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Convent of Gdańsk (prov. Polonia)

*Pope Gregory IX enjoins the bishop of Wrocław, the abbot of St. Vincent's and the dean of Gniezno to impress on the Polish princes that they are not to stir up the pagans against Prince Swietopelk II of Pomerania or his brother, who have given the Friars Preachers a place to live in their country in order for them to convert the pagans.*

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Gregorius episcopus etcetera ven. fr. ... episcopo et dil. fil. ... abbati sancti Vincentii Wratislaviensi et ... decano Gneznensi, salutem etcetera. Letati sumus in domino super fide ac devotione nobilis viri Sventopelk principis de Gdansk et fratrum suorum, qui, prout intelleximus per dilectos filios fratres ordinis predicatorum, locum in terra sua pro paganorum conversione dederunt fratribus supradictis, contra infideles nichilominus prelia domini continue preliantes. Quia vero quidam principes Polonie contra nobiles ipsos dicuntur adducere paganos, quandoque latenter, interdum aperte in injuriam nominis Christiani, cum per hoc a paganis eisdem spolientur et exurantur ecclesie, ac fideles captiventur, ab illis quoque perpetue servituti subduntur, et coacti abnegant fidem Christi, et alias ipsos indebitis gravaminibus persecuntur: nos hiis assistere et illis obviare volentes, cum isti non agant causam propriam, sed communem, et illi fidem nostram prebentes persecutoribus auxilium persequi videantur, discretioni vestre per apostolica scripta mandamus, quatinus dictos Polonie principes, ut ab huiusmodi conquiescant, monitione premissa, per censuram ecclesiasticam, sublato appellationis obstaculo, compellatis. Quodsi non omnes hiis exequendis interesse potueritis, tu, frater episcope, cum eorum altero ea nichilominus exequaris. Datum Laterani ·iiii· nonas maii p. n. a. primo.

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