A PROVISIONAL CALENDAR OF
ST. JOHN CAPISTRAN'S CORRESPONDENCE

PART II

Mission in Central Europe and Poland: The Hussite Controversy

June 30, 1451–May 17, 1455

301. 1451–VI–5, Wien.
Aeneas Silvio Piccolomini, Episc. Senensis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Adventum tuum ad novam civitatem....
Des.: advenientem fugere viderer. Valete ... pro me.
Reg.: The Bishop, who was in the service of the Emperor,
Frederick III, at the insistence of the authorities of Vienna,
urges Capistran (who had just arrived at Wiener Neustadt)
to visit Vienna. The people ardently desire to see and hear him.
Ms.: Wien, Bibl. Nat., cod. 3338, f. 25. Ed.: Rudolf Wulkan,
ed., Der Briefwechsel des Enea Silvio Piccolomini, III. Abt.

IdC ad Camerarium quinque Artium, Aquilae.
Inc.: Magnifici etc., humillima ac debita.... Iubet ipsa
singularis in me benevolentia....
Des.: absolvere vos non pigeat. Ex inclita Urbe Viennensi,
XXII Iunii 1451.
Post scriptum: Postquam he littere scripte sunt, sexaginta
miracula....
Des.: multas scelstissimas hereses.
Reg.: Capistran recounts to the authorities of the city of

L'Aquila the stupendous miracles God had worked by the intercession of St. Bernardine of Siena. If people hold him in great veneration everywhere, in Germany, Hungary and Bohemia, how much more should he be venerated by the citizens of L'Aquila, who have his sacred body. They should build a church in his honor without delay. This letter was followed on July 4 by another note in which Capistran mentions yet another sixty great miracles. He advises the authorities of L'Aquila that if Fr. James of the March does not arrive in time, they should clothe the body of St. Bernardine in the new silken habit which Capistran had sent them from Venice. Now he is ready to go to Bohemia in order to extirpate the infamous Hussite heresy.

Ms.: Roma, Bibl. Angelica, cod. 1077, f. 156a-b. Bn 204, copy available.

303. 1451-VI-25, Istanbul.
Frater quidam conventus S. Antonii in Constantinopolis ad IdC.
Reg.: The friars of St. Anthony Friary ask Capistran to revoke a certain decision made by the superiors because it is disadvantageous for the friary. No copy available.

304. 1451-VII-3, Eichstadt.
Iohannes III, Episc. Eichstadensis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Iohannes, dei gratia ... Benedictus laudabilisque deus....
Des.: et a malo te conservare dignetur.
Reg.: The Bishop of Eichstadt asks Capistran to receive his messenger, Fr. Francis Krebs, kindly, and give credence to what he will explain in the name of the Bishop.

305. 1451-VII-8, Wien.
IdC ad Franciscum Sforza, Duce Mediolani.
Inc.: Ilustrissime et Excellentissime princeps.... Nuper vestre mihi littere reddite sunt....
Des.: ut facitis, commendatos suscipite.... manu propriae me suscipsi.
Reg.: The Duke, believing that Capistran was still in Venice, invites him to preach the word of God to the people of Milan. Capistran answers him that he would be glad to comply but he is already in Vienna, ready to go to Bohemia in order to extirpate the Hussite heresy.

306. 1451-VII-17, Wien.
IdC ad Iacobum de Marchia.
Inc.: Rogo et obecro te, optime ac reverende mi pater....
Des.: sit tuenda et protegenda.
Reg.: Capistran narrates to James of the March the many miracles God worked through the intercession of St. Bernardine of Siena. He ordered Fr. Frederick transferred to Vienna where the Observants had established a new friary. Since many students had joined the Order, more friars are needed to take care of the novices and the flourishing Studium.

IdC ad Ioannem Schallermann, Episc. Gurkensem.
Inc.: Fr. Iohannes de Capistrano ... Reverendissime in Christo pater.... Non possim vobis prosequi....
Des.: licet orator fidelissimus.
Reg.: Capistran thanks the Bishop of Gurk for his benevolence. He is sending the Bishop an ampulla with some relics of St. Bernardine of Siena and tells him that he is about to go to Bohemia in order to eradicate the pestiferous heresies which have infected that country.

308. 1451-VII-30, Petrócz de regno Sclavoni (?).
Stephanus de Varsány, O.F.M., ad IdC.
Inc.: A nonnullorum rationibus percepi....
Reg.: Stephen of Waran, Custos (?) of the Hungarian Custody of Jenő, describes for Capistran the religious situation in Hungary and invites him to preach to the people.

309. 1451-VIII-2, Kraków.
Cardinalis Sbigniew, Episc. Cracoviensis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Adventus tuus....
Des.: conservet Christus Dominus. Amen.
Reg.: Cardinal Sbigniew, Bishop of Cracow, invites Capistran to preach in Poland. He assures him that he will find ample opportunity to exercise his apostolate there.

310. 1451-VIII-20, Königrätz (Hradec Králové).
ioannes Borotin ad IdC.
Inc.: Salutem et salutis opera facere et docere. Obsecro te, frater....
Des.: par cet vir religiosus et sensatus.
Reg.: John Borotin, a learned Utraquist, in this vituperative letter defends the validity of the so-called "Compactata" of the Council of Basel and the necessity of communion under two species.
Ms.: See Appendix. Ed.: F. Walouch, Životopis svatého Jana Kapistrána (Brno, 1858) 790ff. Bn 214, copy available.

311. 1451-VIII-21, Kromeríž (Kremsier).
Sacerdotes Hussitae Kremisierenses ad IdC.
Inc.: Ad meliora tendere et ab inchoato....
Des.: dilatatione qualibet postergata.
Reg.: Some Hussite priests of Krems defend their praxis of giving communion "sub utraque specie" and accuse Capistran of pride, heresy, etc. They invite him to a debate.

312. 1451-VIII-7, Brno (Brünn).
IdC ad Ioannem Czimburk de Towacovia (Tobitschau), Gubernatorum Moraviae.
Inc.: Magnifice et excellens domine. Cum transitoria et renovanda....
Des.: ad finalia gaudia beatorum. Ex Bruna.
Reg.: Capistran tells the Governor of Moravia that if he is too busy to attend his sermons, he should at least exhort his subjects to do so.

313. 1451-VIII-25, Tovacow (Tobitschau).
Ioannes de Czimburk, alias Towaczom (Tobitschau), Gubernator Moraviae, ad IdC.
Inc.: Ioannes de Czimburk.... Frater Ioannes: Licet scripta tua dulcia....
Des.: in oppositum evangelice veritatis consentire.
Reg.: The Governor accuses Capistran of trying to corrupt the faith of his people.

314. 1451-VIII-28, Olomouc.
IdC ad Cardinalem Sbigniew, Episc. Cracoviensem.
Reg.: Capistran, answering the Cardinal's letter, assures him that he is willing to go to preach in Poland.

315. 1451-IX-3, Olomouc.
IdC ad Ioannem de Towacovia, Gubernatorum Moraviae. (Vel potius ad Georgium Podebrad, Gubernatorum Bohemiae).
Inc.: Magnifice et utcumque excellens domine.... Per tuum specialem munition....
Des.: ad finem glorie sempiterne.
Reg.: Capistran tells the Governor that the "Compactata" are invalid and to give communion under both species to the laity is forbidden.

316. 1451-IX-7, Radków (Grodek).
Rex Poloniae, Casimirus IV, ad IdC.
Inc.: Casimirus, Dei gratia ... Venerabilis et egregie vir ... Splendorem suum princeps regum....
Des.: ordinent, conficient et decernant.
Reg.: Casimir IV, King of Poland, urges Capistran to come to Poland and preach the word of God to all the different nationalities in his Kingdom and bring them all back to the one true Church.

317. 1451-IX-11, Praha (Prague).
Ioannes Rokytzana ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabili viro, fratri religioso.... Fama discurrente, frequenter audimus....
Des.: Peto humiliter litterarum responsum nuncium per presentem.
Reg.: Rokytzana (the heresiarch) invites Capistran to a public debate concerning the reception of communion under both species.

318. 1451–IX-16, Litomerice (Leitmeritz).
Ioannes Borotin ad IdC.
Inc.: Minimus magistrorum Johannes Boroten… Optans ante omnia tuam…
Des.: falsus propheta et seductor reputeris.
Reg.: Borotin reproaches Capistran for not having answered his letter and defends the “Compactata” and communion “sub utraque specie.”

319. 1451–IX-20, Brno (Brünn).
IdC ad Ioannem de Rokytzana.
Inc.: Venerabili magistro… Venerande magister… Tuas honestas, quales alii non dixerunt…
Des.: ad impetrandam nobis gloriam sempiternam. Amen.
Reg.: Capistran answers Rokytzana’s letter, and declares himself ready to participate in a public debate as long as it will be held in a convenient and safe place. He thanks him for the promised safe-conduct.

320. 1451–IX-20, Brno (Brünn).
IdC ad Ioannem Borotin.
Inc.: Exprobantissimo (!) amico suo… Scribis te optare, Ioannes Borotin…
Des.: mereamini et gloriarm beatorum.
Reg.: Capistran assures Borotin that he did answer his letters and also the letters of the priests of Krems. It is not his fault if they have not received his letters. He explains again why he opposes the reception of communion under both species by the laity and claims that the “Compactata” of the Council of Basel have never been approved by the Holy See.

321. 1451–IX-20, Brno (Brünn).
IdC ad Georgium Podebrad, Gubernatorem Bohemiae.
Inc.: Magnificet excellens domine… Iac die, venerandi magistri…
Des.: valeat magnificentia tua ad gaudia sempiterna.
Reg.: Capistran asks the Governor to let him preach the word of God in Bohemia without interference by the Hussites.
Ms.: See Appendix. Ed.: Walch 707f. Bn 221.

322. 1451–IX-24, Znojmo (Znaim).
IdC ad Universitatem Vindobonensem.
Inc.: Sacre et illustris theologiae iurium… Nolo vos admirari carissimi viri doctoresque celeberrimi…
Des.: nobis rescribere non sit molestum.
Reg.: Capistran tells the faculty of the University of Vienna that he has converted more than four thousand Hussites. He is willing to debate with Rokytzana and asks the faculty to be present at the disputation should it be held in Vienna. He has written a booklet against the Bohemians but cannot send them a copy because he has had no time to make copy of it.

323. 1451–IX-28, Jihlava (Iglau), in Moravia.
Magister cívium et consules Iglavienses ad IdC.
Inc.: Egregio evangelice invincibilis veritatis… Ad vestre paternitatis presentiam…
Des.: sigillum civitatis nostro praesentibus est appressum.
Reg.: The authorities of Jihlava send their secretary Nicholas to Capistran with a message, asking him to give credence to his account.
Ms.: Cap., c. 233. Bn 584, copy available.

324. 1451–?, Moravia (Olomouc?).
IdC ad confratres Vindobonenses.
Inc.: … De statu nostro, etsi certiores vulgari fama facti sitis…
Des.: iuxta illud: Omnia cum tempore requiruntur.
Reg.: This is an excerpt from a letter in which Capistran assures his confreres of Vienna that both he and his companions are safe. Since he left Vienna, God has worked not less than 150 miracles and 3,600 heretics have re-
turned to the Church, among whom were several Barons. Ms.: Wien, Bibl. Nat. cod. 4498, f. 150r. Bn 227, copy available.

325. 1451-IX-?, Olomouc. IdC ad Consules Bambergenses.
Inc.: Magnifici et spectatissimi viri.... Reddite sunt mihi nuper omni officio, devotione et benevolentia....
Des.: a nemine vinci in amoris officio atque benivolencia (!). Iterum atque iterum valete in Christo Iesu.
Reg.: Capistran thanks the authorities of Bamberg for their kindness and tells them that now he is in Olomouc, where a great multitude listen to his sermons and many abjure the heresy of the Hussites. He regrets that he is not able to visit their city at this time.
Ms.: Lübeck, Stadtbibl., cod. 152, ff. 48v-9r. Bn 215a, copy available.

326. 1451-IX-?, Znojmo (Znaim). IdC ad Casimirus IV, Regem Poloniae.
Inc.: Sacra regia.... Humillima.... Nullo dicendi genere....
Des.: et me utere tanquam mancipio tuo.
Reg.: Capistran thanks the King for his kind invitation.

327. 1451-X-10, Eggenburg. IdC ad Consilium civitatis Aquilae.
Inc.: Magnific et excellentes domini.... Etsi magno quodam locorum intervallo....
Des.: ut consuevisitis, qui vos diligo et colo.
Reg.: Capistran urges the authorities of L’Aquila to make sure that the next General Chapter of the Franciscans will be held in the Friary of St. Giuliano in L’Aquila and asks them to build a church in honor of St. Bernardine of Siena. His companions have already registered seven hundred miracles worked by God through the intercession of St. Bernardine.

