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The famous curse of the parish priest of Masullas.

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The excommunication of Priest Antioco V.

The offence: he accuses the faithful who listen to him, laughing, of every sort of vice.

A wayward people,
already forsaken (160)
by the hand of the Creator,
return to doing penance.
If by any chance you do not free yourself
from the burdens of your conscience,
you will probably 'fart' them away. (165)
Know this... know this... The Devil
with all the demons.
But why are you laughing?
Just look at how wicked you really are,
no one is worse than you (170)
and you are all together
a bunch of thieves.
Neither sheep nor lambs,
nor cows nor oxen
can survive (175)
whether they're locals or strangers,
because everyone wants to get
up their partner's ass.
And what the devil are these manners,
and what are you messing about with? (180)
And then you get annoyed
because they throw you in jail:
it'd be better to hang you
and they'd say that's for the best
because you're a bunch of foxes (185)
and thieves like cats,
envious of others' possessions,
whose eyes may fall upon them,
lazy as dogs,
you want to live by theft (190)
and without working,
scoundrels without limits,
and the one who seems the most daft
catches the fly on the fly!
Damn it, you've come out (195)
mired in filth right up to your snouts
in every sort of sin:
damn those who gave birth to you!
He who, with ill intent,
has joined forces with three or four (200)
scoundrels like himself
to go and seek out someone

to reduce them to begging
if they cannot kill them.