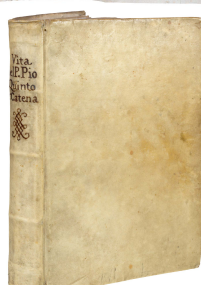
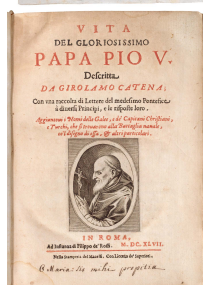




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BIOGRAPHY OF POPE PIUS V WITH A PLATE OF LEPANTO

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Vita del Gloriosissimo Papa Pio V descritta da Girolamo Catena; con una raccolta di Lettere del medesimo Pontefice à diuersi Principi e le risposte loro.

Cartographer CATENA, Girolamo.

Date 1647

Stock #: 24340

Publication: Rome: Filipp de' Rossi, 1647. 8vo (230 x 160mm), contemporary vellum, titled in ink on spine; pp. [xxxvi]+367, engraved portrait of Pius V on title, folding engraved plate (465 x 560mm).

Condition: Ink ownership inscription on title, some foxing in text. Folding engraving with evidence of damage to the printing plate: the bottom left corner of plate rounded off and crack in top right.

DESCRIPTION:

A biography of Pius V (1504-1572), pope from 1566 until his death, during which time he excommunicated Queen Elizabeth I and formed the Holy League against the Ottoman Empire. Particular attention is given to the League's victory at the Battle of Lepanto (7th October 1571): the text names the naval officers of both sides and the galleys involved.

Despite being first published in 1586, this is an important edition because of the inclusion of the folding plate of the Battle of Lepanto drawn and engraved by Giovanni Battista de' Cavalieri (c.1525-1601), dated 1572. The six-line description underneath begins 'Insignis haec est illa navalis pugna quae Non. Octobri MDLXXI ad Echinades in Jonio successit in faucibus sinus Coronthiaci...'. It depicts the hand-to-hand fighting over a map of the Gulf of Corinth, with the League receiving divine aid from the Roman gods above and an allegorical figure of Christian Faith bottom left.

Examples of this book complete with the folding plate are rare.