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Exploring Text Manuscripts

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This is the second e-catalogue in our series, "Exploring Text Manuscripts," that includes manuscripts chosen because of their price. All 13 manuscripts are \$15,000 or less; eight are less than \$10,000. We all know that price can be the determining factor in an acquisition. For collectors on a budget, this group of manuscripts illustrates two categories of manuscripts that are worth considering carefully: illuminated documents (nos. 1-4); and post-medieval manuscripts. This latter category includes manuscripts that continue the medieval tradition of the handwritten book into the eighteenth century (nos. 5-8), and "neo-medieval" manuscripts—conscious revivals of the medieval book from the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries (nos. 10-11). Completing the list is an album amicorum, or friendship album (no. 9), a genre without medieval parallels, and two stenciled books (nos. 12-13), closely related in content to medieval Choir Books, but neither handwritten nor printed.

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Privileges du Vicomte de Turenne

In French and Latin, illuminated manuscript on parchment France (Paris), February 3, 1523

A MEDIEVAL TAX HAVEN: ILLUMINATED DOCUMENT FROM THE VISCOUNTY OF TURENNE

DESCRIPTION: 18 folios on parchment, complete, 6-line illuminated initial with coat of arms, some flaking of pigment in the initial and minor stains, original limp vellum binding. Dimensions 238 x 165 mm.

This handsome royal manuscript confirms the privileges of the viscounty of Turenne issued by King Francis I in 1523. It



opens with a fine illuminated initial enclosing the coat of arms of the viscounty of Turenne and boasts an illustrious provenance from its first owner, the Viscount François II de La Tour d'Auvergne (1497-1532), to modern bibliophiles Charles Chardin and Sir Thomas Phillipps. The manuscript brings to life the special story of this fascinating viscounty, which existed as an autonomous state within France from c. 768 until 1738 and could be described as a medieval tax haven. [TM 1219]

\$14,000

Full description, images and video available online

2.

Carta Executoria de Hidalguía (Patent of Nobility) of Bernardino Vaca de Buiza

In Spanish, illuminated manuscript on parchment and paper Spain (Medina del Campo), June 13, 1602

PROOF OF NOBILITY (AND TAX EXEMPTION): ILLUMINATED DOCUMENT FROM SPAIN

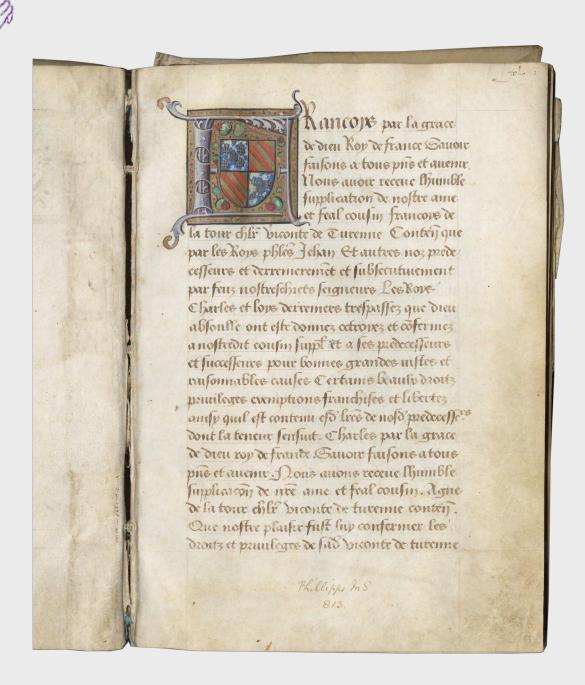
DESCRIPTION: 35 folios, 7 leaves on parchment, 28 leaves on paper, missing at least four leaves, one full-page miniature of the recipient's coat of arms, f. 13 slightly detached and f. 24 completely so, small smudge to the coat of arms, some stains, bound in early limp vellum, perhaps original. Dimensions 315 x 220 mm.



This carta executoria authenticates the nobility of Bernardino Vaca de Buiza, thereby granting him exemption from taxes along with other perks. It is illustrated with his family's coat of arms, complete with realistic depictions of cows grazing in a field, a visual pun on his name. Of special interest is the fact that this document is in two parts, the first on parchment in a formal humanistic minuscule, and the remainder on paper, copied in a quicker, but still legible, cursive script. Illuminated cartas offer a rich vein for historical and legal research, and are equally interesting as physical objects, continuing the tradition of the illuminated manuscript into the modern age. [TM 1230]

\$8,000

A MEDIEVAL TAX HAVEN: ILLUMINATED DOCUMENT FROM THE VISCOUNTY OF TURENNE



[2. ~ TM 1219]

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PROOF OF NOBILITY (AND TAX EXEMPTION): ILLUMINATED DOCUMENT FROM SPAIN



[2. ~ TM 1230]

Doctoral Diploma granted to Alessandro Vecellio by the University of Padua

In Latin, illuminated manuscript on parchment, with later facsimile in English

Italy (Padua), October 20, 1612; and nineteenth century

TWO FOR ONE: ILLUMINATED DOCUMENT FROM PADUA WITH A 19TH-CENTURY FACSIMILE

DESCRIPTION: 16 folios, six on parchment, plus a later facsimile on parchment and paper, complete, illuminated frontispiece with full border, including four medallions (reproduced in the facsimile), some edges of the leaves frayed, original venetian sunk-panel binding, spine splitting, silver oxidized. Dimensions 231 x 170 mm. (facsimile 239 x 177 mm.).



