel Perboyre’s Pastoral Journeys in France.”
- Elie Delplace, C.M., “The Elements of a Discourse: the Correspondence of John Gabriel Perboyre.”
- Joseph Loftus, C.M., “St. John Gabriel Perboyre. A mis en scene.”

- Jean-Yves Ducourneau, C.M., "The Martyrdom of St. John Gabriel Perboyre."
- Álvaro Quevedo, C.M., "Jesus Christ in the Life of John Gabriel Perboyre."
- Bernadette Li, "Western Missionaries in China."
- Giuseppe Guerra, C.M., "History of the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of St. John Gabriel Perboyre."
- n.a., "St. John Gabriel Perboyre: Bibliography."