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The Diocese of Civita

From the twelfth to the sixteenth century, the territory of the diocese of Civita spread across the northern part of the Giudicato of Gallura, which included within its southern border Fundi de Monte as the last curatoria, leaving Posada to the diocese of Galtelli (fig. 1) The name of the diocese corresponds to the curatoria of Gallura and to the village of Civita.



Fig. 1 - Subdivision of the dioceses in Sardinia during the Middle Ages (from Turtas 1999, p. 968).

Sardinia was politically divided into four Giudicati and ecclesiastically in dioceses at least since the eleventh century, these territories had to coincide with those of the Kingdoms, while the metropolitan seats coincided with the residences of the Giudici.

The *episcopatus gallurensis* was mentioned for the first time in a 1095 document and included the entire territory of the Giudicato with the same name: the separation presumably took place during the middle of the twelfth century with the establishment of the diocese of Galtelli, in fact the first mention of the Bishop of Civita appears in a document of 1173 (fig. 2).

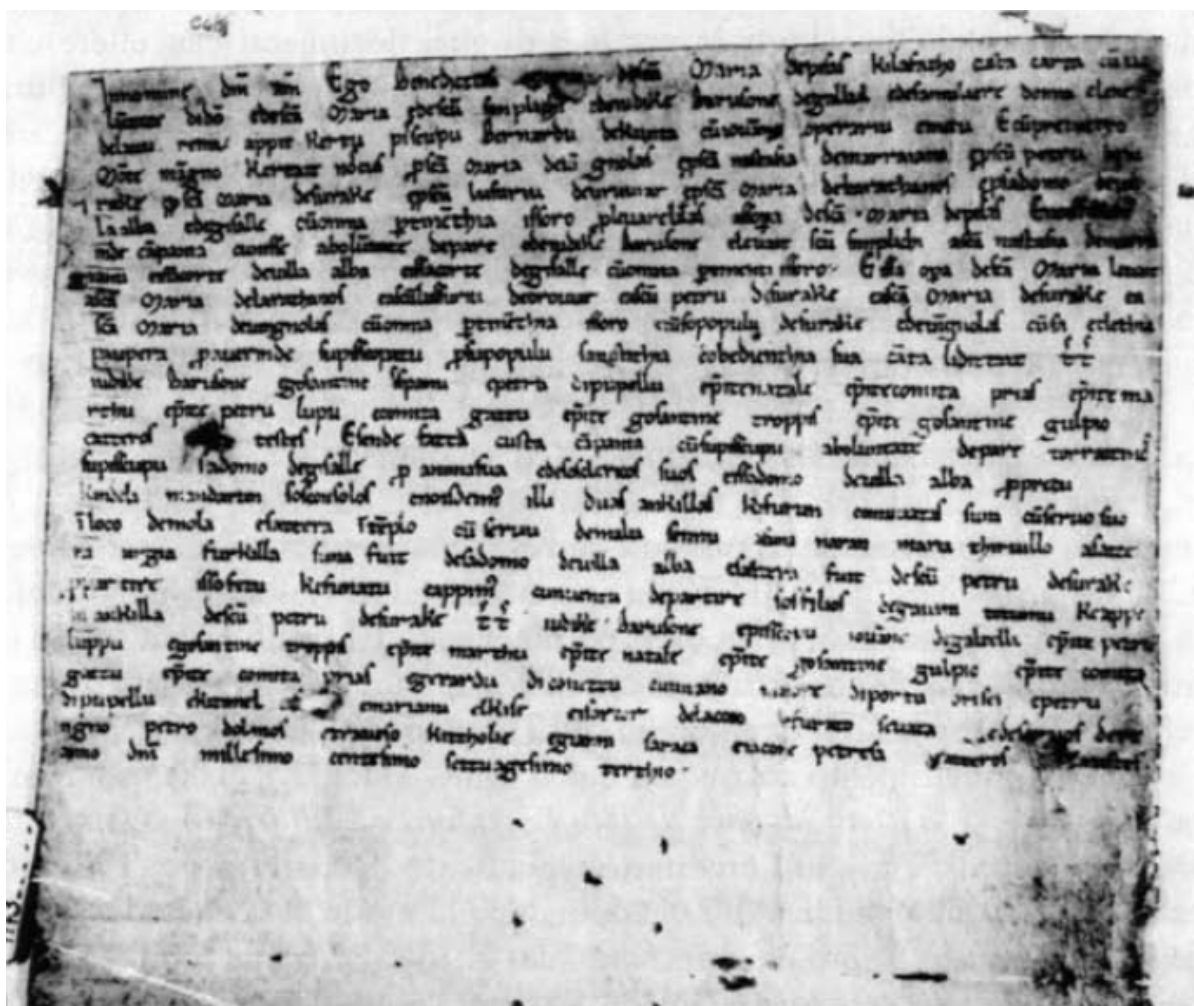


Fig. 2 - ASP Archivio della Primaziale: a 1173 parchment mentioning the Bishop of Civita (from Schena 2004, p. 110, fig. 5).

Unlike other areas, the two Gallura dioceses were directly subjected to jurisdiction by the Apostolic See, due to the size of the land that the Giudicato covered: the presence of just

two dioceses did not justify elevation to the rank of metropolis for one of them, that would have extended its jurisdiction to the other one. To stop interference in this circumstance by the three largest giudicati, it was decided to assign the two dioceses to direct Papal direction, that lasted until 1138, when Innocenzo III established their annexing to the city of Pisa (fig. 3).



Fig. 3 - Pisa: Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta
(from <http://europass-blog.europass.it/cosa-fare-in-toscana-pisa/>).

From the 16th century, due to the depopulation of the territory, the diocese of Civita was annexed to Ampurias, that included the historical region of Anglona.

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