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Southern France (Boulbonne), s. XIV¹ (1314) and XV^{ex}

Cistercian statutes

1. ff. 1r-4r *Incipiunt capitula ecclesiasticorum officiorum. Capitulum primum. De Adventu Domini, I. Quomodo per hiemem privatis diebus ad vigiliis dividantur responsoria, II. De vigilia Natalis Domini, III ... De refectorio, CXXI. De hospitali monacho, CXXII. De portario et solatio eius, CXXIII. De versu refectiois.*

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2. ff. 4r-154r *Ecclesiastica officia. Capitulum primum de Adventu. In Adventu Domini Dominica prima Ysaïas incipiatur ad vigiliis, et deinceps totus legatur per Adventum ... Hec ad collationem: Noctem quietam tribuet nobis omnipotens et misericors Dominus. Amen. Hec ad biberes. Largitor omnium bonorum * benedicat potum servorum suorum. Anno Domini M^o CCC^o XIII^o in festo Decollationis sancti Iohannis Bapstiste [29 August 1314].*

Usus antiquiores ordinis Cisterciensis, PL 166.1385-1502.

3. f. 154r-v *Benedictus celestibus associatur hodie supernis / gratulantibus venit ad sedem glorie / Eterna Christi munera concupivit divinitus cum Maria / Christifera favore Sancti Spiritus ... Summi largitor premii, te poscimus, in patria / da post vitam exilii beata nobis gaudia.*

Acrostical hymn on St Benedict.

4. ff. 155r-159v *Tabula super bulla reformationis domini Benedicti pape XII filii monasterii Bolbone. Capitulum I. Exellens comendatio ordinis Cisterciensis maxime quantum ad vitam contemplativam. Capitulum 2. Quod quilibet conventus ordinis habeat proprium sigillum ... Capitulum 42. Potestas et auctoritas concessa abbati Cistercii ... nullus de ordine eos aliter ab hiis absolvere posset.*

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5. ff. 160r-181r *Benedictus episcopus servus servorum Dei etc. Capitulum I [heading at the bottom of f. 159v]. Ad perpetuam rei memoriam. Fulgens sicut stella matutina in medio nebule sacer Cisterciensis ordo in ecclesia militante strenue militat opere et exemplis ... indignationem omnipotentis Dei et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum eius se noverit incursum. Datum apud Pontem Sorgie Avinionensis diocesis quarto id. Iulii pontificatus nostri anno primo [12 July 1335].*

Benedictus XII papa (1334-1342), *Constitutio pro reformatione ordinis Cisterciensis* (1335). J.-M.

Canivez, ed., *Statuta capitulorum generalium ordinis Cisterciensis, ab anno 1116 ad annum 1786*, v. 3 (Louvain, 1935), pp. 410-436.

6. f. 181r-v *Capitulum 41. Premissa bulla domini Benedicti est in forma gratiosa, sed est alia executorialis eiusdem sub cordula canapis in forma rigorosa, que sic incipit: Benedictus episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilecto filio Guillelmo abbati monasterii Cisterciensis, Cabilonensis diocesis, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Ad statum sacri tui ordinis in ecclesia Dei, etc. Ubi*

prosequitur omnia que in bulla precedenti habentur. Deinde in fine habetur clausula sequens: Quia vero tanta est incentoris maligni versutia et malicia pervigil atque solers ... plenam atque liberam concedimus tenore presentium potestatem. Datum apud Pontem Sorgie Avinionensis diocesis III id. Iulii, pontificatus nostri anno primo [13 July 1335].

About another edition of the *Constitutio*, issued a day after art. 5.

7. f. 182r *Et hanc rigorosam in forma dominus Pius papa II confirmavit cum additione clausule sequentis: Ceterum quia difficile foret et pre incertas et presentes litteras ad singula in quibus de hiis fides forsitan fuerit loca defferre ... plena fides exhibeatur et perinde stetur acsi ipse preincerte [?] et presentes littere forent exhibite vel ostense. Nulli ergo omnino hominum, etc.*

Confirmation of art. 6 by Pope Pius II (1458-1464).

