CRUCIGER, KASPAR, 1504-1548.
Kaspar Cruciger letter, 1544

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Creator: Cruciger, Kaspar, 1504-1548.
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Abstract: Contains one letter by Cruciger to Veit Dietrich, pastor of St. Sebald’s Church at Nuremberg.
Language: Materials entirely in Italian.

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Biographical Note
Kasper Cruciger was a reformed scholar who served as Martin Luther’s secretary at many of
the significant theological discussions in the early to mid sixteenth century. Born in Leipsic on
January 1, 1504, Cruciger studied theology with Luther and Philipp Melanchthon. He taught at
St. John’s School in Magdeburg from 1525 to 1528. Cruciger returned to Wittenberg in 1528
where he was a professor and minister at the Schlosskirche until his death on November 16,
1548. One of the scholar’s most notable contributions to the study of Reformation history was
his preservation in shorthand of many of Luther’s lectures and sermons.

Scope and Content Note
This letter was written by Cruciger on July 8, 1544 to Veit Dietrich, pastor of St. Sebald’s
Church at Nuremberg. In the letter Cruciger discussed personal matters related to himself,
Dietrich, Martin Luther, and Philipp Melanchthon. He also writes about the collection of
Luther’s sermons he and Dietrich were to publish together in the following year.