328. 1451-X-12, Zwettl. IdC ad Ulricum de Rosenberg.
Inc.: Magnifice et excellens domine.... Hodierna die,
quam semper honoratam sum habiturus....
Des.: qui iam tecum fuisse diu desideravi. Ex Czbettel...
Reg.: Capistran notifies the nobleman that he is ready to go to Cesky Krumlov (Krumau) to debate with Rokytzana and asks him to send two carts for him and for his companions.

329. 1451-X-14, Roma. Nicolaus V ad IdC.
Reg.: This letter is lost, but a letter of Pope Callixtus to Capistran (1455-XII-6) informs us that Pope Nicholas V on the above date authorized Capistran to establish twenty friaries for the Observants in Austria and Moravia. See W 12: 291–92. Bn 235a.

Inc.: Omnem in domino et in Rosabella salutem.... Licet fraternitatis tue.... Des.: tuisque pariter benevolent.
Reg.: The Bishop of Gurk thanks Capistran for his letter and for the relic of St. Bernardine of Siena.

331. 1451-X-18, Cesky Krumlov (Krumau). IdC ad Ioannem de Rokytzana.
Inc.: Affectu salutis tue et proximorum....
Des.: ut veritatis splendor omnibus pateat.
Reg.: Capistran lets Rokytzana know that he cannot agree on the place Rokytzana proposed for the debate. He proposes a number of more suitable places, but if none of those is agreeable to Rokytzana, he may chose Cheb (Eger) or some other place where he (Capistran) will not be exposed to the molestations of the Hussites.

332. 1451-X-25, Piacenza. Franciscus Sforza, Dux Mediolani, ad IdC.
that the whole city, with its University, ardently desire to see him and to hear his sermons.

337. 1451-XII-14, Eichstadt.
Ioannes III, Episc. Eichstadensis, ad IdC.
Inc: Ioannes, dei gratia.... Transmisse dudum ad me littere tue....
Des: dirigere dignetur gressus tuos ad suam laudem.
Reg: The Bishop acknowledges Capistran’s letter and asks him to inform him of the situation in Cheb (Eger), and he, on his part, will inform the Cardinal Legate, Nicholas of Cusa, who is very much interested in the fate of Bohemia.

338. 1451-XII-21, Cheb (Eger).
IdC ad Ioannem de Babirstein, Prior em conventus Caelestiorum, Oybin.
Inc: Reverende pater.... Nuper gratissimas vestras accepi litteras....
Reg: Capistran, answering the Prior’s letter, praises his zeal for the Catholic faith and accepts him and his confreres into the Confraternity of the Franciscan Order. At the same time he promises to pray for his (the Prior’s) wounded relative.

339. 1451-XII-22, Passau.
Uldericus Burchardus, Praepositus Pataviensis ecclesiae, ad IdC.
Inc: Uldarichus Burchardus.... Quum ex relatione vestra susceprus....
Des: confirmamus harum testimonio litterarum.
Reg: Ulrich, as acting Ordinary, agrees that the Observants may accept a convent, abandoned by the nuns, in the territory of Novemburg (Neustadt?).

340. 1451-XII-28, Nürnberg.
Consilium civitatis Nuremberg ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabilis etc. Et si gerendorum sublimia... Des.: conservare dignetur Altissimus feliciter et longeve. Reg.: The authorities of Nuremberg beg Capistran to visit their city. They would be glad to provide convenient transportation for him. Ed.: FS 16 (1929): 206-07. Bn 247a.

341. 1451-XII-?, Cheb (Eger)?.
IdC ad Fredericum II, Ducem Saxonieae. Inc.: Illuminissime et excellentissime... Quum iam dixi sermonem omnium.... Des.: de reliquis sancti Bernhardini, et de suffragiis ordinis litteras graciosas ad impetracionem MCCCCLI, die Sancti Mathei etc.
Reg.: Capistran informs the Duke how many miracles God has worked of late through the intercession of St. Bernardine of Siena and how many thousands of Hussite heretics have abjured their error after the sermons of Capistran. Further, he lets him know that the diabolical Rokytzana has refused to go to Cheb (Eger) where Capistran expected to debate him publicly. He sends the Duke a copy of the bull he recently received from Pope Nicholas V and a small relic of St. Bernardine of Siena.
Ms.: Braunshweig, Stadbibl., cod. 183, ff. 55v-56r. Bn 225a, copy available with photo.

342. 1451-?.
IdC ad Concilium cuiusdam urbis. Inc.: Magnifici et spectatissimi viri.... Hesterno vespere allate sunt mihi littere vestre.... Des.: Expedit enim in queque flagitiosa ... (mutula).
Reg.: Capistran answers the letter, full of religious sentiments, of the authorities of a certain town and exhorts them to live a truly christian life.

343. 1451-?.
IdC ad Nicolaum de Fara, O.F.M. (?). Inc.: Quoniam inter cetera mortalium exercitia.... Des.: in Cathedrali ecclesia vel ubi melius atque salubrius visum fuerit.
Reg.: This is a letter of obedience, by which Capistran orders Nicholas of Fara (or any other friar) to preach the

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Lenten sermons in a certain city. It seems to be a form letter, good for any friar and for any city.

344. 1451-?-, Cittanova (?) Wiener Neustatdt (?).
Ignotus ad IdC.
Inc.: Amice et fautor in Christo dilecte. Hac die comparuit....
Reg.: This letter is no longer legible. According to Chiappini, someone is recommending to Capistran a student by the name of George, who wishes to enter the Franciscan Order.

345. 1452-I-2, Praha (Prague).
Ioannes de Rokytzana ad IdC.
Inc.: Optans te in Christo sapere....
Des.: quod tamen non intendi. Parce mihi precor.
Reg.: Rokytzana asks Capistran to desist from his attacks against the Bohemians, and at the same time he defends the validity of the "Compactata" and the necessity of giving communion to the laity "sub utraque specie."

346. 1452-I-6, Cheb (Eger).
IdC ad Nicolaum V.
Inc.: Beatissime pater.... Tanti pendo munus impensum litteris apostolicis....
Des.: que poterit ipse aretenus reserare.
Reg.: Capistran informs the Pope of his activity against the Hussites and asks for more ample faculties. Through his messenger, Stephen of Hungary, he begged the Pope to declare the "Compactata" null and void; at the same time he also asked for the redaction of the bull of canonization of St. Bernardine, etc. He lets the Pope know that several Princes and Barons are ready to take up arms against the Hussites. Rokytzana is acting as if he were the legitimate Archbishop of Prague. He should be handed over to the secular arm.

347. 1452-I-10, Cheb (Eger).
IdC ad Nicolaum V.
Inc.: Beatissime pater.... Caritas, que debita est omnibus....
Des.: apud eandem non fuisse vulgarem. Valeat beatitudo tua clementissima ad vota celorum.
Reg.: Capistran recommends to the Pope Ulrich von Rosenberg whom he considers a valiant defender of the faith against the perfidy of the Hussites.

348. 1452-I-10, Cheb (Eger).
Inc.: Magnifice et excellens domine... Immensas tibi gratias ago... 
Des.: totumque trado. Valeat M. V., quam Christus sempiterno tueatur evo.
Reg.: Capistran tells Rosenberg that he is going to Most (Brüx) in order to be closer to Prague. He also informs him that, complying with his wishes, he has sent letters of recommendation to the Pope, to the King of France and to the Duke of Burgundy.

349. 1452-I-10, Cheb (Eger).
Inc.: Magnifici et excellentes domini... Quantum vestre afflictionis molestie comparior... 
Des.: quam gratae vesib et salutarem existimet. Valeant... quam Christus sempiterno evo tueatur.
Reg.: Capistran (among many other things) notifies the authorities of Znaim that Rokytzana did not dare to go to Cheb (Eger) in order to face Capistran in a public debate. He exhorts them not to fear the Bohemians. He has asked John Hunyadi, Governor of Hungary, to protect the Catholic Moravians.

350. 1452-I-11, Cheb (Eger).
Inc.: Serenissima ac Christianissima.... Caritas que debita est omnibus....
Des.: non fuisse vulgarem. Valeat Sacra Maiestas tua clementissima ad vota celorum.
Reg.: Capistran recommends Ulrich von Rosenberg as a valiant defender of the faith against the Bohemian heretics, to the King of France. The text of this letter is the same as of letter 347.
Ms.: Graz, Arch. conventus O.F.M. Bn 256, copy available.

351. 1452-I-14, Cheb (Eger).
Inc.: Salutem in Salvatorem omnium electorum.... Non enim indistincte....
Des.: Nunc autem hec pauca suscite... in secula seculorum. Amen. Ex Egra 1452, incepta in vigilia nativitatis Domini et conclusa in sabbato post octavam epiphaniae, pluribus aliis arduis negotiis occupatus.
Reg.: This is a long polemical pamphlet against Rokytzana. It consists of some fifteen articles, about seventy typewritten pages. In it Capistran impugns the “Compactata” and the reception of communion “sub utraque specie” by the laity.

352. 1452-I-14, Cheb (Eger).
Inc.: Ioannem Nedelit.
Reg.: We have no copy of this letter. Film is available at St. John’s Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota.
Ms.: See Appendix. Bn 257, proc.

353. 1452-I-18, Cheb (Eger).
Inc.: Consules Nurembergenses.
Des.: me totum trado cum fratribus meis totumque commendo.
Reg.: Capistran thanks the authorities of the city of Nuremberg for their benevolence toward him. He hopes to visit them as soon as possible but cannot make a definitive commitment. In the near future, he intends to visit the
Duke of Saxony in the interest of the Bohemian Catholics. 
Ms.: Lübeck, Stadtbibl., cod. 152, f. 50v-51r. Bn 258a, copy available.

354. 1452-I-21, Wiener Neustadt.
Fredericus III, Emperor, ad IdC.
Inc.: Fredericus Dei gratia. . . . Significasti nobis et per litteras. . . .
Des.: dicte sedis auctoritate fulcitur esse non dubitamus.
Reg.: The Emperor tells Capistran that concerning the debate with the Hussites, it would be best to follow the disposition of the Papal Legate, Cardinal Juan Carvajal, to whom the Holy See entrusted the negotiations with the Bohemians.
Ms.: Wien, Nationalbibl., cod. 3875, f. 228. Bn 259, copy available.

355. 1452-I-28, Nürnberg.
Consilium civitatis Nürnberg ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverende pater. . . . Litteras vestre benignitatis ex Egra. . . .
Des.: frequenti commemoracione vosmetipsos ostendere.
Reg.: The authorities of the city of Nuremberg thank Capistran for his letter and express their hope of seeing him soon. They wish him success with Frederick, Duke of Saxony.

356. 1452-II-19, Roma.
Nicolaus V ad IdC.
Inc.: Dilecto filio. . . . Ad ea ex apostolice servitutis officio etc. Hinc est quod nos sperantes. . . .
Des.: harum serie concedimus facultatem. Non obstantibus etc. presentibus post biennium minime valuituris.
Reg.: The Pope grants Capistran the most ample faculties. He is authorized to absolve from all irregularities and excommunications, even from those reserved to the Holy See. There are a few reservations.

357. 1452-II-22, Roma.
Nicolaus V ad IdC.

358. 1452-III-6, Roma.
Nicolaus V ad IdC.
Inc.: Ad perpetuum rei memoriam. Dum preciara dilectorum filiorum. . . .
Des.: liberam concedimus pariter et facultatem. Non obstantibus etc. presentibus . . . dumtaxat valuituris. Nulli ergo etc.
Reg.: Capistran established several friaries for the Observants in Austria, Bohemia and Moravia. The Pope approves these foundations and allows that they be organized into an independent Vicariate.
Ed. BFNS 1: 775. Bn 263.

359. 1452-IV-14, Most (Brüx).
IdC ad Jacobum Wrsziolbunum, Praefectum militiae Pragwensis.
Inc.: Capistran asks the Commandant of the Prague militia to persuade Rokytana to go to Most (Brüx), Cheb (Eger) or Regensburg where Capistran will be ready to have a public debate with him. Or, if he is not willing, to send Capistran a safe-conduct for Prague.

360. 1452-IV-15, Sandomír (Sandomir).
Cardinalis Sbigniew, Episc. Cracoviensis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Si litteris meis superioribus, venerande et celebris vir. . . .
Des.: vive pro dilatatione fidei sancte, vir prestantissimus et colendissime pater.
Reg.: Cardinal Sbigniew begs Capistran to come to Poland where he will find ample opportunity to exercise his apostolic zeal.

361. 1452-IV-18 V-5, Most (Brüx).
IdC ad Barones Bohemiae.
Inc.: Credo, magnifici et preclarissimi Barones. . . .
Des.: sacrosancte romane ecclesie et universalis militantis.
Amen.
Reg.: Capistran justifies his conduct before the nobility of Bohemia. They should not listen to the calumnies that the insane heresiarch, Rokytzana, is spreading against him. He exhorts them to return to the true faith of their ancestors and eradicate the many detestable heresies which infect Bohemia.

