

Condition

The manuscript was issued by Pope Pius XII possibly in 1942. The text of the title and date is in bold black calligraphic ink which has bled in both areas from previous exposure to moisture. Two other signatures have bled to a lesser degree. The body text was written in brown ink. It is faded throughout but most noticeably in the center of the document. There is severe cockling throughout. There is moderate surface grime; particularly between cockled areas. There are slight purple mold stains and brown stains in the lower region. There is adhesive on the lower edge of the document and on the bulla seal. There is slight dirt on the yellow cord and its tassels are frayed. On the reverse there is kraft tape on the upper edge and adhesive around the remaining edges.