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Founded around the beginning of the eighth century in the Sabine hills north of Rome, the abbey of Farfa was for centuries a barometer of social and political change in central Italy. Conventionally, the region's history in the early Middle Ages revolves around the rise of the papacy as a secular political power. But Farfa's avoidance of domination by the pope throughout its early medieval history, despite one pope's involvement in its early establishment, reveals that papal aggrandizement had strict limits. Other parties - local elites, as well as Lombard and then Carolingian rulers - were often more important in structuring power in the region. Many were also patrons of Farfa, and this book, the first detailed study of the abbey in the early Middle Ages, reveals how a major ecclesiastical institution operated in early medieval politics, as a conduit for others' interests and as a player in its own right.

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NOTE ON CHARTER EDITIONS

I have consistently preferred the editions of charters given in the *Codice Diplomatico Longobardo* (*CDL*) series up to the point where these finish (774 for vols. I–III and IV/2, 788/9 for vols. IV/1 and V). For charters after those dates preserved in the Farfa tradition, the best editions are still those in Giorgi and Balzani's *Regesto di Farfa* (*RF*). Preference for the consistency offered by the *CDL* editions means that, for the handful of original pre-800 Italian charters dealt with here, I have not cited the most recent and comprehensive edition and facsimile, in the *Chartae Latinae Antiquiores* series (*ChLA*, vols. XXIII–XL). The latter includes full concordances with earlier editions, however.

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ABBREVIATIONS

<i>AHR</i>	<i>American Historical Review</i>
Aistulf	<i>Leges Aistulfi</i>
<i>ARF</i>	<i>Annales Regni Francorum</i> , ed. F. Kurze, MGH SRG (Hanover, 1895)
BM	<i>Regesta Imperii, I. Die Regesten des Kaiserreichs unter den Karolingern 751–918</i> , ed. J. F. Böhmer, rev. E. Mühlbacher et al., 2nd edn (Innsbruck, 1908)
CC	<i>Codex epistolaris Carolinus</i> , ed. W. Gundlach, MGH Epp. III (Hanover, 1892), pp. 469–567
CCM	<i>Corpus Consuetudinum Monasticarum</i> (Sigeburg, 1963–)
CCSL	<i>Corpus Christianorum, Series Latina</i> (Turnhout, 1952–)
CDA	<i>Codex diplomaticus Amiatinus. Urkundenbuch der Abtei S. Salvatore am Montamiata von den Anfängen bis zum Regierungsantritt Papst Innozenz III (736–1198)</i> , ed. W. Kurze, 4 vols. (Tübingen, 1974–1982)
CDL	<i>Codice diplomatico longobardo</i> , cited by volume and document number: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> vol. I, ed. L. Schiaparelli, <i>Fonti per la storia d'Italia</i> 62 (Rome, 1929) vol. II, ed. L. Schiaparelli, <i>Fonti per la storia d'Italia</i> 63 (Rome, 1933) vol. III, ed. C. Brühl, <i>Fonti per la storia d'Italia</i> 64 (Rome, 1973) vol. IV/1, ed. C. Brühl, <i>Fonti per la storia d'Italia</i> 65 (Rome, 1981) vol. IV/2, ed. H. Zielinski, <i>Fonti per la storia d'Italia</i> 65/2 (Rome, 2003) vol. V, ed. H. Zielinski, <i>Fonti per la storia d'Italia</i> 66 (Rome, 1986)

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CF	<i>Il Chronicon Farfense di Gregorio di Catino</i> , ed. U. Balzani, 2 vols., <i>Fonti per la storia d'Italia</i> 33 (Rome, 1903)
ChLA	<i>Chartae Latinae Antiquiores. Facsimile Editions of Latin Charters prior to the Ninth Century</i> , ed. A. Bruckner and R. Marichal; vols. 1– (Olten and Lausanne, 1954–), cited by volume and number
CISAM	Centro italiano di studi sull'alto medioevo
CSEL	<i>Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum</i> , 95 vols. (Vienna, 1866–)
CTh	<i>Theodosiani Libri XVI cum Constitutionibus Sirmondianis</i> , ed. T. Mommsen and P. M. Meyer, 2nd edn (Berlin, 1954)
CV	<i>Chronicon Vulturnense</i> , ed. V. Federici, 3 vols., <i>Fonti per la storia d'Italia</i> 58–60 (Rome, 1925–38)
DA	<i>Deutsches Archiv für Erforschung des Mittelalters</i>
D Karl	<i>Die Urkunden Ludwigs des Deutschen, Karlmanns und Ludwigs des Jüngeren</i> , ed. P. Kehr, <i>MGH Diplomata regum et imperatorum Germaniae</i> II (Berlin, 1888–93)
D L II	<i>Die Urkunden Ludwigs II.</i> , ed. K. Wanner, <i>MGH Dipl. Kar.</i> IV (Munich, 1994)
D Loth I	<i>Die Urkunden Lothars I. und Lothars II.</i> , ed. T. Schieffer, <i>MGH Dipl. Kar.</i> III (Berlin and Zurich, 1966)
EHR	<i>English Historical Review</i>
EME	<i>Early Medieval Europe</i>
ER	<i>Edictus Rothari</i> , ed. F. Beyerle, <i>Leges Langobardorum 643–866</i> , <i>Germanenrechte, Neue Folge, Westgermanisches Recht</i> , 2nd edn (Witzenhausen, 1962), pp. 16–94
FMS	<i>Frühmittelalterliche Studien</i>
Grimuald	<i>Leges Grimualdi</i>
HL	Paul the Deacon, <i>Historia Langobardorum</i> , ed. L. Bethmann and G. Waitz, <i>MGH SRL</i> (Hanover, 1878), pp. 12–187
HZ	<i>Historische Zeitschrift</i>
ICUR	G. B. De Rossi, A. Silvagni, et al., <i>Inscriptiones christianae Urbis Romae septimo saeculo antiquiores. Noua series</i> (Vatican City, 1922–)
IGM	Istituto Geografico Militare
Jaffé, RP	P. Jaffé ed., <i>Regesta Pontificum Romanorum</i> , vol. 1, 2nd edn (Graz, 1956)
JMH	<i>Journal of Medieval History</i>
LF	<i>Il 'Liber Floriger' di Gregorio di Catino</i> , ed. M. T. Maggi Bei, <i>Miscellanea della Società romana di storia patria</i> 26 (Rome, 1984)
Liutprand	<i>Leges Liutprandi</i>