362. 1452–V-9, Most (Brüx).
IdC ad Baronem Nicolaum de Lobkowitz.
Inc.: Magnifice et excellens domine… Scribunt seculi dogmata: amantium ceca esse iudicia…
Des.: et exaltationem catholice veritatis Chrstiti Iesu.
Reg.: Capistran expresses his displeasure with the Baron for not having made his former writing available to the other Barons. He exhorts him to obey the Pope and his Inquisitor and stop favoring the heretics. This present letter also should be read to the other Barons.

363. 1452–V-17, Most (Brüx).
IdC ad Cardinalem Legatum, Nicolaum de Cusa.
Inc.: Reverendissime in Christo pater… Accedit nonnumquam…
Reg.: Capistran urges the Papal Legate, Nicholas of Cusa (Cardinalis S. Petri ad Vincula) to proceed with severity against the Hussite heretics who dare to give communion to the laity “sub utraque specie.” By no means should he listen to their arguments. Capistran is in possession of five bulls of Pope Nicholas V in which the heresies of the Bohemians are condemned.

364. 1452–V-17, Most (Brüx).
IdC ad Uricum de Rosenberg.
Inc.: Magnifice et excellens domine… Multi iam defluxere dies…
Des.: me plurimum atque plurimum commendo, una cum sociis meis.
Reg.: Capistran asks for information about the decisions of the Diet which was held in Prague and is in session in Benessau (Benesov). He also would like to know if Rokytzana intends to be present at the Diet of Regensburg. He sends Rosenberg copies of the five bulls of Pope Nicholas V in which the Hussite heresy is condemned and asks him to make them known to the Bohemian Barons.
Ms.: See Appendix. Ed.: Palacky, Beiträge 41-44. Bn 272, copy available.

365. 1452–V-24, Český Krumlov (Krumau)?.
Uricus von Rosenberg ad IdC.
Inc.: Filius meus erat in Teutonia…
Des.: quia tributis subici… intendunt? etc.
Reg.: Rosenberg, answering Capistran’s letter, tells him that the Diet of Benesau did not resolve anything. He is going to represent his party at the Diet of Regensburg but Rokytzana does not intend to go to Regensburg.

366. 1452–V-30.
Ioannes de Nedelis ad IdC.
Inc.: Incarnati Verbi veritatem pro salute. Si congruit dicere, devote frater…
Des.: ad verum pastorem et episcopum animarum nostrorum.
Reg.: John Nedelis accuses Capistran of ignorance and of lack of charity for calling him a heretic because he defends the distribution of communion to the laity “sub utraque specie,” as prescribed by the Sacred Scripture, practiced by the primitive Church and approved in the “Compactata” of the Council of Basel.

367. 1452–VI-1, Praha (Prague).
Cives Praguenses ad IdC.
Inc.: Magistri civium iuratique consules…. Litteras tuas nobilibus…
Des.: forte contingeret existere et auctorem.
Reg.: The authorities of Prague tell Capistran that they were shocked by his letter addressed to George Podebrad, Governor of Bohemia, in which he insulted the venerable
368. 1452–VI–1, Praha (Prague).
Georgius Podebrad, Gubernator Bohemiae, ad IdC.
Inc.: Religiose vir. Tua parte nobis oblata epistola. . . .
Des.: tam crudeliter et inaniter invehitis, aures nostre tinniunt.
Reg.: Fragment of a letter by George Podebrad to Capistran, in the same vein as the preceding.

369. 1452–VI–6, Most (Brüx).
IdC ad Georgium Podebrad, Gubernatorem Bohemiae.
Inc.: Putabam ego minorum ordinis minimus. . . .
Des.: nos et populus noster cotidie impacemur.
Reg.: The authorities of Nuremberg tell Capistran that the whole city longs to see him and hear his sermons.

370. 1452–VI–7, Most (Brüx).
IdC ad E luric de Rosenberg.
Inc.: Magnifice et excellens domine. . . . Ordinaveram transmittere. . . .
Des.: intimanda commisi. Valeat V. M. feliciter ad gaudia senpiterna.
Reg.: Capistran notifies Rosenberg that he is going to the Diet of Regensburg where he was invited by the Papal Legate, Nicholas of Cusa, and Albert, Duke of Bavaria. There he hopes to meet Henry, son of Rosenberg, and Canon Wen ceslaus of Cesky Krumlov (Krumau). 

371. 1452–VI–8, Most (Brüx).
IdC ad Ioannem Nedelist.
Inc.: Salutem in eo plurimam. . . . Perlectis litteris tuis, nuper ad me allatis. . . .
Des.: saltem detur mihi aditus securus ad Pragam, ut eum et ceteros propriis oculis cernere queam.
Reg.: Capistran argues against the Hussite heresy and against Rokytzana and his followers. Nedelist is stupid enough to share the same heresy, exposing himself to eternal damnation. Being an ignorant layman, how does he dare to dispute with Capistran about the interpretation of the Gospel and of the Council of Basel? Capistran would be glad to face the perfidious Rokytzana at the Diet of Regensburg.
Ms.: See Appendix. Bn 279, copy available.

Consilium civitatis Nürnberg ad IdC.
Inc.: Pater reverende. . . . Flagantisimum desiderium nostrum. . . .

373. 1452–VII–4, Amberg.
IdC ad Fredericum IV, Ducem Saxoniae.
Inc.: Illustrissime et excellissime. . . . Venerandus D. Prepositus. . . .
Des.: quodque ut faciatis etiam atque etiam rogo. Additamentum: Si quid interea . . . manu propria me subscripsit.
Reg.: This is Capistran’s second letter to the Duke, informing him of events at the Diet of Regensburg. He asks Frideric to give credit to Provost D, bearer of the present letter. Further, he implores the Duke to intervene with the Emperor (to whom he is related), to prevent a disastrous pact between the Emperor and the Bohemians on the one hand and between the Hungarians and the Turks on the other. Ladislaus, King of Hungary and Bohemia (being a minor) should remain in Vienna under the protection of the Emperor.

374. 1452–VII–4, Magdeburg?
Fridericus, Archiepisc. Magdeburgensis, ad IdC.
Reg.: According to a shorthand note of J. Hofer (deciphered by O. Bonmann), this letter concerns the mission of a certain Prior Hermann to the Papal Legate, Nicholas of Cusa, and the blood preserved on the miraculously bloodstained host of Wilsnack.
375. 1452-VII-7, Kraków.
Casimirus IV, Rex Poloniae, ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerande pater... Quantum cupiamus presentiam vestram....
Des.: caritatem vestram affectuose invitamus.
Reg.: The King invites Capistran to preach the word of
God in his kingdom. At the same time he informs him
that he gave permission to Ladislaus of Hungary and to
his three companions to build a friary for the Observants
outside the city of Cracow. They may also have the church
of the Holy Cross.

376. 1452-VIII-7, Nürnberg.
Consilium Nurembergense ad IdC.
Reg.: According to a note of J. Hofer, this letter is con-
cerned with a peace-treaty with Marquis William (of Bran-
denburg?).
Ms.: Staatsarchiv, Nürnberg, Rep. 15, S 1, L 1, nr. 3b, f.

377. 1452-VIII-11, Schwabach.
Albertus Achilles, Margravius de Brandenburg, ad IdC.
Reg.: This letter concerns the peace-treaty with the city of
Nuremberg. The Marquis thanks Capistran for his labors.
Ms.: Nürnberg, Staatsarchiv, Rep. 15 S 1, L 1, nr. 3b, f. 358.
Bn 285B, proc.

378. 1452-VIII-20, Bamberg.
IdC declaratio de "proprio sacerdoti."
Inc.: "Proprio sacerdoti." In hoc verbo "proprio sacerdoti"
notandum est....
Des.: Federici III, tunc regis Romanorum. Unde ad fidem
... et sigillum appono in consuetum.
Reg.: This letter is an answer to a consultation concerning a
point of Canon Law: who can qualify as "proprius sacer-
dos." Capistran lists twelve possible meanings from the
Pope to a Franciscan friar. He states that he excerpted these
definitions from the Repetitio, cap. Omnis utriusque, Extra,
de poen. et rec. At the request of Emperor Frederick III, this
declaration was approved by the University of Vienna.

379. 1452-VIII-25, Coburg.
IdC ad Licentiatum Martinum Meyr.
Inc.: Egregie vir et amice honorande.... Perlectis litteris
uis....
Des.: dum mihi vita comes. Vale in Christo Iesu et me
sepulchro numero magnificantiis illarum facito commendatum.
Reg.: Capistran had asked the authorities of Nuremberg to
free two prisoners, Seibold Pfinzing and his son, but he
found the answer to his letter somewhat obscure. In any
case, he would be very much pleased if the prisoners were
freed and joined the Franciscan Order, as they had prom-
ised. They could be transferred to another town.

380. 1452-IX-1, Nürnberg.
Consilium civitatis Nürnbergensis ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverendissime in Christo pater.... Receptimus pri-
dem cartam ... scriptam egregio domino Martinino....
humiliter commendantes.
Reg.: The authorities of Nuremberg, answering Capis-
tran's preceding letter, tell him that they would have
pardoned Seibold Pfinzing and his son at his request, in
spite of the fact that they had committed a very serious
crime, but that they had escaped.

381. 1452-IX-6, Jena.
IdC ad consilium civitatis Nürnbergensis.
Inc.: Magnifici et excellentes domini.... Hac die, cum
venissem ad illustrissimum principem....
Des.: omne debitum polliceor. Valeant Magnificentie
vestre, quas Christus per tempora longiora conservet.
Reg.: Capistran, answering the preceding letter, thanks
the authorities of Nuremberg for their willingness to
pardon Seibold Pfinzing and his son, provided they en-
tered a religious Order. But since they have escaped, they
have exposed themselves to both temporal and spiritual
crime. Capistran is about to go to Erfurt and Leipzig, and
later, to the ungrateful Bohemians. Further, he informs
them of the bloody battle between George Podebrad,
Governor of Bohemia, and the Taborites, both heretics.
Preparations are being made for the Diet in Würzburg.

382. 1452–IX–26, Nürnberg.
Consilium civitatis Nürnberg ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverendissime pater. Receptis pridem litteris vestris …
Des.: et dilectionis signa ostendentes.
Reg.: The Council of Nuremberg answers Capistran's preceding letter and wishes him well. They ask him to assign the beloved preacher, Fr. Frederick of Prussia, to the Nuremberg friary for another year.

IdC ad Ulricum et Henricum de Rosenberg.
Inc.: Magnifice et excellens domine … Nullo dicendi genus consequi …
Des.: quam libenter offerens. Valeat M. D. vestra … vestro utinimi arbitratu.
Reg.: Capistran expresses his satisfaction that Ladislaus, the (twelve-year-old) King of Hungary and Bohemia, is residing in Vienna for the time being. Since the young King promised to respect the rights and freedoms of the Bohemians before his coronation, Capistran is very much afraid that the Hussites will interpret this as an approval of their heresy.

384. 1452–X–16, Magdeburg.
Eberhard Woltmann, Praepositus Monasterii B. M. Virginis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Cordialem affectum … Cogor zelo debiti cultus …
Des.: ad Dei laudem et nostram salutem, quam vobis … regnat.
Reg.: The Provost asks Capistran for clarification concerning the veneration of the miraculous blood of Wilsnack.

IdC ad Ulricum de Rosenberg.
Inc.: Magnifice et excellens domine … Dum preclara hactenus vestra gesta …
Des.: ad civitatem Wratislaviensem proficiscar. Valete … etiam atque etiam obsecro.
Reg.: Capistran bitterly complains that Rosenberg, for political reasons, concluded a pact with the Hussite heretics. He implores him to rescind such a shameful alliance. Further, he informs Rosenberg that he is not going to the Diet of Vienna because if he goes, Podebrad will refuse to go.

386. 1452–X–22.
IdC ad Hermannum, sacerdotem.
Reg.: Capistran absolves Hermann, an Utraquist, and receives him into the church.
Ms.: Prague, Kapitelarchiv, Diplomatarium des böhmischen National-Museums (according to a note of J. Hofer).
Bn 288a, proc.

IdC ad quendam Cardinalem.
Reg.: Chiappini suggests that this letter may have been directed to the Cardinal Protector, Dominic Capranica, trying to convince him of the truth of the eucharistic miracle of Wilsnack.

IdC ad Nicolaum V.
Reg.: Capistran informs the Pope that the Archbishop of Magdeburg and Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa declared that the eucharistic miracle of Wilsnack is not authentic. Conrad of Havelberg and Capistran himself are in favor of its authenticity.

IdC ad Ioannem, Episcopum Parmensem, iudicem Rotae Romanae.
Reg.: Capistran asks the Bishop not to make any definitive statement concerning the miraculous blood of Wilsnack
before eye-witnesses have been examined anew.

390. 1452-XI-7, Magdeburg.
Eberhardus, Praepositus Magdeburgensis, ad IdC.
Reg.: Very likely this letter concerns the miraculous blood of Wilsack.

