

6. Epistolar

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Vir admodum reuerende,
Domine et Frater in Christo
Primogenito
Longe dilectissime!

Licet tantum mihi non tribu-
am, ut ferendum patem, me ab-
te Patrem, te autem filium in
litteris tuis appellari: attamen
sine sensu, non dicam Christiano;
sed humano plane essem, nisi ani-
mum meum gaudio adficeret epi-
stola tam grati tamque diui-
ni, quam tua est, argumen-
ti. Hinc, ut Patris Filique
nomina auferenda censeo, ita
Fratri nomen ~~non~~ ^{nec} capitanter
tibi tribuo, ^{nec} mihi que assumo.
Nulla enim non verba litte-
rarum tuarum fraternum illu-
quem solus Christi spiritus
menti nostre infundit, ^{et huc tu}
sive spirant affectum. ~~Te~~
quidem te tua exhibet epi-
stola, nec Christus erudes-
cit vocare fratres. Ego autem
per gratiam Iesu Christi huc
enitar, ut tam dulci nomine
in posterum tibi non indig-
nus videar, si in ~~enim~~ in-
daxeris, ~~pluribus me litteris~~
~~compellare~~. Ceterum
Gratias ^{ego} impensissimas ~~faci-~~
~~mentum~~ ⁱⁿ tecum habeo atque
Deo ~~te~~ ⁱⁿ ~~maxima~~ de illa bea-
tissima

glorie, que Deo soli de-
betur, ^{partem} inde decerpam,
mitique aliquid

fissima animi immutatione,
quam tibi obtigisse scribis; deque
lumine illo gratia salutaris; quod
tibi per ineffabilem eius chari-
tatem affudit. Lectioni scri-
ptorum meorum debere te pluri-
ma profitearis. Absit autem, ut
ego propterea aliquam ~~laudem~~
~~partem~~ ^{perceptionem} acceptum referam.
Legi hoc diebus in narratione vi-
di celeberrimi alicuius viri,
~~sed~~ a sacris nostris alieni, hac
verba: Si res attentiis confi-
derabimus, facile intelligemus,
nihil omnino innotis esse, in quo
gloriamur, nisi forte ex nostra
infirmi tate ac delictis peta-
mus gloriam. Hæc enim domi
nostra nascuntur; hæc vide-
licet nostra sunt. Nam re-
cte factorum culpa si qua
est, penes nos est; decus pe-
nes Deum, qui per nostram
~~infirmi tatem~~ inbecillitatem
interdum boni aliquid de-
picit, a beatis hominibus ad
egregia utens opera; simul
ut infinitam vim bonitatem
que delectaret suam; si mul-
to nostra merenda et compri-
mat que arrogantiam. ~~Id est~~
hæc; ^{quæ} præclare dicta, ut mihi
non assimulata et fucosa sed
~~exanimis~~ ^{vera} Christiana que modesta
~~atque exanimis~~ ^{et} accomodem, det mihi, sine
quo nihil possumus, Christum
quem ~~inter~~ ^{inter} rogo, velit por-
ro me indignissimum inter ser-
uos suos tam clementer respi-
cere, ut quæ a me ad frigidior
magnam

Non mihi aut coetui
cuidam externo dun-
taxat, sed soli Christo

magnam partem auditores- di-
funt, in legendum iubeat emolimen-
tum cedere salutemque eternam.
Audiat ille preces abs te fide-
lissimo et amanti ^{quod mihi plane persequor} fimo pectoris pro
salute mea ^{arque} ~~in~~ ^{pro} ~~in~~ ^{pro}
il etiam mihi concedat, quod
mihi comprecaris, ut Christo
lucratam animam ^{plurimam} ~~nam~~
que illius est in me gratia post
salutem meam non diffiteor, me
inexplebili animarum ^{ac} ~~lucran-~~
darum desiderio teneri; et do-
leo ^{pro} ~~imperfecti-~~ ^{meam} ~~om-~~
nibus modis ob stare, quo-
minus illa ^{ipsa} ~~sit~~ ^{largiatur} ~~mihi~~
a Domino restingatur. Te
autem frater per dilectos, ut
gratia sua Dominus comple-
ti coepit, ita porro foueat
ac tueatur, eaque ^{origetur} ~~spiritus~~
sancti mensura ~~imperfecta~~ ^{et}
quae sufficiat regnae coe-
lorum et in te stabiliendo et
in alios erigendo et longela-
teque amplificando. Et cum
iunctis ^{ad gloriam Domini nostri iudicandam} ~~quasi~~ ^{manibus} ~~ani-~~
misque ~~etiam~~ ⁱⁿ ~~incitatis~~
decurramus pulcherrimum
dei stadium, quod ingressi
sumus. Nihil nos remoretur, non
hominum veritati aduersanti-
um nobis obstat auctoritas
non deterreant, si qua immi-
nere videantur, persecutio-
nes

