

Studies on The Original Constitutions



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SUMMARY

These studies provide a commentary on the 314 *Original Constitutions* of St. Gaspar - especially regarding their sources.

The first document is an introduction (*Historical Study*), and the second one is about the first eight Constitutions handwritten by Fr. Bertoni (entitled: *Compendium Rude*), which offer guidelines for the rest of the Plan of the Constitutions, particularly for the 'heart' of the Stigmatine life, with the focus on the Apostolic Mission (*Part IX*).

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Abbreviations, Quotations and Notes used in this Document

Abbreviation or Quotation	Meaning
# (##)	Number(s) of the CF
+	The “+” sign in the Jerusalem Bible is an indication meaning that there is much more information that can be obtained in its footnotes at that text.
AG	Document of Vatican II on the Missions - the Document is entitled: <u>AD GENTES</u> , meaning "To the Nations"
Art.	Article
bis	Second time
c. (cc.)	Chapter(s)
CCC	Catechism of the Catholic Church
cf.	Confer
CF	Constitutions of the Founder
CS	Collectanea Stigmatina_- these are 4 volumes [as in: CS I, CS II, CS III and CS IV] - it was compiled by one of the greatest Stigmatine historians, Fr. Joseph Stofella ^{Error! Bookmark not defined.} , CSS, beginning around the year of 1952.
CSJ	Constitutions of the Society of Jesus [St. Ignatius' Constitutions]
f. (ff.)	Follow page(s) or verse(s)
Ibi (or “ib”)	It is an abbreviation of the Latin “ <i>ibidem</i> ”, and is an editorial short-cut, which means: there; in the same place.
Id	"Id." is a writer's tool meaning “idem”, in the same place, or book
I.c.	‘I.c.’ is a Latin abbreviation for: <i>Locus citatus</i> - and in times past, was often used in footnotes to indicate that this series of pages are all from the <u>same cited place</u> , the same source – it is like “ <u>ib.</u> ” – or: “ <u>o.c.</u> ”.
Lib.	Book
MP	Founder’s Private Memorial
MssB	Manoscritti Bertoni - all typed in five volumes by Fr. Luigi Benaglia ⁱ , CSS - these are all the writings of Fr. Bertoni - they have also been printed out by computer in five volumes with marginal numbers for easy reference.

Abbreviation or Quotation	Meaning
n. (nn,)	Number(s)
NB	NOTA BENE [<i>"note well!"</i> - <i>"pay attention!"</i> - usually used in English and Italian manuscripts - from the Latin]
NT	New Testament
o.c. (op. cit.)	"opus citatum" – the work already quoted - it usually means a work cited earlier in the work.
OT	Old Testament
p. (pp.)	Page(s)
Ps (Pss)	Psalm(s)
Psalms number	The Psalm number refers always to the Latin Vulgate. When are quoted two numbers, the second one refers to the modern Bibles, where the Psalm 9 was divided into two.
q. (qq.)	These are abbreviations for: <i>Question/Questions</i> - these are abbreviations usually used with St. Thomas Aquinas.
ss.	Follow pages (or verses) [from the Italian <i>seguenti</i>]
v. (vv.)	Verse(s) of the Sacred Scripture
viz.	Abbreviation of <i>videlicet</i> , what means: <i>that is, namely</i> .

Notes	Meaning
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