391. 1452-XI-3, Bari.
Marcus de Bononia, Vicarius Gen. Observantium Cismon, ad IdC.
Inc.: In Christo sibi carissimo patri. . . . Cum plurimis ac variis mihi . . .
Reg.: The Vicar General appoints Capistran his Commissary for the newly established friaries in Austria, Bohemia, Moravia and Stiria, which now form a new Province.

IdC ad novitios Vindobonenses et Neuburgenses.
Inc.: Dilectissimis filiis. . . . Nihil est vel esse potest. . . .
Des.: qui in civitate Lipizedi, “ut vinceres, incitavi.”
Valete in Domino . . . semper vos Domino commendo.
Reg.: Capistran expresses his satisfaction that the novices of Vienna are making good progress in religious life. He exhorts them to persevere to the end.

393. 1452-XI-4, Leipzig.
IdC ad consilium civitatis Nurnberg.
Inc.: Magnifici et excellentes domini. . . . Incredibilis illa ac summa vestra in me benivolentia. . . .
Des.: ut in illis mea grandis fides est fixa et locata.
Reg.: Capistran thanks the Council of Nuremberg for the kindness they always showed to him. Now he would like to ask them to provide two carts for the novices whom his faithful companion, Christopher of Varese, has to conduct to Vienna.

IdC ad Ulricum de Rosenberg.
Inc.: Magnifice et excellens domine. . . . Hac hora reddite sunt mihi. . . .
Des.: qui decipi non potes quique summa veritas est.
Reg.: Capistran, answering Rosenberg’s letter, informs him that he is not going to the Diet of Vienna unless he is invited. He sent many letters by his companion, Peter of Sopron, to many important persons. He begs Rosenberg (as he did earlier) to redeem his honor by rescinding the pact he made with the Hussites.

395. 1452-XI-6, Leipzig.
IdC ad Eberhardum, Praepositus Magdeburgensis.
Inc.: Jesus. . . . Veram in utroque. . . .
Reg.: Capistran answers Eberhard’s letter of October 16, concerning the miraculous blood of Wilsack. He is in favor of its authenticity and he knows of two similar miracles.

396. 1452-XI-8, Leipzig.
IdC ad Bohemos.
Inc.: Veram in utroque summaque veritate peropto. . . .
Reg.: Capistran proves that the Hussites are heretics. See CProd; MF 26 (1926): 62, n. 104

IdC ad Albertum de Pochelpach, Guardianum conventus Nurnbergensis.
Inc.: Reverende in Christo pater. . . . Cupiens familiarium vestram augmentare. . . .
Des.: mittatis secum duos fratres usque Ratisbonam.
Valete in Domino et pro me orate.
Reg.: Capistran instructs the Guardian of the Nuremberg friary how to train the novices: they are to pray, sing,
meditate, confess twice a week, say the rosary daily, etc.

398. 1452-XII-26, Dresden.
IdC ad Syndacam et Consilium civitatis Görlitz.
Reg.: Neither the manuscript nor the edition is available.

399. 1452-XII-30, Wien.
Ladislaus, Rex Hungariae, ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabilis et Religiose… Cum ille Creator noster…
Des.: cum ampliori devotione cum Salvatore.
Reg.: Ladislaus V, King of Hungary and Bohemia (or rather his tutor) asks Capistran to go to Hungary where the people ardently desire to hear the Word of God from him.

400. 1452-?-?,
Reg.: According to J. Hofer, Capistran answers the Cardinal's letter of April 15, 1452. See letter 560 above.
Ms.: Kraków, Bibli. (?) cod.. 1399, ff. 42ff. Bn 298a, proc.

401. 1453-II-?, Wroclaw.
Petrus II Nowak, Episc. Pratislavensis, ad IdC.
Reg.: Neither manuscript nor edition is available.

402. 1453-III-6, Wien.
Ladislaus, Rex Hungariae, ad IdC.
Inc.: Ladislaus, Dei gratia… Religiose vir, nobis caro affectu amplecetende… Ad ea quae divinum cultum…
Des.: et dilatatione semper habebis paratam.
Reg.: The King asks Capistran to send Ladislaus Turi and Michael Szekely to Kylia (on the border of Moldavia) to supervise the construction of a friary in honor of St. Bernardine of Siena. The King writes at the request of John Hunyadi, Governor of Hungary, the sponsor of this new foundation.

403. 1753-III-14, Wroclaw.
IdC ad Angelumb Serperti de Perugia, Min. Gen. OFM.
Inc.: Reverendissime in Christo pater… Experientia ipsa magistra, prestantissime pater…
Des.: cumque me familiarique nostram plurimum atque plurimum commendo.
Reg.: Capistran asks the Minister General to keep protecting the family of the Observants against its enemies, as he did in the past. The honor of the Order requires it. He tells the General that, among many others, eighty students of the University of Leipzig joined the Observants, many of them having bachelor's or master's degrees.

404. 1453-III-14, Wroclaw.
IdC ad Nicolaum V.
Inc.: Beatissime pater… Etsi sepemnemo, prostrato mihi ante pedes…
Des.: libere et expedite observare valeamus.
Reg.: Capistran begs the Pope to protect the Observant family and not to revoke the privileges granted them by Pope Eugene IV. It would be a great scandal for the whole Church.

405. 1455-III-14, Wroclaw.
IdC ad collegium Cardinalium.
Inc.: Reverendissimi in Christo… Circumvoluti orbis, in quo reptilia…
Des.: vestris sacris orationibus adivure dignemini.
Reg.: Capistran implores the Cardinals to defend and protect the family of the Observants against the intrigues of the Conventuals.

406. 1455-III-26, Brno (Brünn).
H. Rosano, legum doctor, ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverendissime pater… Gavisus fui de adventu salubri…
Des.: humiliter et devote recommendo.
Reg.: Rosanus, a former canon of the church of Prague, tells Capistran that he is pleased with his arrival in Silesia, but would be more pleased if he went to Prague to
convert the infidels. He fears that if Capistran establishes a new friary for the Observants in the territory of his parish, his chaplains will be forced to go begging. There are already more than enough friaries and monasteries.

Ms.: Cap., c. 259. Bn 617, copy available.

Cardinalis Sbiigniew, Episc. Cracoviensis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerande et egregie vir.... Quanto studio, quanto desiderio....
Des.: et te auxilio suprema roborans in vinea sua laborantem.
Reg.: The Cardinal, having heard that Capistran is preaching in Wroclaw, pleads with him to come to Cracow without delay. In expectation of his visit, he is postponing his departure to the other parts of his diocese.

408. 1453–V–4, Roma.
Nicolaus V ad IdC.
Inc.: Dilecto filio.... Circumspecta caritas Apostolice Sedis...
Des.: ceterisque contrariis quibuscumque. Nulli ergo omnino huiusmodi etc.
Reg.: The Pope gives Capistran permission to establish as many friaries for the Observants in Austria, Bohemia and Moravia as he deems convenient.

Ladislaus, Rex Hungariae, ad IdC.
Inc.: Ladislaus, Dei gratia.... Venerabilis, religiose, devote.... Quamquam illius a quo omne datum est optimum....
Des.: et beneficiis volumus et teneamur confovere.
Reg.: The King urges Capistran to come to Vienna where both the King and the people ardently desire to hear his preaching again.

410. 1453–V–8, Wroclaw. IdC ad Cardinalem Dominicum Capranica, Ordinis Protectorem.
Inc.: Reverendissimae in Christo.... Egrotanti mihi istis diebus....

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Des.: quam Iesus Christus dignetur longissimo evo tueri.
Reg.: Capistran acknowledges the Cardinal’s letter (written on February 11 and received on May 2), which caused him great joy. But he was very much distressed by the news that the new General of the Order, James Mozannica, is working against the Observants. Capistran is now accused of having forged the bull of Eugene IV (Ut sacra Ordinis of January 11, 1446) in favor of the Observants. He has already spent thirty-seven years in the Order without being blamed of any such misled. To subject the Observants to the jurisdiction of the Conventuals would be a disaster for the whole Church.
Ms.: Namur, Bibl. mun/ic., cod. 168, ff. 65r–4v. Bn 307a, copy available.

Petrus, Guardianus conventus Aracoelitani, ad IdC.
Inc.: Audio que de me....
Reg.: The Guardian informs Capistran of the proceedings of the General Chapter celebrated in Bologna and tells him about certain events which took place in L’Aquila.
Ms.: Cap., c. 122. Bn 308, proc.

Petrus II Nowak, Episc. Wratislavensis, confirmat cessionem monasterii S. Bernardini.
Inc.: In nomine domini. Amen. Petrus, Dei gratia Episcopus Wratislaviensis.... Tenore presentium universis recognoscimus....
Des.: testibus ad promissa fide dignissimis.
Reg.: The Bishop confirms that, by authority of Pope Nicholas V, the newly established monastery of St. Bernardine of Siena, outside the walls of Wroclaw, be ceded to Capistran for the use of the Observant friars.

413. 1453–VI–14, Neisse.
Petrus Nowak, Episc. Wratislaviensis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverendissimae pater.... Non prestet vobis, quesumus, admirandi materia. 
Des.: prout sua exigat celsitudo, personaliter consulere non valemus.
Reg.: The Bishop excuses himself for not having forwarded the requested letter earlier. He is in the midst of a
great commotion. He asks Capistran to examine the case of the profanation of the Blessed Sacrament with the help of the episcopal chapter, and take appropriate measures. 

Ladislaus, Rex Hungariae, ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabilis pater.... Quantum Maiestati nostrae displicibile fuerit....
Des.: que ut facere velit, cordintime et reiteratis precibus rogamus.
Reg.: The King was glad to hear that Capistran had regained his health. He invites him again to Vienna. He has taken the necessary measures to assure him a safe journey.

IdC ad Ludovicum Erlichshausen, Magistrum generalem Ordinis Theutonicorum.
Inc.: Reverendissime in Christo.... Ex litteris Reverendissime D. Vestræ....
Des.: illud omne debitum policeor.
Reg.: Capistran acknowledges Erlichshausen’s letter and regrets that because of poor health and his involvement with the problems of Bohemia he cannot accede to his request to preach to his subjects.

Ladislaus, Rex Hungariae, ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabilis et religioso.... Commisimus honorabili Magistro Sigismundo Vorsthover....
Des.: nobis ipsis adhibere credentie fidem.
Reg.: The King asks Capistran to trust his secretary, Sigismund Vorsthover, who will bring him a message from the King.

Ioannes Iacobus Romanus ad IdC.
Inc.: Non oblivione amoris eximii in te mei....
Des.: per tuam fidem, per animam tuam te oro.

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Reg.: The writer begs Capistran to return to Italy in order to save the Observant family.

418. 1455–VIII–21, Lille.
Isabella, Ducissa Burgundiae, ad IdC.
Inc.: La duchesse de Bourgoigne.... Religieuse personne....
Des.: qui Vous ait en ... et digne garde.
Reg.: The Duchess responds to a letter of Capistran concerning the citizens of Gand and the Observant friars. She promises to do her best to help the friars.

419. 1455–VIII–21.
IdC ad Margaritam, Ducissam Silesiae.
Inc.: Illustres et excellens domina.... Acceptis litteris tuis, summam gratias Deo meo egi....
Des.: quam conservet salvetque in evum. Valeat ... ad gaudia sempiterna.
Reg.: Capistran acknowledges receipt of Margaret’s letter and thanks her for her kind words. He would be glad to comply with the Duchess’s request but the great distance and his desire to save souls does not permit it. He tells her how many heretics he has already reconciled with the Church.
Ms.: Clm. 504, f. 386r. Bn 314b, photo.

420. 1455–XI–8, Kraków.
IdC ad Ladislaus, Regem Hungariae.
Inc.: Serenissima sacraque regia maiestas.... Multorum voce intelligens....
Des.: cui causam fidei meque ipsum magnopere commendo.
Reg.: Capistran congratulates the King on his taking possession of the kingdom of Bohemia. He hopes that the King will bring the Bohemians back to the unity of the Church, outside of which there is no salvation. He would be glad to go to Prague to preach the word of God to that people; therefore, he asks the King for a safe-conduct for himself and for his companions.

421. 1455–IX–19, Kraków.
Anonymus ad IdC.
Inc.: Pater reverende, notum sit paternitati tue. . . .
Des.: sigillum officii mei affissi.
Reg.: The writer notifies Capistran that he absolved the bearer of the present letter and imposed on him some penance. For the rest he sends him to Capistran.
Ms.: Cap., c. 146a. Bn 315, proc.

422. 1453-IX-26, Pińczów.
Cardinalis Sbigniew, Episc. Cracoviensis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Credens subvenire ecciesie mee. . . .
Des.: corripias illum quod tantopere de his non providerit.
Reg.: The Cardinal donated his palace in Silesia to the friars. It should be transformed into a friary and dedicated to St. Bernardine of Siena.
Ms.: Kraków, cod. 42 DB IV 48, f. 82. Ed.: Lewicki, Epistolarium 2: 158.

