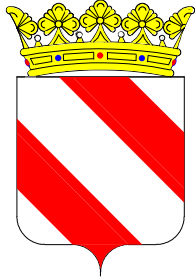


## Ferretti



### *Description of Arms :*

D'argento a due bande di rosso.

**Principal Title :** Duke of Ferretti.

**Creation :** Assumed but recognised in 1941.

**Subsidiary Titles :** Count (1473), Count of Castel Ferretti (1396).

**Family Name :** Ferretti di Castel Ferretti.

**Family History :** This family, noble since time immemorial, comes from Acona. It has given the Church, the Blessed Gabriel (1385-1456), who was beatified in 1753. It has also produced several bishops and one cardinal, who received his red hat in 1839.

As far back as 1396, the family was invested with Castel Ferretti, with the title of count. This was at the gift of Pope Boniface IX (1389-1404), a member of the Tomacelli family. Boniface was known for his intransigence in face of the Schism. The Ferretti were also inscribed as patricians of Ancona, in the XIV Century, of Venice in 1411 and of San Marino in 1749. The rank of patrician, almost unknown outside Italy, is taken as a great honour within the country.

In 1473, the Emperor added to these title, that of count palatine; an honour renewed in 1688.

The second line of this family added, to the titles listed above, that of duke (on the basis of male promogeniture). This was confirmed by letters-patent in 1941.

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