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Verba Seniorum (Vitae Patrum)

The Verba Seniorum comprises chapters 5-7 of the Vitae Patrum, a collection of Saint's Lives gathered together by H. Rosweyde in 1615 (reprinted by Migne, PL 73-74). The Verba Seniorum circulated separately in the Middle Ages, often under the name Vitae Patrum, Vitas Patrum or Adhortationes Sanctorum Patrum. See C. M. Batlle, Die `Adhortationes Sanctorum Patrum' ('Verba Seniorum') im lateinischen Mittelalter (Muenster, 1971).

f. 1 [ue]//ra que audisti. Et ille dixit ei. Etiam pater uerum est ... Exiens ergo frater.  
dixit illi; quia//

Vitae Patrum, 5.10.37-39; PL 73.919-920.

Parchment. 1 folio. 315 x 230 mm (written space 223 x 165 mm). 2 columns. 29 lines. Dry-point ruling. Single vertical bounding lines.

Written in a rounded early gothic script (littera textualis). 2- and 3-line initials are in red with red and blue penwork and are written on the vertical bounding line. 1-line initials are in brown uncials, with enlarged minuscule n, and are not set apart from the text. Punctuation consists of the punctus, the punctus elevatus and the colon. Accents and hyphenation are in the same ink as the text.

The fragment was used as the wrapper of a copy of the Liber de divitiis ascribed to Pope Sixtus III, measuring ca. 175 x 123 mm. The title "de Divitiis S.Sisti" is written on the spine with the shelf mark "O 25."

Zinniker 64.