423. 1453-X-?, Kraków.
Anonymus ad IdC.
Inc.: Noverit caritas vestra. . . .
Reg.: An anonymous note to Capistran, concerning the absolution of two persons, which took place on October 19, 1453.
Ms.: Cap., c. 146b. Bn 323, proc.

424. 1453-XI-4, Roma.
Iacobus Bussolini de Mozzanica, Vicarius Generalis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Colendissime pater. . . . Fructuosus labor, quam continue suffert. . . .
Des.: nostro nomine faciat efficaciter. Valeat ... felix in sempiternum.
Reg.: The writer informs Capistran that after the death of the Minister General, Angelo Serpetri of Perugia, the Pope appointed him, James of Mozzanica, Vicar General of the Order. He commends the famous preacher, Robert of Lecce, to Capistran and asks his prayers.

425. 1453-XI-6, Pińczów.
Cardinalis Sbigniew, Episc. Cracoviensis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Menses duo exacti sunt infra quos. . . .

426. 1453-XII-13, Praha (Prague).
Ladislaus, Rex Hungariae, ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabilis Religiose. . . . Litterarum variarum seriem. . . .
Des.: favorisare et tueri intendimus, invenire hesitetas.
Reg.: The King advises Capistran not to go to Prague at this time because his safety cannot be assured.

427. 1453-XII-22, Praha (Prague).
Georgius Podebrad, Gubernator Bohemiae, ad IdC.
Inc.: Licet tuarum serie litterarum non plus salutis offerre videarim. . . .
Des.: cui iure et merito est parandum.
Reg.: Podebrad refuses to give safe-conduct to Capistran for his journey to Prague. His services are not needed since Prague does not lack preachers. Capistran's preaching would disturb the peace.

428. 1453-XII-28, Venezia.
Marcus de Bononia, Vicarius Generalis Observantium Cismontan., ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverende in Christo pater. . . . Vigesimo decembris V. R. P. accepit. . . .
Des.: vel parum timere inquinata versutia sint.
Reg.: The Vicar General relates the intrigues of the famous preacher, Robert of Lecce, against Nicholas of Osimo, to Capistran and likewise the machinations of the Conventuals against the Observants.

429. 1453-XII-30, Brňo (Brünn).
Benedictus de Boskowicz, Vicecamerarius Moraviae, ad IdC. ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverendo in Christo patri preamantissimo. . . . Hodie sex septimanis. . . .
Des.: valeam incolorem revisere. Deus omnipotens ... ad
tempora longeva.
Reg.: Benessius informs Capistran that after the Diet of
the Moravians in Brno (Brünn) he is going to Prague to
see the King. He hopes to visit Capistran after he returns.
Ms.: Cap., c. 149. Bn 326, copy available.

430. 1453.
IdC ad Philippum, Ducem Burgundiae.
Inc.: Est-il quelque chose ....
Reg.: Capistran writes to the Duke in favor of the city of
Ghent.
Ed.: Bull. de l'Acad. roy. de Belgique 16 (1862): 216ff. Bn 327,
scheda.

Cardinalis Latinus Orsini ad IdC.
Inc.: Religiose vir .... Superioribus diebus accepius tuas
litteras ....
Des.: frustra ipsorum gratia suscepisse labores. Cole
Deum.
Reg.: The Cardinal, answering Capistran's letter, praises
his apostolic zeal and promises to protect the interests of
the (Observant) friars.
Ms.: Cap., c. 150. Bn 328, copy available.

432. 1454–I–18, Praha (Prague).
Ladislaus, Rex Hungariae, ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabilis religiose .... Cupimus scire vestram
paternitatem quod nos ....
Des.: in complacentiam singulariter bene gratam.
Reg.: The King tells Capistran that after having pacified
Bohemia he intends to visit his other dominions. He asks
Capistran to go to Wroclaw and wait there for his invita-
tion.

433. 1454–I–22, Sandomierz (Sandomir).
Cardinalis Sbigniew, Episc. Cracoviensis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerande pater .... Commendandus est plurimum
zulius vester ....
Des.: Sententiam ad Decretum, ante Domino, exequen-
dum.
437. 1454–IV–5, Praha (Prague).
Ladislaus, Rex Hungariae, ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabilis religiose. ... Recepimus V. P. litteras nobis novissime transmissas. ...  
Des.: ad nostram presentiam vos expostulaturos.  
Reg.: The King acknowledges receipt of Capistran’s letter. 
He is glad to hear that Capistran is going to Wroclaw. He should await there the next letter of the King. 

438. 1454–IV–28, Kraków.  
IdC ad Casimirus IV, Regem Poloniae.  
Inc.: Sacra Regia Serenissimaque Maiestas. ... Non est fidelis servuli. ...  
Des.: in regimen populorum. Valere, feliciterque vincere te cupio in eternum. 
Reg.: Capistran greets and praises the King and at the same time he asks him to revoke the privileges he inadvertently granted to the enemies of the Cross (the Jews?). 

Nicolaus V ad IdC.  
Inc.: Nicolaus Papa V. ... Movent Nos aliqui respectus utiles et necessarii. ...  
Des.: te ad plenum informabunt. 
Reg.: The Pope instructs Capistran to go to Savoy, where he will be told by highly placed persons what to do in the interest of the Pontiff. 

Petrus Nowak, Episc. Wrastislawiensis, ad IdC.  
Inc.: Salutem, et eum qui in Christo. ... Reverendissime pater, amice nobis. ...  
Des.: Super quo placeat V. P. ministerio litterarum respondere. 
Reg.: The Bishop invites Capistran to preach in his diocese in order to prevent the spread of the Hussite heresy. 
Ms.: See Appendix. Bn 356, copy available.

441. 1454–V–9, Łódź.  
Casimirus IV, Rex Poloniae, ad IdC.  
Inc.: Kasimirus, Dei gratia. ... Venerande et religioso pater, cum accepiissemus et audivissemus. ...  
Des.: non erunt cassa et nos mereri valeamus corona eterna. 
Reg.: The King, answering Capistran’s letter, thanks him for his interest in the eternal salvation of the King and his people and promises to revoke the privileges granted to the enemies of the Cross and he will do his best to preserve the true faith in his kingdom. But now he intends to visit his dominion as far as Torun. 

442. 1454–V–12, Kraków.  
IdC ad cives Aquilanos.  
Inc.: Magnifici et excellentes. ... Avenga Dio che le vostre lettere sempre siano ad me grata. ...  
Des.: et per lui mandarme qualche gratiosa resposta. Vale-te ... honoris vestri memores estote. 
Reg.: Capistran exhorts the authorities of L’Aquila to build not a chapel but a church in honor of St. Bernardine of Siena, together with a friary, as they had promised. Everywhere else very beautiful churches, dedicated to St. Bernardine, are being built. Among other things, the letter contains a bitter outburst against the famous preacher, Robert of Lecce. It would have been better if he had remained a Conventual. 

443. 1454–V–24, Brno (Brünn).  
Consilium Brünensis ad IdC.  
Inc.: Venerandissime pater. ... Non sine gravi spiritualium consolationum. ...  
Des.: incunctanter deducti speramus. Optamus insuper ... diutino tempore gratae conservare. 
Reg.: The authorities of Brno implore Capistran to visit their city, preach to the people, convert the heretics and
inspect the basilica they are building in honor of St. Bernardine of Siena.

444. 1454-V-28, Regensburg.
Cardinalis Nicolaus Cusanus ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverendissime in Christo pater.... Fuit his diebus congratio in hoc loco ut Turcarum proposito per poten-
tem exercitum obvietur....
Des.: cui servire opto in omnibus mihi possibilibus.
Reg.: The Papal Legate urges Capistran to do everything possible to restore the peace between Prussia and the
King of Poland, otherwise it will be impossible to organize
a strong army against the Turks.

445. 1454-VI-4, Olomouc.
Bohussius de Zwola, Episcopus electus Olomucensis, ad
IdC.
Inc.: Venerande in Chrste pater.... Seipsum totum in
animo complæcendi....
Des.: ad fortius confutandos inimicos ecclesiæ dignetur
conservare Iesu.
Reg.: Bohussius notifies Capistran of the death of John,
Bishop of Olomouc, and that the Chapter, very much
against his will, has elected him to succeed John. He asks
Capistran to inform the Pope of his election, recommend
him and ask the Pontiff to release him from the obligation
of the yearly tribute.
Ms.: Cap., c. 291. Bn 343, copy available.

446. 1454-VI-5, Olomouc.
Ioannes de Lompniz, Praepositus Olomucensis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerande in Domino Iesu.... Oratones humiles....
Inter varias erumnas huius incolatus....
Des.: et ad hostes sic vehementius confutandos.
Reg.: The Provost and the diocesan Chapter ask Capistran
to recommend to the Pope the confirmation of Bohussius
of Zwola, whom the Chapter elected to succeed the de-
ceased Bishop of Olomouc.
Ms.: Cap., c. 158. Ed.: Tadra 40. Bn 344, copy available.

447. 1454-VI-11, Kraków.
Cardinalis Sbigniew, Episc. Cracoviensis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabilis pater.... A tempore discessus vestri ex
hac urbe....
Des.: Regem nostrum occurrurum. Simile omagium a
residuis militariibus, nobilibus et civibus recepturus.
Fragmentum: Inc.: Res fidei contra Turcos.... Des.: Turcos
nullatenus efficere sibi hostes consentient. (alias: iratum
aut molestum esse.)
Reg.: The Cardinal tells Capistran that after his (Capis-
tran's) departure for Wroclaw, the King arrived and was
received with great solemnity in Torun. The legates of
King Ladislaus of Hungary and Bohemia also arrived,
asking the King of the Poles to conclude a peace-treaty
with the Teutonic Knights. A fragment, beginning "Res
fidei contra Turcos" speaks about the poor prospects of
recruiting an army against the Turks.
Ms.: Cap., c. 159. Ed.: Pettkó 14 (the fragment). Bn 345,
copy available.

448. 1454-VI-14, Wroclaw.
IdC ad Ladislaus, Regem Hungariae.
Inc.: Sacra Regia Serenissimaque Maiestas.... Totis precordi-
diis cupiens....
Des.: facio diligentissime commendata. Valeat ... tueatur
omnipotens.
Reg.: Capistran lets the King know that, according to his
instructions, he arrived in Wroclaw, where the King is
also expected. Capistran asks the King to communicate his
(Capistran's) earlier letters to his advisers.

449. 1454-VI-14, Wroclaw.
IdC ad Ulricum Eitzinger, Regis Ladislai Consiliarium.
Inc.: Magnifice et excellens domine.... Precibus Serenis-
simi domini Regis Ladislai....
Des.: meum ministerium valeam consumare. Valeat ... 
per tempora longiora.
Reg.: Capistran announces to Eitzinger that, according to
King Ladislaus's instructions, he has arrived in Wroclaw,
and is awaiting further orders. He would be willing to go
to preach in Olomouc.
Ms.: Cap., c. 403 (register). Bn 346, copy available.
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450. 1454–VI–18, Kraków.
Ioannes Dlugoss (Longinus) ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverende in Christo pater.... Etsi equorum, quos in proprietatem....
Des.: de singulis efficere et certam et participem. Valeat ... et populi christiani consolatione.
Reg.: Jan Długosz, secretary of the Bishop of Cracow, tells Capistran that Cardinal Sbigniew had given some horses to Capistran as a gift. He should not have sent them back. Anyway, the Cardinal disposed of them according to Capistran’s wishes. The war of Poland against the Teutonic Knights is going well. Italy is not interested in fighting the Turks.

IdC ad Cardinalem Sbigniew, Episc. Cracoviensem.
Inc.: Reverendissime in Christo pater.... Non haberem aliquid tue prestantissem paternitati scribere....
Des.: in ara crucis placide benignique effudit. Valeat .... omnium novitati apud nos vigenti.
Reg.: Capistran informs the Cardinal of his intention of going to the Diet of Frankfurt, to be held about the Feast of St. Michael (Sept. 29), in order to encourage the Princes to take up arms against the Turks. Further, he tells him that it is not true that the Bohemian heretics are organizing to relieve the fort of Marianburg, besieged by the Poles; the Bishop of Wrocław asked Capistran to temper his language against the Hussites, in the hope of reunion; the adolescent King Ladislaus is not cooperating with the heretics; Rokytzana is not a duly ordained priest; the Italians are not preparing to fight the Turks.
Ms.: British Mus., Arundel 458, 201 (?). Bn 348a, copy available.

452. 1454–VI–24, Praha (Prague).
Ulrich Eitzinger ad IdC.
Inc.: (the first): Erwirdiger Herr.... Gesundheit....
Des.: (the second): Damit bewar Euch sein heilige gnad vor allem ubel.
Reg.: These are two badly deteriorated letters. In the first Eitzinger acknowledges Capistran’s letter written to King Ladislaus; in the other he sends good wishes and express-
es the hope of meeting Capistran soon.
Ms.: Cap., c. 482a–b. Bn 349, scheda of Hofer.

