

Most Eminent and Most Reverend Signor, and  
Very Worshipful Patron.

**T**HE pleasure which Your Eminence manifested upon learning the prosperity and success of these Missions; the compassion which you felt for the disasters of this one, together with the zealous desire of seeing it restored as soon as possible; and the gratitude that the whole Society, and I in especial, owe to you,—along with many other Persons in this Mission, who have sucked the milk of sacred Theology from your fountains,—have led me to dedicate to you the present Relation, to the composition of which your sympathy has contributed not a little. It is not, if you consider the person who writes, and the simplicity of the style, a thing worthy of Your Eminence; but the matter in itself is not, perhaps, displeasing, nor will be, as I hope, unfruitful; and the Great should—as does Your Eminence, a noble example to the Church—imitate the perfections of God, *qui humilia respicit*, especially when he is thereby honored. With this so well founded hope, I present it to you, and most humbly kiss your sacred robes. From Macerata, the 19th of July, 1653.

Your Most Reverend Eminence's

Most devoted and obliged Servant in Christ,

FRANCESCO GIOSEPPE BRESSANI.