

## ***The Tabulary of the Church of Agrigento***

### ***Count Roger's parchment***

*The earl Roger of Altavilla in 1093 founds "Ecclesia episcopalis". He chooses Gerlando as bishop of the church of Agrigento and appoints him as the head the diocese; Gerlando establishes the political and administrative organization with the diocese of Palermo and Messina which will then be confirmed by Pope Uranio II in 1098.*

I, RUGGERO, Count of Calabria and Sicily, with the help of divine Providence, armed with the gladius of heavenly bliss, adorned with the helmet and the shield of the sacred and blessed Intent, I went to Sicily to fight the nefarious race of Saracens, whom I defeated with the help of the Sevenfold Spirit and with the continuous support of divine mercy, and, defeating their arrogance, I quenched the pride that overpowered the forces of our faith and, I've actually reduced it to practically nothing. Who, indeed, having seen the immense ruin of their castles and their cities, as well as palaces of admirable workmanship, does not account for the immense misery and countless losses of the Saracens, who lived in luxury? Totally annihilated their power and fury against Christians and subdued the whole Sicily to me and to my commanders, I RUGGERO, aforementioned count, in the year of the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ 1093, under the pontificate of Urban II, with Ruggero duke of Calabria and the Duchy of Puglia, once conquered Sicily I ordered the Episcopal churches, of which one is the one from Agrigento, whose bishop was called Gerlando, to whom I entrust the parish - subject to payment of tithes and other parish laws, both of the city of Agrigento and the same diocese - anything contained within the following boundaries: from the place where the flowing river originates under Corleone up to above the stone of Zinet; from there the parish through the divisions of Iato and Cefalù, and from there to the divisions of Vicari, and from there to the Salso River, which is a point of division between Palermo and Termini, and from the mouth of this river, at the point where it enters the sea, it extends from the coastline to the river Torto, and from the place where this river is generated it reaches Pira, under Petralia, then up to the high mount overhanging; then up to the Salso river, in the point in which you joins with the river of Petralia, and from this river follows the course until Limpiade, section that divides Agrigento from Butera; then follows the maritime route to the Belice river, point of border with Mazara, and still extends following the course of this river up to below Corleone, from where it begins the division, from which Vicari, Corleone and Termini are excluded; is included, instead, in the property of Bishop Gerlando and the bishops who succeeded him, the hamlet Cathal together with one hundred villani [capitanei]. Should someone take away from the aforementioned Church and its Bishop something about this or wrongfully comes into possession of it - whoever it is, be anathematized.