453. 1454–VI–25, Praha (Prague).
Ladislaus, Rex Hungariae, ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabilis Religiose devote.... Exhibuit coram Nobis Uldaricus Eytzingere de Eyczing....
Des.: digne erga vos et Ordinem vestrum reminiscendi.
Reg.: The King was pleased by Capistran’s letter, brought by his Counselor Eitzinger. He is glad to hear that Capistran is going to Olomouc, but hopes to meet him in Vienna.

454. 1454–?, ?, Mazowsze (Masovia).
Anna, Ducissa Mazoviae, ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerande pater domine.... De his fratribus p. v. quos ipsa....
Des.: cui plenam detis fidem. Altissimus ... conservet ad tempora longa.
Reg.: The Duchess thanks Capistran for the friars he sent to her dominions and asks his prayers for the recovery of her son Boleslaus, Duke of Mazovia. If he died, much confusion would follow.
Ms.: Cap., c. 162. Bn 351, copy available.

455. 1454–VII–4, Ceský Krumlov (Krumau).
Uricus de Rosenberg ad IdC.
Inc.: Promptum in beneficatis famulatum.... Vestra scripta sano discutientis intellectu....
Des.: ut premium est Deo propitio immobiles permanere.
Reg.: Rosenberg acknowledges Capistran’s letter. A messenger will bring Capistran more important information. He reassures Capistran about his fidelity to the Church.
Ms.: Cap., c. 163. Bn 355, copy available.

456. 1454–VII–8, Roma.
Iacobus de Reate ad IdC.
Inc.: Iesus. Reverendissime et Deo dilecte.... Scripsisse me memini....
Des.: mihi munus tue benedictionis impendas. Vale in Domino et ora pro me.
Reg.: Fr. James of Rieti congratulates Capistran on his marvelous work of which he was informed by a letter of Nicholas of Fara. At the Chapter of Valmontone (which now belongs to the Observants) Capistran was remembered and the Capitulars decided to write him a letter. Fr. Philip of Massa will bring it. Finally, he sends greetings to Nicholas of Fara and to the other companions of Capistran.


457. 1454–VII–12, Kraków.
Ioannes de Thanczin, Palatinus Cracoviensis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabilis et pater venerande. Quamquam gravi et longo itineri. . . .
Des.: pro mea consolatione speciali.
Reg.: The Palatine notifies Capistran that on his way to Bohemia, he intends to stop in Wroclaw and visit Capistran. He is waiting for a safe-conduct from Prague where he is going on behalf of King Casimir to visit King Ladislaus.

Venceslaus, Decanus Ecclesiae Cathedralis Praguensis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Religiosissime et reverendissime pater. . . . Noverit paternitas vestra me litteras cum presentium exhibitore. . . .
Reg.: The Archdeacon acknowledges Capistran’s letter, telling him that he (the Archdeacon) wishes he were in Prague to confound the heretics. But it would not be safe because the arrogant and astute Rokytzana is very influential. He promises to mention Capistran’s journey to Ulrich von Rosenberg who nowadays enjoys much prestige. He fears that King Ladislaus is about to depart from Prague.
Ms.: Cap., c. 171. Bn 285/570, copy available.

459. 1454–VII–16, Szécsény.
Ladislaus of Szécsény, Comes Nogadiensis et Hontensis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabilis ac Religiose Domine. . . . Quamquam eiusdem vestro dominationis et paternitatis litteras de receptione. . . .
Des.: et cui vivere contulit, prebeat et salutem.
Reg.: The Count thanks Capistran for having accepted him into the Confraternity of the Franciscan Order but he would like to have this certified in a letter signed by Capistran himself.

460. 1454–VII–19, Strassburg in Carinthia.
Ioannes Schallermann, quondam Episc. Gurcensis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabilis ac religioso. . . . Cum religiosus in Christo nobis dilectus Holapruuger. . . .
Des.: quem dominus ad vota feliciter conservare dignetur.
Reg.: The Bishop recommends the Augustinian Canon, Bernard Holapruuger, to Capistran. This man wishes to live according to a stricter rule and intends to join the Franciscan Order.

461. 1454–VII–21, Praha (Prague).
Quidam ad IdC.
Inc.: Ich lasse euch wissen das meyn gnadiger her der Bischoff. . . .
Des.: Dyese Zeitung moget Ir wol uffinbarn (?).
Reg.: Someone, perhaps the secretary of a Bishop, notifies Capistran that a certain Bishop arrived at Görlitz and held meetings with Mister Proczek. The authorities of Prague and Rokytzana were not pleased.
Ms.: Cap., c. 144. Bn 361a, copy available.

Cives Wratislavienses ad IdC.
Inc.: Seipsos cum humili recommendatione. . . . Noverit paternitas vestra, quod nuntius qui cum litteris vestris perexit ad Pragam. . . .
Des.: pro defensione fidei catholice per tempora diurna.
Reg.: The citizens of Wroclaw send Capistran the answers to his letters that they had forwarded for him to Prague. They complain that Capistran left them orphans and they beg him to console them at least with his letters.
463. 1454-VII-22, Wroclaw.
Nicolas Tempelfeld ad IdC.
Inc.: Noverit paternitas vestra quod nuntius qui cum litteris paternitatis vestre pervexit ad Pragam, nuper Sabbato. . .
Des.: suspirantes orphani et post fidelissimum pastorem. . .
Reg.: Nicholas informs Capistran that he had read the letters addressed to Capistran from Prague and with the present letter he forwards them to him. There is also a letter addressed to Fr. Bernardino. The citizens of Wroclaw lament his departure.
Ms.: Cap., c. 405. Bn 362, copy available.

464. 1454-VII-26, Wiener Neustadt.
Aeneas Silvius Piccolomini, Episcopus Senensis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverende pater. . . Scio me tibi delatum esse, quasi de te male sim locutus. . .
Des.: et puto quod non me habebis nocentem. Vale in Christo.
Reg.: The Bishop assures Capistran of his highest esteem. He should not believe the malignant rumors to the contrary. Since it is impossible for Capistran to go to Prague, he should go to the Diet of Frankfurt. He himself plans to be there. Capistran should not go to Hungary at present.

465. 1454-VII-26, Praha (Prague).
Ladislau, Rex Hungariae, ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabilis devote. . . Nuntiavimus vobis litteris nostris. . .
Des.: et ultero committitur, evitare possimus.
Reg.: The King asks Capistran not to go to Olomouc because now it is in a military zone and his preaching could aggravate matters.

466. 1454-VII-30, Kyjov (Gaya).
Benes de Boskovic ad IdC.
Inc.: Ma Wierna Wassee y milosti. . .
Reg.: Benes of Boskovic (Voscos) was glad to hear that Capistran intended to go to Olomouc because he will find there a more fertile ground for his preaching than in Prague. He regrets that he cannot meet him personally because he has to go to Brno.

467. 1454-VIII-1, Wien.
Ioannes, Cappellanus, olim interpres in Vienna, ad IdC.
Inc.: Humillimam post recommendationem. . . Hesito nullatenus. . .
Des.: iuvare confirmareque felici prosperitate paternitatem eandem.
Reg.: John thanks Capistran for having recommended him to the Emperor, Frederick III, and asks him to commend him also to King Ladislaus and to Enea Silvio Piccolomini.
Ms.: Cap., c. 175. Bn 368, copy available.

468. 1454-VIII-2, Kraków.
Cardinalis Sbigniew, Episc. Cracoviensis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerande pater. . . Cusor, qui redabit ex Urbe, pridie hoc adveniens. . .
Des.: habito nuntio, vestre paternitati non omissam significare.
Reg.: The Cardinal was informed of Capistran’s arrival in Olomouc. He asks him to return to Poland where his preaching will do much good. It is not likely that Capistran will succeed in organizing a crusade against the Turks because Venice and Genoa have made a pact with them.
Ed.: W 12: 243-44. Bn 369

469. 1454-VIII-3, Znojmo (Znaim).
IdC ad Nicolaum V.
Des.: qui adeo constanter perseveravit et perseverat.
Reg.: Capistran begs the Pope to permit the ordination of a certain Prothasius who abjured his heresy publicly.
Ms.: Cap., c. 408-09. Bn 378.

470. 1454-VIII-10, Wroclaw.
Christophorus de Ysna ad IdC.
Inc.: Premissis orationibus. . . Novis causis incumbentibus nova convenit. . .
Des.: quemadmodum eidem videbitur melius expedire.
Cui me nunc et omni tempore . . . filium offero atque paratum.
Reg.: Fr. Christopher of St. Bernardine Friary informs Capistran of the dissent that has arisen between the people and the Bishop who revoked a previous agreement. The people claim that they have been deceived by the clergy. The presence of Capistran would be needed now more than ever.
Ms.: Cap., c. 176. Bn 370, copy available.

471. 1454–VIII–12, Wroclaw.
Consules Vratislavenses ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverendissime pater . . . Pre magne dilectionis affectu . . .
Des.: quam Altissimus longo dignetur evo tueri.
Reg.: The authorities remember Capistran with great affection and invite him to visit and console them in their many afflictions.

472. 1454–VIII–13, Grodków (Grottkaus).
Robertus tertarius ad IdC.
Inc.: Humillime subiectionis conamine . . . Vigilantior cura . . .
Des.: die nocteque (!) non cessabo exorare.
Reg.: Robert (Rupert?), a tertiary, asks Capistran to explain to him certain points of the rule of the Third Order, such as the habit, the rite of investiture, privileges, etc.

473. 1454–VIII–14, Brno (Brünn).
Magistratus Brünensis ad IdC.
Inc.: Vota vestre paternitatis . . .
Reg.: The authorities of Brno advise Capistran, who is on his way to Olomouc, to come to Brno by Wischau (Vyskov). They have obtained a safe-conduct for him.
Ms.: Cap., c. 104b. [III. 26b (old label).] See CRel 198, n. 177b.

474. 1454–VIII–14, Brno (Brünn).
Magistratus et Iurati Brünenses ad IdC.
Inc.: Vestra reverenda paternitas pretexiti salvicondu-
ti. . . .

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Reg.: The authorities of Brno complain about Capistran’s delay. They ask him to come from Olomouc to Brno.
Ms.: Ges., f. 48b. See CRel 198, n. 178.

475. 1454–VIII–16, Kraków.
Cardinalis Sibigniew Olesnicki, Episc. Cracoviensis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabilis pater . . . Incolenum paternitatem Vestram cum fratibus . . .
Des.: residuum eorum potentiam cum Dei adiutorio super-
aturus.
Reg.: The Cardinal received Capistran’s letter about his jour-
ney to Olomouc. He informs him of various happenings: the progress of the war in Prussia against the Teutonic Knights; the invasion of the Tartars into Poland; the Hun-
garians asking help from the Poles against the Turks; the flight of the Despot of Rascia and his family to Hungary.

476. 1454–VIII–16, Olomouc.
Bohuslaus Zwolle, Episc. Olomucensis, ad IdC.
Reg.: This is about the letter Capistran had written to the priests of Kromerž (Kremser) (see letter 504 below). Bonmann could not find the source of this letter, except a note of Hofer.
Bn 374, proc. Scheda Hofer.

477. 1454–VIII–21, Bohemia.
IdC ad Georgium Podebrad, Gubernatorem Bohemiae.
Inc.: Orationibus fidelissimis . . . Utinam, magnifice Domine, mens vestra. . . .
Des.: Pragam adire numquam reкусabo. Valete in Domi-
no.
Reg.: Capistran, after expressing his concern about the salvation of the Governor’s soul, asks him for a safe-con-
duct to Prague, where he intends to confute Rokytzana’s errors.
Ms.: Sessa 5/3: 0192–97 Bn 377, copy available.

Iacobus de Mozanica, Min. Gen. OFM, ad IdC.
Inc.: Distrahentibus plurimis curis . . .
Des.: que valeat et prosperetur ad coronam.
Reg.: The newly elected Minister General, answering
Capistran’s congratulatory letter, asks his cooperation and his prayers. He is frightened by the requirements of his high office. Compassion would be more in place than congratulations.
Ms.: L’Aquila, Arch. di St., cod. 73, f. 439. Bn 357, copy available.

479. 1454–VIII–26, Wiener Neustadt.
Aeneas Silvius Piccolomini, Episc. Senensis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Gratissime ac iucundissime fuerunt mihi littere. . . .
Des.: Non dico nunc plura. Commendo me orationibus vestris, quarum me dignum fieri expecto.
Reg.: The Bishop thanks Capistran for his letter and for having accepted his invitation to the Diet of Frankfurt and asks him to convince the Princes he will meet on the way, to come to the Diet.

