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A 14th century Bishop's seal discovered by a metal detector is on display at the Manx Museum for the first time. The silver seal, which was discovered by Andy Falconer, is described by historians at Manx National Heritage (MNH) as "incredibly significant." Curator of archaeology at MNH, Allison Fox, said: "It is a very rare find and an important part of Manx history." Mr Falconer said: "I've found a few coins over the years but this is by far my most important discovery and I am over the moon that it is on display." "It's been my ambition to find something that will change history."

The silver seal measures about three centimeters in length, illustrates two saintly figures under carved canopies with a third figure below, kneeling in prayer. The Latin inscription identifies the two saints: "Let the prayers to God of Germanus and Patricius help us." Artifacts on the Isle of Man from this period are exceedingly rare.

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