

Christine Maria Grafinger, Die Büchersammlung von Urban VIII. und seiner Familie – eine Fundgrube für die europäische Gelehrtenwelt des 17. Jahrhunderts

Abstract: The Book Collections of Urban VIII and his Family – a Treasure Trove for European Scholarship of the 17th Century

The art enthusiast and bibliophile Cardinal Maffeo Barberini (1568–1644) started instantly upon his accession to the papal throne the enormous project of embellishing Rome. The pontificate of Urban VIII is specifically marked by prosperity and cultural revival. He not only incorporated his own book collection into his family's library, but also – by papal order – many precious books from monasteries and the property of members of the Roman Curia. The library of the Barberini became a centre of European scholarship alongside the Vatican Library. Many editors, publishers and scholars needed copies and sometimes originals too from these Roman collections of manuscripts for their research and preparation of texts. To this end, their efforts were energetically supported by the Barberini librarians, in particular by the German convert Lukas Holstenius (1696–1661).

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