8. f. 182r (1) *Eiusdem [sic] Benedictus XII statuit quod Mendicantes non transeant ad ordinem nostrum ...* (2) *Item eiusdem [sic] Benedictus constituit quod monasteria ordinis nostri unam solam decimam et unam procuracionem pro legatis et nuntiis apostolicis solvant ... plumba istorum statutum [sic] sunt in monasterio Cistercii cum multis aliis privilegiis.*

Two constitutions of Pope Benedict XII concerning the Cistercian Order.

9. f. 182v *Oratio ad Virginem Mariam. Ave, sanctissima Maria, mater Dei, regina celi, porta paradisi ...*

Prayer to the Virgin.

Parchment, ff. 182, 165 x 120 mm. There are two sections, of the early fourteenth and late fifteenth century respectively. The manuscript is damaged by moist, badly affecting parts of the text and the colours of the decoration.

Section I (ff. 1-154).

I-XV¹⁰ (ff. 1-150), XVI⁴ (ff. 151-154). Horizontal catchwords at right; they are framed from quire X (f. 100v) onwards.

Ruled with lead for one column of 23 lines below top line. Ruling type 16.

Copied by a single hand in Southern Gothic Textualis Formata (artt. 1-2). Art. 3 is an addition written in Gothic documentary script.

Yellow heightening of majuscules. Red headings. Alternately red and blue 2-line flourished initials, with blue and red penwork respectively extending into the left margin. Some initials and majuscules are inscribed with human faces. On f. 1r the text is framed by a simple blue and red border. The opening letters of the acrostical verses in art. 3 have been retraced in red ink.

Section II (ff. 155-182).

XVII-XIX⁸ (ff. 155-178), XX⁴ (ff. 179-182). Horizontal catchwords at right.

Ruling in brown ink for one column of 25 lines below top line. Ruling type 13.

Copied by a single hand in Gothic Cursiva Formata (Bastarda) with unlooped *d*. Art. 9 is an addition in Gothic Cursiva Currens.

Red headings and chapter numbers, but otherwise no decoration. On f. 160r space for a 3-line initial.

Quarter binding s. XX: brown morocco spine and oak boards. Spine with four raised bands and gold-tooled morocco title label mounted on a piece of parchment (of the previous binding?) with the inscription: "OFFICIA ECCLESIASTICA". On the front board a bronze bas-relief of Christ on the Cross (Russia, s. XVIII?) has been mounted. The pastedowns are fragments of a s. XIII Spanish liturgical manuscript on parchment. The front pastedown contains part of the office for Annunciation (25 March), with the end of a Lesson from Ps.-Haymo of Halberstadt's *Sermones de tempore*, 4 ("et vicesima quinta die mensis Decembris natus", PL 118.32A), and the beginning of the Responsory "Dixit autem Maria ad angelum ..." (CAO 6469); the rear pastedown, only partly legible, contains the end of the 6th Lesson for the office of Sts. Emetherius and Celedonius (3 March): "... gemini promissa fercula libenter amplexus. Qui vivit et regnat", followed by the Responsory "Miranda ...". See the text of this office in *Passionarium Hispanicum*, II, 239, quoted by J. L. García Remiro, "Un códice del siglo XIV nos habla de los santos a los que rezaban los Aragoneses", (20.), pp. 53-90 (75-76). The text is written in Gothica Textualis Formata (Textus Praescissus); neumatic notation and blue or red flourished initials with early penwork in the contrasting colour.

On f. 154v the s. XV ownership inscription of the Cistercian abbey of Boulbonne (Haute-Garonne), for which (and probably where, at least Section I) the manuscript was written in two phases and where Pope Benedict XII had been a monk (see art. 4): "Iste liber est monasterii Beate Marie de Bolbona" (Gothica Cursiva). Notes in Swedish s. XIX and XX on the flyleaves (among them by the maker of a previous binding: "Houbukbindare Nils Linde har häftat boken"). On the second front flyleaf r a large painting s. XIX (?) containing a painter's palette and the text "Ex libris Guthi of Berglund" on a blue background in a flowery border. On the rear flyleaf v the note "Ex Amalthaea Bosbona (?)" and a rectangular stamp with inscription "Börje Israelsons Bibliotek". Purchased from Les Enluminures Ltd., Chicago, Paris, on the Edwin J. Beinecke Fund.