

# MysteryTwister C3

THE CRYPTO CHALLENGE CONTEST

## THE VATICAN CHALLENGE – PART 1

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# The Vatican Library



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# Introduction

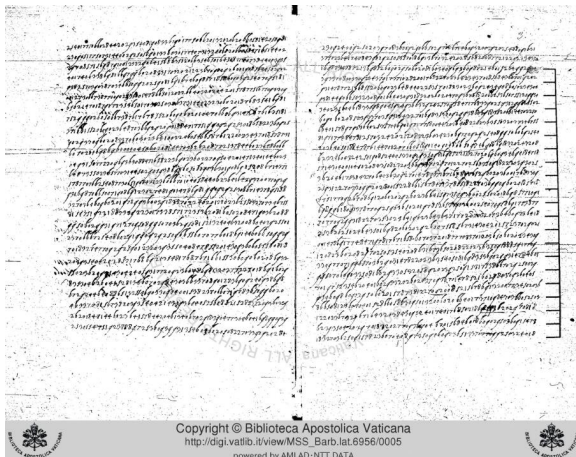
The Vatican owns a large collection of hand-written historical manuscripts, letters and other writings, as well as printed books. Many of these writings are to be digitized to be made available to the public.

Some of these old historical manuscripts contain ciphertexts that have not been decrypted yet...

The following pages come from the Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, the Main Library of the Vatican:



# Cipher images (2/3)



# Cipher images (3/3)



# Challenge

The ciphertext is surrounded by cleartext, i.e. text in a known natural language in the first and last page. The ciphertext shown in the three images on four pages was transcribed but has not been broken, yet.

You can find the transcription in the additional zip file, called "Transcription-Barb-lat-6956-1.txt". To solve this challenge, please break the ciphertext in the transcription file.

The archive's comment is:

Germania: Giovanni Battista Pallotto, Nunzio all'Omperatore.  
Cifre del 14 maggio al 29 agosto 1628.

Good Luck! :)