

Alexander Koller, Giovanni Federico Madruzzo, kaiserlicher Botschafter in Rom (1581–1586), im Kontext der Positionierung seiner Familie zwischen Kaiser und Papst zu Beginn der Frühen Neuzeit

Abstract: Giovanni Federico Madruzzo. Ambassador of Emperor Rudolf II at the Roman Court (1581–1586) in the context of the Madruzzo's positioning between Emperor, Empire and Papacy in the 16th century

The Madruzzo family from the Trentino attained great importance in the 16th century, not only in the prince-bishopric of Trent, but also at the Imperial court and the Roman Curia. At the height of this development, two members of this noble family, the brothers Giovanni Ludovico and Giovanni Federico, even represented the interests of the Emperor and the Empire in front of the popes in various functions. The foundation for these close ties to the House of Habsburg and the papacy had already been laid in the preceding generations, not least through the long-term assertion of the Bishopric of Trent, which, however, also led to tensions with the Habsburg dynasty due to jurisdictional conflicts with the County of Tyrol. In the end, the anchoring of the family in both the German and Italian cultural spheres was of decisive importance for the rise of the Madruzzo. One focus of this contribution is the early 1580s, when Giovanni Federico served as Imperial ambassador to the Roman court. His instruction, preserved in the Vienna Haus-, Hof- und Staatsarchiv, is published in the appendix.

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