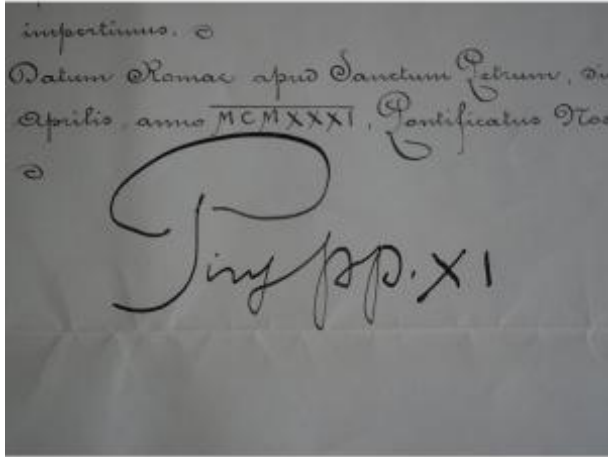




Letter From Pope Pius XI - Canonical Coronation Of Our Lady Of The Guard - Marseille, 1931, Vatican

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Description

Rare Pontifical Letter of Pope Pius XI -
Canonical Coronation of Our Lady of the Guard -
Cardinal Maurin, Archbishop of Lyon - Vatican,
1931
Exceptional pontifical letter of Pope Pius XI
(Achille Ratti, 1857-1939), dated 25 April 1931,
addressed to Cardinal Louis-Joseph Maurin
(1859-1936), Archbishop of Lyon and Primate of
the Gauls, only a few weeks before the celebrated
canonical coronation of Our Lady of the Guard
(Notre-Dame de la Garde) in Marseille. Written in
Latin and personally signed by the Supreme
Pontiff, this letter constitutes the official act by
which Pius XI personally appoints Cardinal
Maurin as his Apostolic Legate, charged with
representing him during this exceptional
ceremony. The Pope grants him authority to
place, in his name, the golden crown upon the

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venerable image of the Virgin, to preside over the liturgical celebrations, and to impart the Apostolic Blessing together with a plenary indulgence to the faithful. The text develops a profound meditation on the place of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the life of the Church. Pius XI recalls that the Marian sanctuary of Notre-Dame de la Garde in Marseille, already renowned for centuries, holds a distinguished place among the great Marian shrines of France. He evokes the crowds of pilgrims who, coming from every region, journey there to implore the protection of the "Bonne Mère" (Good Mother), seeking healing, conversion, and assistance in times of trial. The Holy Father presents the sanctuary as a true spiritual refuge and expresses his confidence that the Virgin will bestow new graces upon the faithful gathered for this solemn celebration. This letter is directly connected with the canonical coronation of Notre-Dame de la Garde, celebrated in 1931, one of the highest honours bestowed by the Holy See upon a Marian image. Such official recognition rewards the antiquity of the devotion, the continuity of popular veneration, the many graces attributed to the Virgin's intercession, and the spiritual influence of the pilgrimage. For Marseille, the event represented one of the most important moments in its religious history, officially establishing Notre-Dame de la Garde among the foremost pilgrimage centres of the Catholic world. Beyond its importance for Marseille, this document perfectly illustrates the religious policy of Pius XI, whose pontificate was marked by a vigorous encouragement of popular devotions, pilgrimages, and Marian worship, regarded as privileged instruments of spiritual renewal during the interwar period. This important letter, written in Latin on a large pontifical sheet (25 × 38 cm), possesses a remarkable feature: its edges are entirely gilded with fine gold, a process reserved for prestigious official documents intended for the highest dignitaries of the Church. The document is preserved together with its original envelope addressed to Cardinal

Maurin.Transcription:"Dilecto Filio
NostroAloisio J. tit. SS. Trinitatis in Monte
PincioS.R.E. Presb. Cardinali
MaurinArchiepiscopo LugdunensiPius PP
XIDilecte Fili Noster, Salutem et Apostolicam
Benedictionem.Peculiari semper laetitia Nos
afficimur cum discimus marialem cultum alicubi
augeri gloriasque Virginis Matris sollemniore
quodam ritu celebrari; novimus enim quanta
caelestium munerum copia ex pietate inde
excitata in christiani populi utilitatem
proficiscatur. Facile igitur intelliges, dilecte Fili
Noster, quam libenter Massiliensium Episcopum
una cum clero suo populoque audiverimus ut
veneranda imago Nostrae Dominae, vulgo de la
Garde nuncupatae, corona aurea publice
sollemniterque redimiretur. Revera historia ipsi
istiusmodi eventus consentanea esse videtur:
siquidem, inter sacras aedes quae in Gallia tam
multae celebresque exstant, illa profecto
praeclarum locum obtinet quae apud Massiliam,
urbem quidem amplissimam, antiquitus in
magnae Dei Matris honorem condita est. Illuc,
saeculorum cursu, non modo ex vicina sed ex
remotis etiam regionibus, in periculis omnis
generis, peregrinari consueverunt christianae
gentes; illic veram fidem acatholici, sanitatem
aegroti, virtutem nocentes a potentissima Domina
impetravere; ita ut dixeris caeleste quoddam
perfugium miseris illud nullo non tempore
fuisse.Quapropter tot fidelium votis
satisfacientes, cum velimus ut Nosmet ipsi
quodammodo praecipuo honore sanctissimam
eam Virginis imaginem prosequamur, te, dilecte
Fili Noster, his litteris Legatum Nostrum eligimus
qui, personam Nostram gerens, nomine et
auctoritate Nostra eidem coronam auream
imponas ceterasque peragas caeremonias; id fore
plane confisi ut, pro tuo in Virginem beatissimam
studio ac Romanae purpurae dignitate,
magnopere conferas ad prosperum eventus
exitum.Atque iam nunc triumphum portendimus
marialis imaginis; siquidem Virgo ipsa
confertissimum fidelium agmen, quod hymnis et

