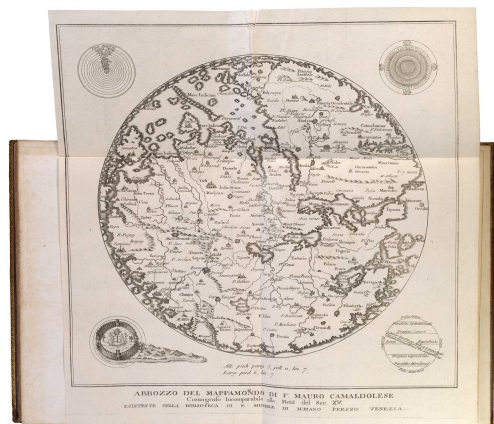




THE FIRST SCHOLARLY STUDY OF FRA MAURO'S WORLD MAP

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Il Mappamondo di Fra Mauro Camaldolese. Descritto et Illustrato da D. Placido Zurla dello Stess' Ordine.

Cartographer [ZURLA, Placido.](#)

Date 1806

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Publication: Venice, 1806, First Edition. 4to, full calf gilt library binding, marbled edges and endpapers; pp. (164), Italian text; title page with engraved vignette portrait, a folding engraved map and one engraved plate.

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DESCRIPTION:

A lengthy description of the famous 15th century world map now in the Biblioteca Nazionale Marciana in Venice. Drawn on vellum between 1457 & 1459 by by Fra Mauro, a monk of the Camaldolese Monastery of St. Michael, on Murano in the Venetian Lagoon, it was the largest and most accurate map of the world of the period and is now the earliest surviving medieval world map..

Placido Zurla (1769-1834) was a monk at the same monastery, enabling him to study the map at length. This study, containing the first published reproduction entitled: " Abbozzo del Mappamondo di F. Mauro Camaldolese ", brought the map to the attention of the world. Zurla later served as Cardinal Vicar to Pope Leo XII and his two successors.

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