Especially handsome diploma, awarding a doctorate in civil and canon law and made for a close relation of the great painter Titian. It preserves its original elaborately decorated sunk-panel binding, a magnificent example of the Venetian Renaissance craftsmanship influenced by Middle Eastern style. University diplomas constitute a rich mine of resources as historical documents and as artifacts. The accompanying facsimile with a translation of the Latin text into English makes this manuscript especially suited for use in the classroom and in exhibits. [TM 1200]

\$9,000

Full description and images available online

4.

Carta Executoria de Hidalguía (Patent of Nobility) of Juan de Nurueña y Alava

In Spanish, illuminated manuscript on parchment Spain (Valladolid), May 8, 1622

PROOF OF NOBILITY (AND TAX EXEMPTION): SPANISH DOCUMENT WITH TWO FULL-PAGE MINIATURES

DESCRIPTION: 87 folios on parchment, complete, two full-page miniatures, modern purple velvet binding over wooden boards, two ornamental silver clasps, slight cracking along the top and bottom of the joints. Dimensions 310 x 220 mm.

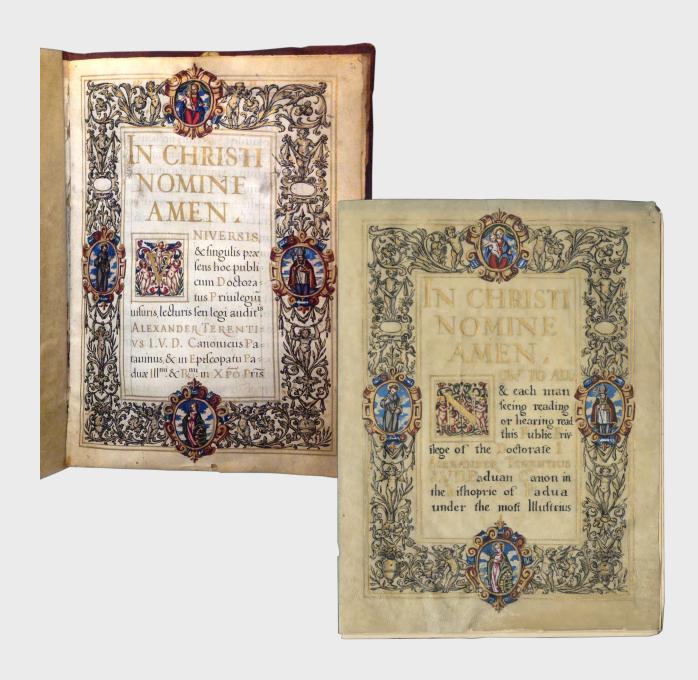
This Carta Executoria authenticates the nobility of Juan de Nurueña y Alava, thereby granting him exemption from taxes



along with other perks. The quality of the full-page miniatures of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary and the coat of arms of the recipient set it apart from many other examples of this genre. Illuminated cartas offer a rich vein for historical and legal research and are equally interesting as physical objects, continuing the tradition of the illuminated manuscript into the modern age. [TM 1238]

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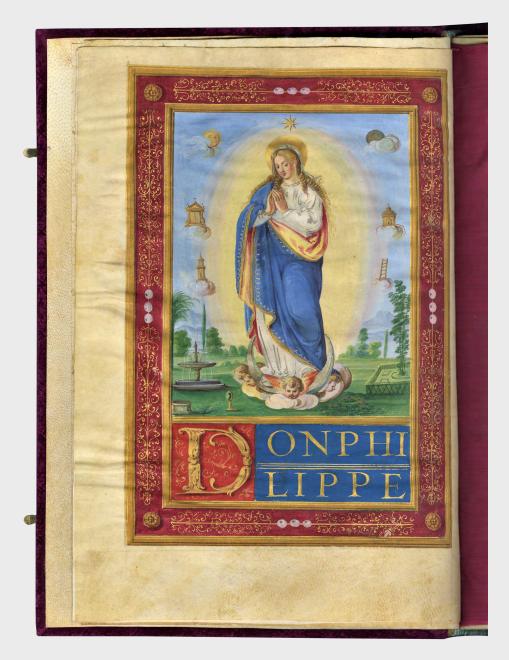
TWO FOR ONE: ILLUMINATED DOCUMENT FROM PADUA WITH A 19TH-CENTURY FACSIMILE



[3. ~ TM 1200]



PROOF OF NOBILITY (AND TAX EXEMPTION): SPANISH DOCUMENT WITH TWO FULL-PAGE MINIATURES



[4. ~ TM 1238]

Carthusian Ordinarium (Ordinal) for the Mass and Office

In Latin, decorated manuscript on paper Southern France (Méounes-les-Montrieux), November 15, 1544

16TH-CENTURY MONASTIC MANUSCRIPT

DESCRIPTION: 96 folios on paper, complete, red initials, slight water damage on the first leaves, some stains and signs of use, modern half binding of parchment over pasteboard. Dimensions 145 x 90 mm.