canticis acclamans circum aedem sacram
procedet, benignis certe oculis e caelo tunc
aspiciet, lectissima quaeque Dei dona
largitura. Interea Nos, quo fructuosior in
animarum salutem res cedat atque splendidior,
tibi damus ut sollemni die, sacris operatus,
adstantibus nomine Nostro benedicas, plenam
admissorum veniam eisdem proponens, usitatis
Ecclesiae condicionibus lucranda. Ac divinorum
auspex munerum itemque paternae benevolentiae
Nostrae testis Apostolica sit Benedictio quam tibi,
dilecte Fili Noster, sollerti Massiliensium
Episcopo iisque omnibus qui sacris sollemniis
intereunt amantissime in Domino
impertimus. Datum Romae apud Sanctum Petrum,
die XXV mensis Aprilis, anno MCMXXXI,
pontificatus Nostri decimo. Pius PP
XI. "Translation: "To Our beloved
Son, Louis-Joseph, Cardinal Priest of the Holy
Roman Church, of the Title of the Most Holy
Trinity on Monte Pincio, Archbishop of
Lyon. Pius XI, Pope. Beloved Son, Greetings and
the Apostolic Blessing. We are always filled with
particular joy whenever We learn that devotion to
the Blessed Virgin is increasing in any place and
that the glories of the Virgin Mother are
celebrated with greater solemnity, for We know
how abundant are the heavenly graces that flow
from such renewed piety for the benefit of the
Christian people. You will therefore readily
understand, beloved Son, how gladly We have
welcomed the desire of the Bishop of Marseille,
together with his clergy and faithful, that the
venerable image of Our Lady, commonly known
as Notre-Dame de la Garde, should be publicly
and solemnly adorned with a golden
crown. History itself fully justifies such an event,
since among the many celebrated sanctuaries of
France, the one long ago erected at Marseille, that
great city, in honour of the Most Holy Mother of
God, undoubtedly occupies a place of
distinction. Throughout the centuries, Christian
pilgrims have journeyed there not only from
neighbouring regions but also from distant lands,

especially in times of every kind of danger. There, non-Catholics obtained the true faith, the sick received healing, and sinners found the strength to be converted through the intercession of that most powerful Lady. Thus it may truly be said that this sanctuary has at all times been a heavenly refuge for those in distress. Therefore, responding to the wishes of so many faithful, and desiring Ourselves to honour in a particular manner this most holy image of the Virgin, We hereby appoint you, beloved Son, as Our Legate, so that, representing Our person, in Our name and by Our authority, you may place a golden crown upon that image and carry out the other prescribed ceremonies. We are fully confident that, by your devotion to the Most Blessed Virgin and by the dignity of the Roman purple, you will contribute greatly to the successful accomplishment of this solemn celebration. Even now We proclaim this celebration of Mary's image as a true triumph, for the Virgin herself will surely look down from Heaven with favour upon the immense multitude of the faithful who, singing hymns and canticles, will process around the sanctuary, and she will bestow upon them the choicest gifts of God. Meanwhile, in order that this celebration may produce more abundant fruits for the salvation of souls and shine with even greater splendour, We grant you the faculty, on the solemn day, after celebrating the sacred mysteries, to impart in Our name the Apostolic Blessing to those present, together with the opportunity of obtaining a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions prescribed by the Church. Finally, as a pledge of divine favours and as a testimony of Our paternal affection, We most lovingly impart in the Lord the Apostolic Blessing to you, beloved Son, to the zealous Bishop of Marseille, and to all who shall take part in these sacred solemnities. Given at Rome, at Saint Peter's, on the twenty-fifth day of April in the year 1931, the tenth year of Our Pontificate. Pius XI, Pope.

"By virtue of its historical significance, its liturgical importance,

and its direct connection with one of France's most emblematic Marian sanctuaries, this letter constitutes a pontifical document of the highest order. It will appeal equally to collectors of Vatican documents, historians of the Church, specialists in Marian devotion, and collectors of memorabilia relating to Notre-Dame de la Garde, the spiritual emblem of Marseille. A rare and prestigious document, combining religious history, Marian heritage, and the distinction of papal correspondence. Price without Shipping. Police Register Reference: A145 Professional Antique Dealer - Authenticity & Peace of Mind As a professional antique dealer, I am committed to offering only authentic objects, carefully selected and legally eligible for sale. Every item is chosen for its historical, artistic, or collectible value and is subject to rigorous verification of its provenance. Invoice and Provenance: Every purchase is supplied with a detailed invoice together with a certificate of authenticity, guaranteeing the provenance of the object and ensuring complete transparency. Legal Compliance: All items comply with current French and European legislation. Any archaeological objects are offered in accordance with the French Heritage Code (Articles L.542-1 and following). Objects subject to specific regulations (cultural property, antiquities, or particular materials) are sold in full compliance with applicable law. International Buyers: Buyers outside France are encouraged to verify the import regulations applicable in their own country concerning cultural property and antiques. Right of Withdrawal: In accordance with French consumer law (Article L.221-18 of the Consumer Code), you have a period of 14 days from receipt of the item to return it. Return shipping costs remain the responsibility of the buyer. The object must be returned in its original condition. Quality Commitment: Purchasing from a professional dealer guarantees security, transparency, and reliability. I remain at your disposal for any additional information prior to

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