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**Rule of Poor Clares**, in Latin

ff. 1r-8r § *Prima regula sororum sancte Clare*. Innocencius episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis in Christo filiabus Clare abbatisse aliisque sororibus monasterii sancti Damiani Assisinati, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Solet annuere sedes apostolica piis votis et honestis petencium precibus favorem benivolum impertiri ... § Reynhaldus, miseracione divina Hostiensis et Vellitrensis episcopus, ... vobisque in vestro monasterio succedentibus imperpetuum confirmamus et presentis scripti patrocinio communimus. [f. 1v:] In nomine Domini. Amen. Incipit regula et forma vite ordinis sororum propin [*l. pauperum*], quam beatus Franciscus instituit. Capitulum I<sup>m</sup>. Forma vite ordinis sororum [*added in the margin: pinquam, l. pauperum*], quam beatus Franciscus instituit, hec est: scilicet Domini nostri Ihesu Christi sanctum ewangelium observare vivendo in obediencia, sine proprio et in castitate ... Data Perusii, XVI kal. Octobris, pontificatus vero domini Innocencii quarti anno decimo [16 Sept. 1252]. Nulli ergo hominum liceat hanc paginam nostre confirmacionis infringere ... Data Assisii, quinto id. Augusti, pontificatus nostri anno decimo [*l. undecimo*]. f. 8v blank

*Regula ordinis Sororum Pauperum Sanctae Clarae*, ed. *Regulae et constitutiones generales ordinis Sororum Pauperum sanctae Clarae* (Rome, 1988), pp. 11-29. This is not the first rule of the order of the Poor Clares, but the third rule ratified by pope Innocent IV on 9 August 1253. Contemporary corrections in the margins.

Paper, ff. I + 8 + I, 150 x 110 mm.

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Frame ruling in lead for one column of script, 29-31 lines, 100 x 63 mm.

Copied by one hand in small Gothica Semihybrida Currens, the headings in a larger and less rapid form of the same script.

Red heading on f. 1r. Red stroking of majuscules, red paragraph marks and red underlining. Red 2- or 3-line plain initials extending into the margin.

S. XIX quarter binding: parchment and grey paper over cardboard.

At the bottom of the front cover, in ink: "81394". On the front pastedown, in pencil: "Regulae MS 189,016"; "20" in a circle; "103/80/47".

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