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- LL *Liber Largitorius vel Notarii Monasterii Pharpensis*, ed. G. Zucchetti, 2 vols., *Regesta Chartarum Italiae* 11, 17 (Rome, 1913, 1932)
- LP *Le Liber Pontificalis. Texte, introduction et commentaire*, ed. L. Duchesne, 2nd edn, 3 vols. (Paris, 1955-7)
- Manaresi C. Manaresi ed., *I placiti del regnum Italiae*, 3 vols. (Rome, 1955-60), vol. 1
- MGH *Monumenta Germaniae Historica*:
- Capit. *Capitularia regum Francorum*, eds. A. Boretius and V. Krause, MGH *Leges* sectio III, 2 vols. (Hanover, 1883-97)
- Conc. *Concilia aevi Karolini*, ed. A. Werminghoff, 2 vols., MGH LL, sectio III, vol. II, pts. 1-2 (Hanover and Leipzig, 1906, 1908)
- Dipl. *Diplomata* (Hanover and Berlin, 1872-)
- Dipl. Kar. *Diplomata Karolinorum*, vol. I, ed. E. Mühlbacher (Hanover, 1906); vol. III, ed. T. Schieffer (Berlin and Zurich, 1966)
- Epp. *Epistolae III-VIII (Epistolae Merovingici et Karolini aevi)* (Hanover, 1892-1939)
- LL *Legum in quarto*
- SRG *Scriptores rerum Germanicarum in usum scholarum separatim editi* (Hanover, 1871-)
- SRG NS *Scriptores rerum Germanicarum, nova series* (Hanover, 1922-)
- SRL *Scriptores rerum Langobardicarum et Italicarum saec. VI-IX*, ed. G. Waitz (Hanover, 1878)
- SS *Scriptores* (32 vols., Hanover, 1826-1934)
- SRM *Scriptores Rerum Merovingicarum*, ed. B. Krusch, and W. Levison, 7 vols. (Hanover, 1885-1920)
- MIÖG *Mitteilungen des Instituts für Österreichische Geschichtsforschung*
- NCMH II R. McKitterick ed., *The New Cambridge Medieval History*, vol. II, c. 700-c. 900 (Cambridge, 1995)
- NCMH III T. Reuter ed., *The New Cambridge Medieval History*, vol. III, c. 900-1024 (Cambridge, 1999).
- PBSR *Papers of the British School at Rome*
- PL *Patrologia Cursus Completus, Series Latina*, ed. J.-P. Migne, 221 vols. (Paris, 1841-66).
- QFIAB *Quellen und Forschungen aus italienischen Archiven und Bibliotheken*.

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Ratchis	<i>Leges Ratchis</i>
Reg. Ep.	<i>Sancti Gregorii Magni Opera. Registrum Epistolarum</i> , ed. D. Norberg, 2 vols., Corpus Christianorum, Series Latina 140, 140 A (Turnhout, 1982)
RF	Gregory of Catino, <i>Regestum Farfense</i> , ed. I. Giorgi and U. Balzani, <i>Il Regesto di Farfa</i> , 5 vols. (Rome, 1879–1914)
Rothari	<i>Edictus Rothari</i>
Tjäder, <i>PItal.</i>	<i>Die nichtliterarischen Papyri Italiens aus der Zeit 445–700</i> , ed. J.-O. Tjäder, 3 vols. (Lund and Stockholm, 1955–82), cited with volume and document number
TRHS	<i>Transactions of the Royal Historical Society</i>