Magistratus Vindobonensis ad IdC.
Inc.: Erwirdgister geistlicher Vater. . . . Wiewol wir mit grossen begrir. . . .
Des.: und umb euer Convent gern verdienn (!).
Reg.: The authorities of Vienna are overjoyed by the prospect of Capistran’s visit. The friary and church of St. Theobald are ready for him.
Ms.: Cap., c. 185. Bn 381, copy available.

481. 1454–IX–2.
Ludovicus, Comes Palatinus, Dux Bavariae, ad IdC.
Inc.: Ludovicus, Dei gratia. . . . Reverende in Christo pater. . . .
Percipio per scripta Wilhelmi Aichberger. . . .
Des.: parati sumus et nos orationibus vestris commendamus.
Reg.: The Count has heard from William Aichberger that Capistran wishes to confer with him confidentially. At present, he is too busy to visit Capistran but is otherwise at his service.
Ms.: Cap., c. 184. Bn 382, copy available.

482. 1454–IX–16, München.
IdC ad Ladislaus, Regem Hungariae.
Inc.: Sacra regia serenissimaque maiestas. . . . Non desimo pro ardentii . . .
Des.: cui me et Ordinem nostrum plurimum commendo.
Reg.: Capistran warns the King against fraudulent advisers and tells him that the Turks have already invaded Rascia with an army of 400,000 soldiers and are about to attack Belgrade (Alba Regalis) and occupy Hungary. It is not the time to start a war against the Dukes of Saxony nor should he permit the Bohemian heretics to take control of the Catholic Wroclaw, a city faithful to the King. He should not sit in Prague but should visit his other domains and protect Hungary first of all. He should also send legates to the Diet of Frankfurt.

483. 1454–IX–16, Strasbourg in Carinthia.
Ioannes Schallermann, quondam Episc. Gurrkensis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Fraternam in Deo caritatem. . . . Vera relatione didici pauperculam familiam tuam fratresque nostros. . . .
Des.: quem Dominus ad vota conservare dignetur longeiva.
Reg.: The former Bishop of Gurk urges Capistran to return to Italy because the machinations of the Conventuals are endangering the Observant family. He should at least defend them by writing to both secular and religious authorities.
Ms.: Cap., c. 185. Bn 384, copy available.

484. 1454–IX–22, Ath in Belgio.
Ioannes Quiesdeger, Vicarius Generalis Observantium Ultram., ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverende et mihi merito reverendissime pater. . . .
Quia pro vestre paternitatis studio. . . .
Des.: sua benignitute et clementia feliciter et diutissime conservare.
Reg.: John Quiesdeger, elected Vicar General of the Ultramontane Observants, lets Capistran know that the Minister General, James of Mozzanica, is reluctant to confirm him in his office. Further, he asks Capistran to intervene with the Pope on behalf of the Observants because the Conventuals are trying to do away with or change the privileges granted them by Pope Eugene IV.
Ms.: Cap., c. 187. Bn 386, copy available.
against the Turks. He exhorts the King to be patient in his sickness. He sends him a little relic of St. Bernadine of Siena. Concerning the building of friaries for the Observants, the Vicar of France is going to advise the King. Finally, he exhorts Henry to send an army against the Turks.


IdC ad Nicolaum V.
Inc.: Beatissime pater..... Mestam lacrimablemque Constantinopolitane urbis depopulationem....
Des.: ad exaltationem et protectionem ecclesie sue sancte.
Reg.: Capistran informs the Pontiff of the happenings at the Diet of Frankfurt. He mentions the splendid oration of Aenea Silvio Piccolomini. Capistran read the Pope's bull announcing the crusade. The German Princes do not plan to send help to the Hungarians before next August. By that time the Hungarians may be forced to make a pact with the Turks. In that case, woe to you Italy, woe to you Rome! Now he is going to Hungary in order to prevent an alliance between the Hungarians and the Turks.


IdC ad Cardinalem Firmam meum Dominicum Capranticam, Protectorem Ordinis.
Inc.: Reverendissime etc. Multum est ad vestram reverendissimam dominationem me litteras non dedisse.....
Des.: humiliter famulari et obsequi reverenter, quam dignetur Altissimus ad vota felicia provehere.
Reg.: Capistran was informed that the Cardinal frequently mistreated the Observant friars. He begs him to protect and defend them. There are already more than twenty thousand Observant friars who follow a way of life approved by Pope Eugene IV. Now Capistran is going to Hungary, inviting all to holy martyrdom.

Ms.: Cap., cod. XXXIII, 244r–245r (320r–321r). Bn 390, copy available.
Inc.: Reverendissime etc. Quantum nostra familia semper vobis fuerit cordi.
Des.: ut laudis et premiorum magnum coronam sit procul dubio adeptura.
Reg.: Capistran begs the Cardinal to save the family of the Observants from the Conventuals who are always molesting them and enticing the young Observants to join them, disregarding the the decrees of Pope Eugene IV to the contrary. They promise to make lay brothers priests etc.
Ms.: Cap., cod. XXXIII, 245r–v (521r–v). Bn 392, copy available.

IdC ad Nicolaum V.
Inc.: Certum, si debitam velim Beattitudini vestre rependerat gratiam.
Des.: sibi fuisse adeptam. Denique etc.
Reg.: Capistran entreats the Pope to protect the Observants against the machinations of the Conventuals and to confirm the decrees of Pope Eugene IV in their favor.

IdC ad Dominicum Capranicam, Cardinalem Protectorem Ordinis.
Inc.: Frater Ioannes... Non immemor vestrorum frequentium colloquiuum.
Des.: humiliter famulari et obsequi reverenter. Quam dignetur Altissimus ad vota foelicia provehere.
Reg.: Capistran reminds the Cardinal of their frequent conversations and asks him to protect the family of the Observants against the vexations of their enemies. Now he is going to Hungary to invite all to holy martyrdom.

494. 1454–X–29, Mildenburg am Main (Mylchenburg).
Legati Regis Hungariae ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabilis et religioso pater. Necessitates Regni Hungarie.
Des.: quia nullibi plus proficere potestis ad honorem Dei et Reipublice.
Reg.: The delegates of King Ladislaus of Hungary urge Capistran to go to Hungary without delay. The country needs him badly. His presence there will serve the interests of the faith.

495. 1454–X–31, Würzburg (Erbipoli).
Legati Ladislaei, Regis Hungariae, ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabilis et religioso pater... Superioribus diebus tum in civitate Frankfurdiensi... Des.: prompti ad quevis obsequia vestra.
Reg.: The delegates of King Ladislaus repeat, with insistence, the above invitation.

496. 1454–X–7, Frankfurt.
IdC ad Philippum, Ducem Burgundiae.
Inc.: Illustrissime ac excellentissime princeps... Etsi eo tempore...
Reg.: Capistran reminds Philip of their meeting during the pontificate of Eugene IV and praises his zeal for the holy faith. He hopes that Philip will be present at the Diet of Frankfurt where they will decide on a crusade against the Turks.

IdC ad Ioannem Quesdeber, Vic. Gen. Ultramontanorum.
Inc.: Reverende in Christo... Quantis tribulationibus et angustiis...
Des.: de remedio opportuno nobis providendum fore firmissima subit sententia. Valete... me commendate.
Reg.: Capistran laments the fate of the Observant family. The Conventuals not only accept but also promote the rebellious Observants who join them. He will solicit the help of the secular rulers in their favor; the Vicar General should also approach both the ecclesiastical and secular authorities. He is now going to Hungary to defend the faith against the Turks.
498. 1454–XI–26, Passau.
IdC ad Archiepiscopum Moguntinum.
Inc.: Reverendissime in Christo... Mirabilis et inauditus rumor....
Des.: apertissime in mendacio comprehendatur. V. R. D. incolument... tueatur Omnipotens.
Reg.: Someone spread the rumor that the Archbishop put Capistran in jail and the Pope deprived him of his office because Capistran instigated the King of Poland to invade Prussia. Nothing could be further from the truth. He asks the Archbishop to clear his name with both the secular and the ecclesiastical authorities.

499. 1454–XII–3, Kimlwnetzi.
Anna de Cipro, Ducissa Sabaudiae, ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverende in Christo pater.... Notum vestre sit devotioni....
Des.: et nostri memoriam iugiter vestris sacriss ordinibus facere. Omnipotens Deus vos conservet.
Reg.: The Duchess sends Capistran the brief of Pope Nicholas V which instructs Capistran to offer his services to the Duchess. She asks for Capistran's prayers.
Ms.: Cap., c. 192. Bn 400, copy available.

500. 1454–XII–28, Gagliano.
Leonellus Acclozemora, Comes Celani, ad IdC.
Inc.: Redditi mihi a me expectasssimis litteris tuis....
Des.: ab inceptis minime desitendum puto.
Reg.: The Count was overjoyed by Capistran's letter. He informs him of the conclusion of the peace-treaty between Venice, Milan and Florence. The King of Naples is putting together an army against the Turks.

Aeneas Silvius Piccolomini, Episc. Senensis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Clarississimo verbi Dei.... Dabis mihi veniam, pater optime, si tue responsurus epistole non pluri....
Des.: quas divine pietati die noctuque porrigis, memorem esse.
Reg.: The Bishop, answering Capistran's letter, expresses his joy over his return to Austria. The Emperor will be glad to receive Capistran but the Princes are not inclined to move against the Turks. Capistran's presence is needed to animate them. Further, he recounts what is going on in Italian politics. He mentions the victory of John Hunyadi and the preparation of Bemmet against Hungary.

502. 1454–?–?, Praha (Prague).
Venceslaus, Decanus ecclesiae Cathedralis, ad IdC.
Inc.: ... Paulo ante ... per tabellarium vestre paternitati dedi litteras....
Reg.: The Dean writes to Capistran about the Diet of Prague and the dispute to be held with the Hussites.
Ms.: Cap., c. 376. Bn 599, scheda of Hofer.

503. 1454–?–?.
Ulricus Eitzinger ad IdC.
Inc.: Erwirdiger sunder lieber herr und vatter.... Als mir ewr vaterliche....
Des.: und ist willig da zu befellen....
Reg.: This letter is about a friary to be built between the towns of Krems and Stein, with the approval of King Ladislaus.
Ms.: Cap., c. 189. Bn 404, copy of fragment available.

504. 1454–?–?.
IdC ad sacerdotes utraquistas Cremmirenses.
Inc.: Pro veritate divinissimi sacramenti Eucharistie....
Reg.: This is more a treatise than a letter. In it Capistran defends the authority of the Pope and declares the obligation of the faithful to follow the rules established by the Church. The whole Christ is present under the species of the bread and according to the rules established by the Church the laity should receive communion under one species only. Capistran refutes at length the arguments of the Utraquists to the contrary.
Ms.: Olomouc, Statni Knihovna 2 VI 6, ff. 4b–25b. Ed.
505. 1455–I–2, Wien.
IdC ad familiam Observantium in Cracovia.
Inc.: Venerandi patres…. Quia nec debet nec potest mater filium suum.…. 
Reg.: Capistran heard, with sorrow, that the primitive fervor of his confreres of Cracow is declining and that 
they are complaining about the rigidity of the discipline imposed upon them: too much fasting, too many prayers, 
too many penances etc. He reminds them that the early friars practiced all that and much more. He admonishes 
them not to listen to Peter of Hungary, a former Jew, who became a Conventual before joining the Observants. 

506. 1455–I–6, Wien.
IdC ad confratres in Silesia. 
Inc.: Venerandi patres…. Quia mater nec debet nec potest oblivisci filium suum.…. 
Reg.: Capistran exhorts the Observant friars of Silesia to 
rivive their original fervor. According to Hermann (490), 
this letter is barely different from the one Capistran ad-
dressed to the friars of Cracow; therefore, he does not 
reprint it. 

Aeneas Silvius Piccolomini, Episc. Senensis, ad IdC. 
Inc.: Reverende in Christo pater…. Facitis quod boni viri est.…. 
Des.: cui cum alis litteris respondebo. Valete in Chrsiito 
optime. 
Reg.: The Bishop tells Capistran that he spoke with the 
Emperor about the problem Capistran is interested in and 
has prepared letters to the Pope and two Cardinals. Furt-
ther he informs him that the Bishop of Pavia has not yet 
arrived nor have the delegates of the Duke of Burgundy. 
Discussions with the delegates of Count of Cille (the uncle 
of King Ladislaus of Hungary) are being held day and 
night.

508. 1455–I–12, Wiener Neustadt. 
Aeneas Silvius Piccolomini, Episc. Senensis, ad IdC. 
Inc.: Reverende in Christo pater…. Nicolaus capellanus 
meus litteras vobis restituet.…. 
Des.: quod facultas fuerit, non deert voluntas. Valete … 
mei memores. 
Reg.: With this letter Piccolomini forwards to Capistran 
the letters which the Emperor and Piccolomini them-
selves have written to the Pope and two Cardinals in the 
interest of the Observants. Now, it is up to Capistran to 
forward them to the addressees. 

