

**Teacher Guide to Student Worksheet 1-
The Mysterious Shoebox (Prince G-F. Smith)**

All of you had the privilege of visiting a great aunt in Loretto, Pennsylvania. It was raining the day that you were there and, to be quite honest, things were getting a little bit boring. But just about the time that you thought the day was going to last forever, Auntie shuffled in with a shoe box full of bits and pieces of history. On the box was scrawled, "Prince G-Father Smith". Auntie explained that the box had been in the attic for years and no one in the family seemed to know anything about it. Inside the box were the items that you see distributed before you. These old pictures, artifacts, and writings tell a story that somehow you have to put together. How to do it? Follow these steps and reach into the past to find out who "Prince G-F. Smith" really was!!

1. What do you think the person's name is on the box?

Prince Gallitzin-Father Smith. (Demetrius A. Gallitzin.)

2. List the things here that you have found in the box and try to identify them.

1. PREFACE

A SERMON preached by a Protestant Minister, on a day appointed by the government for humiliation and prayer, in order to avert from our beloved country the calamity of war, has been the occasion of the present letter.

The professed subject of his sermon on such a day was, or should have been, to excite his hearers to humility and contrition, and to a perfect union of hearts and exertions during the impending storm: but he, very likely alarmed at a much greater danger, of which nobody else but himself dreamed: alarmed I mean, and trembling for the ark of Israel likely to be carried off by those Philistines called the Roman Catholics; or alarmed, perhaps, at the very probable danger of an intended invasion from the Pope, who would, to be sure, avail himself of the confused state of the country to assist his English friends in the conquest of it, that he might by that means extend his jurisdiction; or in fine, alarmed perhaps lest our treacherous Catholics would take advantage of the times, and by forming a new gunpowder-plot, would blow up the congress-hall, state-houses, and all the protestant meeting-houses of the United States: alarmed, at least, by something or another, he suddenly forgets his subject, and putting on a grave countenance, enters the most solemn caveat against popish and heathen neighbours; cautions his hearers against their superstitions, and gives them plainly enough to understand that such popish neighbours are not to be considered their fellow citizens.

Attacks of that kind being so very common in this liberal country, I have always treated them with silent contempt. The present one, proceeding from a respectable quarter, I thought necessary to notice; and I expected that a few respectful lines, which I published in a Gazette, would have been sufficient to draw from the gentleman an apology for his uncharitable expressions. I found myself deceived in my expectation. After having waited in vain from September until some time in the winter, I made up my mind to send the gentleman the following DEFENCE OF CATHOLIC PRINCIPLES.

Your humble and obedient servant,
DEMETRIUS A. GALLITZIN

(The preface for Gallitzin's book entitled, *In Defence of Catholic Principles*)

2. Picture



Bishop John Carroll who led a 22-year-old Prince Gallitzin into the Priesthood in Baltimore, Maryland. *No credit information given.*

3. Picture



Portrait of a young man, Prince Gallitzin with the family coat of arms, 1799.
Courtesy of the Prince Gallitzin Chapel House, Tomb Site and St. Michael's Basilica.

4. Window



Stained glass window of the Gallitzin Family Coat of Arms.
Courtesy of the Prince Gallitzin Chapel House, Tomb Site and St. Michael's Basilica.

5. Grave and Monument



Tomb of Father Smith in St. Michael's graveyard in Loretto, Pa.
Courtesy of the Prince Gallitzin Chapel House, Tomb Site and St. Michael's Basilica.

6. Photograph of room



Picture of Gallitzin's desk and chair.
Courtesy of the Prince Gallitzin Chapel House, Tomb Site and St. Michael's Basilica.

7. Cameo



Cameo of Galitzin when he was ten years old

*Courtesy of the Prince Gallitzin Chapel House, Tomb Site and St. Michael's Basilica.
From the private collection of Frank and Betty Seymour*

8. Memoranda



Memorandum book, *Defence of Catholic Principles* Book, diary, and seal
Courtesy of the Prince Gallitzin Chapel House, Tomb Site, and St. Michael's Basilica

9. Framed personal items



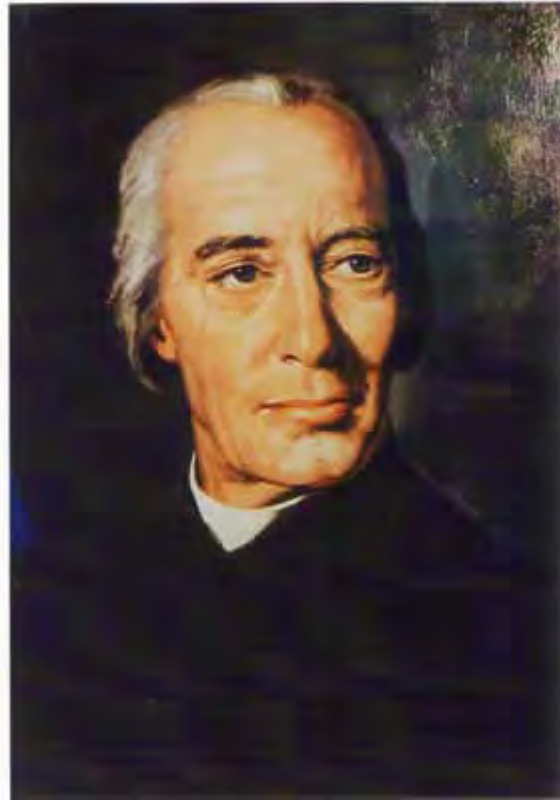
A sole from Father Gallitzin's shoe, a horn spoon, his spectacles, and a set of scales.
Courtesy of the Prince Gallitzin Chapel House, Tomb Site and St. Michael's Basilica.

10. Photograph of display



His vestment and sword. (His vestment was made from his mother's wedding gown.)
Courtesy of the Prince Gallitzin Chapel House, Tomb Site and St. Michael's Basilica.

11. Portrait



Portrait of Demetrius Gallitzin

created for Extension Society Calendar in the early 1960s by Morgan Kane
Courtesy of the Prince Gallitzin Chapel House, Tomb Site and St. Michael's Basilica

12. Painting



*Amalia, Prince Gallitzin and Friends (painting)
Courtesy of the Prince Gallitzin Chapel House, Tomb Site and St. Michael's Basilica, from the
private collection of Frank and Betty Seymour.*

13. Sign



Sign of Gallitzin's rules of chapel behavior:
Courtesy of the Prince Gallitzin Chapel House, Tomb Site and St. Michael's Basilica.

14. Communion objects



Gallitzin's chalice (stilled used today):
Courtesy of the Prince Gallitzin Chapel House, Tomb Site and St. Michael's Basilica

15. Photograph of displayed items



His violin and a book (the register of all members):

Courtesy of the Prince Gallitzin Chapel House, Tomb Site and St. Michael's Basilica.

**3. From the items above, write down as many attributes as you can to describe Prince G.-
F. Smith.**

Possible answers could be:

- Of noble birth
- He was a priest or an official in the Roman Catholic Church.
- From the size of his grave, a very important man
- He was a simple person, based on his furniture
- He was an organized and efficient person
- His name could be Russian
- He played the violin.