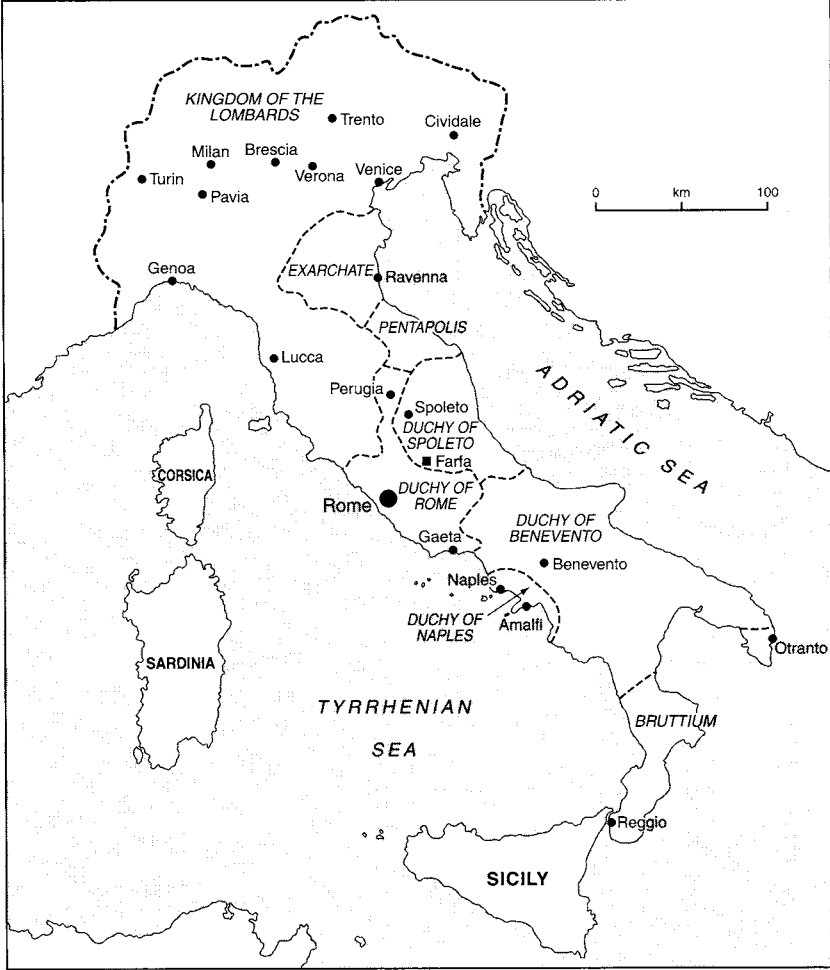
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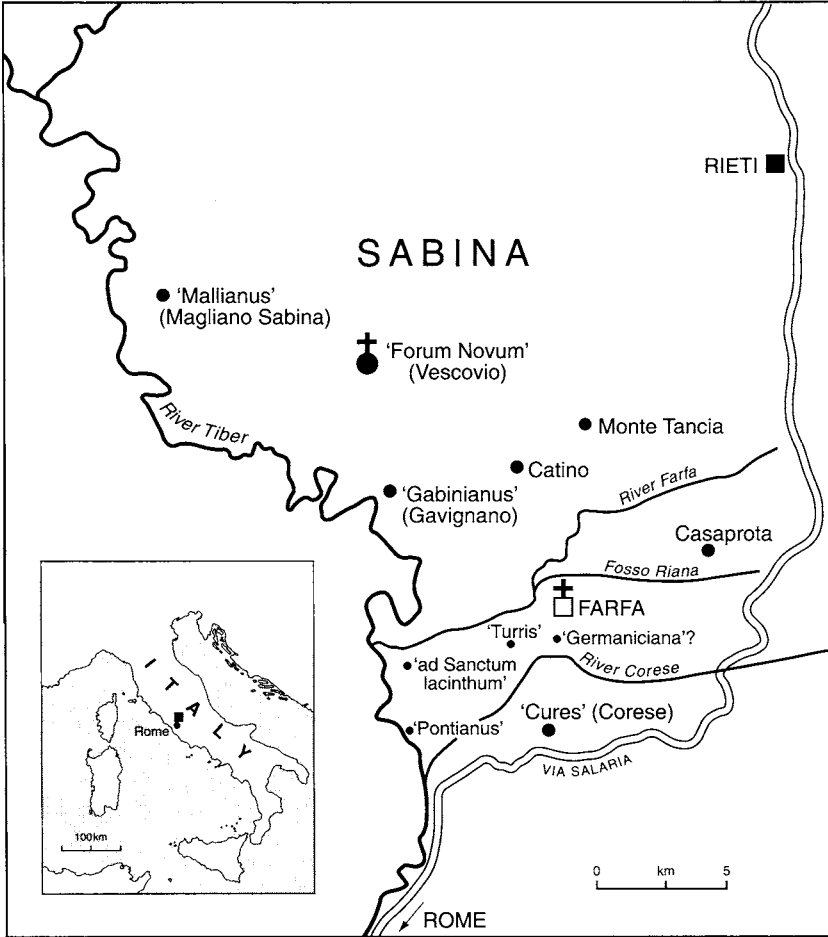
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