509. 1455–I–16, Kraków.
Petrus de Sopronio (Odenburg), OFM ad IdC. 
Inc.: Iesu. Orationes in domino…. Reverende pater, que-
madmodum ante recessum.…. 
Des.: siti meo obviam sitibundus recurro fontem. Valete 
… opto in Domino Iesu Christo in eternum. Amen. 
Reg.: Peter of Sopron asks Capistran to let him know 
whether the recourse to the Roman Curia, concerning 
his suspension from office, had any effect. Capistran, before 
he left Cracow, sent a letter in his favor to Rome by a 
certain Fr. George. 
Ms.: Cap., c. 197. Bn 414, copy available.

510. 1455–I–19, Roma. 
Marcus de Bononia, Vic. Gen. Observantium Cismontan., 
ad IdC. 
Inc.: Reverende in Christo pater…. Venit ad me presenti-
um lator in Provincia Tuscie…. 
Des.: Non potui corrigere litteras istas quia pulsatur pro 
tertio signo et ultimo predications. 
Reg.: The Vicar General complains that Capistran gave 
more credit to Fr. Philip of Massa than to himself. It is not 
true that Pope Nicholas V suspended the bull of Eugene 
IV (Ut sacra); he lifted only the excommunication against 
the Observant friars who returned to the Conventuals. 
Capistran's letters are useless because the Pope does not 
read them.
511. 1455-I-20, Roma.
Iacobus Reatinus, Vicarius Provinciae Romanae, ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverendissime in Christo pater... Diebus proximis, veniens hic frater Ioannes....
Des.: Filippum et Gregorium prelibatos.
Reg.: The Vicar Provincial thanks Capistran for his intervention in favor of the Observants and congratulates him on the ordination of Philip of Massa. He showed the present letter also to the Vicar General of the Observants, Mark of Bologna, who also intends to write to Capistran. Finally, he sends greeting to Fr. Nicholas of Fara and to Fr. Christopher of Varese.

512. 1455-II-8, Wiener Neustadt.
Aeneas Silvius Piccolomini, Episc. Senensis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverende in Christo pater... Quia non dubito vobis cordi esse....
Des.: Alia non occurrunt. Commendo me vestris orationibus.
Reg.: Piccolomini notifies Capistran of the arrival of some Princes or of their delgates to the Diet of Wiener Neustadt. Marquis Albert, who is most inclined to move against the Turks, is confined to bed in Wroclaw. The Governor of Hungary is expected in ten days. Nothing is known about the Governor of Bohemia. The Italians are silent.

513. 1455-I-20, Kraków.
Bartholomaeus, Minister Tertii Ordinis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Humillima subiectione... Pia vestra paternitas scire non abnauat....
Des.: cum gaudio hunc vivendo modum ampectuntur. Valeat... lea et prospera.
Reg.: Bartholomew, Minister of the Third Order of St. Francis in Poland, assures Capistran that the Third Order in Poland is flourishing, thanks to their Visitor, Fr. Ladislaus. But since the Third Order in Poland is new and unknown, it has to endure frequent molestation from both ecclesiastics and seculars. He, therefore, asks Capistran to obtain for them an apostolic letter from the Holy See, which they could show to their enemies.

514. 1455-I-24, Kraków.
Ioannes Dlugosz ad IdC.
Inc.: Post humilem mei recommissionem. Tabescentibus nobis famam....
Des.: que nomen vestrum celeberrimum carpere possent, prorupisse.
Reg.: Jan Długosz was very much pleased with Capistran's letter. He was supposed to go to the Diet of Frankfurt but did not dare to undertake such a dangerous journey. He regrets that some liars accused Capistran of having advised the Polish King to wage war against the Teutonic Knights of Prussia. Długosz and Cardinal Sbigniew know very well that it is not true.

515. 1455-I-24, Kraków (?).
Quidam frater Polonus ad IdC.
Inc.: Assidua molestia et cogitatione animum meum lacescente....
Des.: calumniis et mendacio de vestra patronitarte sumant utionem.
Reg.: A certain Polish friar informs Capistran of the progress of the Polish campaign against Prussia. He heard of the malicious accusations leveled against Capistran, that the war had been undertaken at his advice.
Bn 407, copy available.

516. 1455-II-12, Wiener Neustadt.
Aeneas Silvio Piccolomini, Episc. Senensis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverende in Christo pater... Litteras vestras quas heri....
Des.: nec visum est mihi super ea dispensandum. Valete... mei memores.
Reg.: Piccolomini tells Capistran that he showed his letters to the Emperor in the presence of the Archbishop of Trier. The Emperor suggested that Capistran should come as soon as the Governor of Bohemia and his followers arrived and instruct both the Princes and the people about the true faith. Piccolomini is not willing to excuse the student Capis-
517. 1455–II–17, Roma.
Bartholomaeus Porris, OFM, Procurator Ordinis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverendissime ac singularissime mi pater.... Cum te unicam solamen....
Des.: sine magno mentis trepidatione conscibere. Vale...
quem opto felicem fieri.
Reg.: The Procurator urges Capistran to return immediately to Italy. The family of the Observants is in danger.
Some claim that the bull of Eugene IV was forged by Capistran. The Minister General says that the Observants are living in mortal sin and will go to hell. He said this also in the presence of the Cardinal Protector, Dominic Capranica, but the Vicar General of the Cismontane Observants protested and defended the reputation of Capistran. The Conventuals convinced the Pope that the Observants are preaching against the authority of the Church and are suspected of heresy.
Ms.: Cap., c. 222. Bn 460, copy available.

IdC ad Aeneam Silvio Piccolomini, Episc. Senensem.
Inc.: Quando capellanus tuus me convenit....
Des.: admones, te oro vehementer. Vale... cui me unice commendu.
Reg.: Capistran asks the Bishop for information and instructions about the Diet which, as it seems, will be held in Vienna since it does not seem to be possible to house all the delegates in Wiener Neustadt. King Ladislaus and the Governor of Bohemia, with several Barons, have already arrived, but from Hungary only the Bishop of Varad came. The Bohemians want to obtain, by the intercession of the Emperor, the confirmation of Rozytna as Archbishop of Prague, in order to achieve union.

IdC ad Thomam de Baden, Priorum Mellicensem.
Inc.: Venerandi in Christo patres.... Hesterna die vestras suscepti litteras....
Des.: convent balnea nudos cum nudis mulieribus introi-
re.
Reg.: The Prior inquired whether it be true that religious bathing naked with seculars incur excommunication. Capistran proves with many arguments, taken from the Canon Law and from its commentators, that it is indeed true. But since such excommunication is not reserved to the Holy See, the Abbot can absolve from it.

520. 1455–III–8, Wien.
Ioannes, Episc. Papiensis, Legatus Papae, ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverende in Christo pater.... Quia puto de proximo partenitatem vestram venturam....
Des.: iucundissimus erit mihi adventus vester. In Christo valet.
Reg.: The Legate hopes that Capistran will be present at the Diet of Wiener Neustadt, where the crusade against the Turks will be discussed. He expects that Capistran’s exhortations will be very efficacious.

521. 1455–III–16, Baden?.
Ulricus, Comes de Cillia, Dalmatiae, Croatiae et Sclavonia Banus, ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabili et religioso.... Reittimus venerabilem....
Reg.: The Count asks Capistran to give full credit to the bearer of the present letter.

522. 1455–III–26, Vuchau (Wissano).
Bohuslavus de Zwola, Episc. Olomucensis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Salutem et in agibilibus.... Non parvum fiducie robur mihi paratur....
Des.: sui manus porrigas adutricies.
Reg.: The Bishop complains to Capistran about the miserable conditions of his diocese and asks him to help him to obtain 8,000 florins needed to redeem certain possessions.

Despota Rasciae ad IdC.
Inc.: Pro certis et notableibus factis....
Reg.: The Despot asks Capistran to give credit to the bear-
er of the present letter.

Uricus, Comes de Cillia, Dalmatiae, Croatiae et Scelavoniae
Banus, ad IdC.
Inc.: Venerabilis et religiosse... Intellexinus, ad aures
amicitie....
Des.: ad beneplacita vestra etiam habere poteritis paratissimam.
Reg.: The Count asks Capistran to send back his friars to
the new friary the Count built for them in Enzersdorf.
The Count will handle the opposition of the pastor of
Medling.

525. 1455–III–?.
Communitas quaedam sororum ad IdC.
Inc.: Vostros successus semper audire....
Reg.: A community of twenty sisters, who call themselves
disciples and followers of Capistran, ask him to clarify
certain points of their rule because some say that they are
contrary to the Clementine Constitutions. See the follow-
ing letter.

526. 1455–III–?. Kraków.
Communitas sororum Cracoviensis (?) ad IdC.
Inc.: Item, dicti nostri emuli....
Des.: emulis nostris existit tremebundus.
Reg.: The addressee may or may not have been Capistran.
The nuns of a certain convent ask clarifications about
some regulations, such as clausura, grate etc. Perhaps this
was part of the previous letter.

527. 1455–IV–8, Wroclaw.
Christophorus Meissen, Guardianus Conventus S. Bernari-
dini, ad IdC.
Inc.: Reverendissimam paternitatem cupio ardenter non
latere.
Des.: ac ceteri nostri devoti et amici singulares.
Reg.: The Guardian informs Capistran of the saintly life
and death of Fr. Nicholas and of the troubles caused by
Fr. Raphael Solveling of Silesia.

528. 1455–IV–20, Kraków.
Ioannes Dlugosz, Canonicus Cracoviensis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Plena horrore, plena luctu... qualiter fauces ex do-
lore....
Des.: cuius notitie hec scripta, oro, communices.
Reg.: Canon Długosz laments and describes the death
and burial of Cardinal Sbigniew, on April 1, 1455. It is a great
loss for Poland and for the whole Church. He sends greet-
ings to Nicholas of Capestrano (alias Fara).

529. 1455–IV–30, Arnstadt.
Henricus Sile, Vicarius Provincialis, ad IdC.
Inc.: Cum sui recommendatione.... Scripta vestra de
Vienna....
Des.: habita opportunitate transmitteretis, crederem peruti-
ile... ipsum etiam pro me, supplico, exorantes.
Reg.: Henry received Capistran's letter and, at his request,
sent him the letter the Provost of Magdeburg wrote
against one of Capistran's letters. In order to avoid misun-
derstandings, Capistran should answer the Provost's letter
and also send a copy to Henry.
Ms. Cap., c. 207. Bn 432, copy available.

530. 1455–V–1, Judenburg.
IdC ad Marcum de Bononia, Vicarium Generalem Observ-
antium Cismont.
Inc.: Reverendissime in Christo pater.... Allate sunt mihi
pridie....
Des.: in causa fidei maior est, ergo etc. Vale... et facito
commendatum.
Reg.: Capistran explains to the Vicar General that he is
unable to obey his order to return to Italy and defend
the family of the Observants. His present task was assigned
to him by the Holy See and the death of the Pontiff does not
end this mandate. He has to go to Hungary to preach the
crusade against the Turks. Finally, he tells the Vicar Gen-
eral of the number of the friaries he has established and
of the number of the heretics he has converted.
531. 1455–V-1, Judenburg.
     IdC ad Callistum III.
     Inc.: Beatissime ac vere sanctissime pater.... Tantus me terror invasit....
     Des.: perducere ad triumphum glorie beatorum.
     Reg.: Capistran greets and congratulates the new Pope on his election. Tells him how Mechemet, the Emperor of the Turks, is endangering the whole of Christianity and how the preparations for a crusade are progressing. Nothing will be done during the current year. He exhorts the Pope to do everything possible to convince the Christian Princes of the urgent necessity of a crusade. Unless the Pope disposes otherwise, he plans to be in Buda at the request of John Hunyadi, Governor of Hungary. Finally, he recommends to the Pope the family of the Observant friars.

532. 1455–V-5, Kraków.
     Ladislaus de Thari ad IdC.
     Inc.: Orationem continuam.... Reverende pater, non lateat vos....
     Des.: sed sperant vos videre in ipso predicantem. Valeat .... pro quo laboratis.
     Reg.: Ladislaus of Thari, a friar of St. Bernardine Friary in Cracow, describes for Capistran the death of Cardinal Sbigniew, who left one hundred marks to the friary, where, at present, there are seventy-two friars. He mentions the contention among the different religious communities on account of the precedence at the funeral and the rumors about King Ladislaus and the Hungarians.
     Ms.: Cap., c. 208. Ed.: Pettkó 7 (only 5 lines). Bn 437, scheda.

     Christophorus de Varisio ad IdC.
     Inc.: Etsi omnimoda intentio....
     Reg.: Christopher of Varese was a companion of Capistran, who at this time was already on his way to Hungary. This letter is missing from volume D of Capistran's correspondence. In place of it there is the following note: "Lettera 426. Cristoforo da Varea. Lettera diretta a Giovanni da Capestrano. (Si trova nel cod. O. 118 della Bibl. Comunale di Rieti.)"
     Bn 438, proc.