A handbook of the Carthusian liturgy for new priests copied at a Carthusian charterhouse in Southern France and securely dated in the scribal colophon at the end of part one. Liturgical manuscripts like Missals and Breviaries provide the actual texts of tralibus of permetted of constraints of the property of property of the proper

the Mass and the Divine Office. Ordinals are much less common, and instead tell how to say the Mass and the Office. Our manuscript thus includes the rules that governed the complex liturgical life of a Carthusian monastery in detail. How widely this text was disseminated within the Order remains a question for further research. [TM 1181]

\$11,000

Full description and images available online

6. Introduction to Heraldry ("Dans la Composition des Armoires..."); Armorial

In German and French, decorated manuscript on paper Germany (Nuremberg?), c. 1550 (before 1554)

16TH-CENTURY HERALDIC MANUSCRIPT: CIVIC IDENTITY IN A RENAISSANCE CITY

DESCRIPTION: 92 folios on paper, over 300 pen and ink drawings of coats of arms hand-painted in colors, some unfinished, minor stains and signs of use, small tears on ff. 77 and 80, bound in a parchment leaf reused from a 13th-century manuscript over pasteboards. Dimensions 193 x 76 mm.

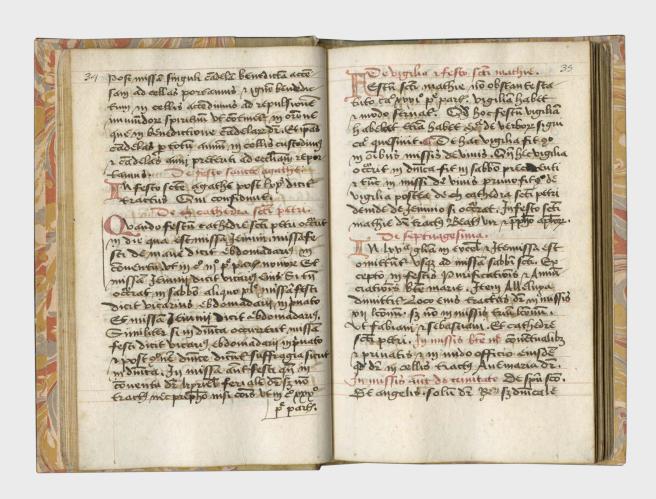
Both the non-pious content and portable wallet format of this

attractive early armorial offer a lively portrait of the original owner – a city councilman in Nuremberg – and the context in which he created and used it. Containing over three hundred hand-painted arms, including some examples that are otherwise unrecorded, and written in easily accessible German and French, instead of Latin, this captivating physical object provides a glimpse into the non-noble social strata of a vibrant Renaissance city in a transformative epoch, when the middle classes found new ways to forge their identities. [TM 1209]



16TH-CENTURY MONASTIC MANUSCRIPT





 $[5. \sim TM \ 1181]$

16TH-CENTURY HERALDIC MANUSCRIPT: CIVIC IDENTITY IN A RENAISSANCE CITY



[6. ~ TM 1209]

[Jesuit Spiritual Manual] Considerationes utilissima ad sui ipsius et aliorum cognitionem acquirendam (Very Useful Considerations to Acquire Knowledge of Oneself and of Others)

In Latin, manuscript on paper Northern France, Normandy, c. 1615-1625 (after 1615)

UNPUBLISHED PERSONAL MANUSCRIPT FROM THE EARLY 17TH CENTURY

DESCRIPTION: 130 folios on paper, parchment flyleaves (15th-century notarial document), complete, contemporary parchment binding. Dimensions 145 x 95 mm.



A lengthy collection of writings relevant to the religious life compiled by a Jesuit, or perhaps someone studying at a Jesuit college, likely as a personal guide to spiritual growth. Copied in a careful, very legible, script, this manuscript – unstudied and very likely unique – is an important new source for Jesuit spirituality in the early seventeenth century, which warrants careful study. [TM 1203]

\$7.000

Full description and images available online

8.

Lo Statuto della Compagnia del Santissimo Sagramento in S. Nicolò dei Perfetti (Statutes of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Sacrament)

In Italian and Latin, decorated manuscript on parchment Italy (Rome), c.1736-1745

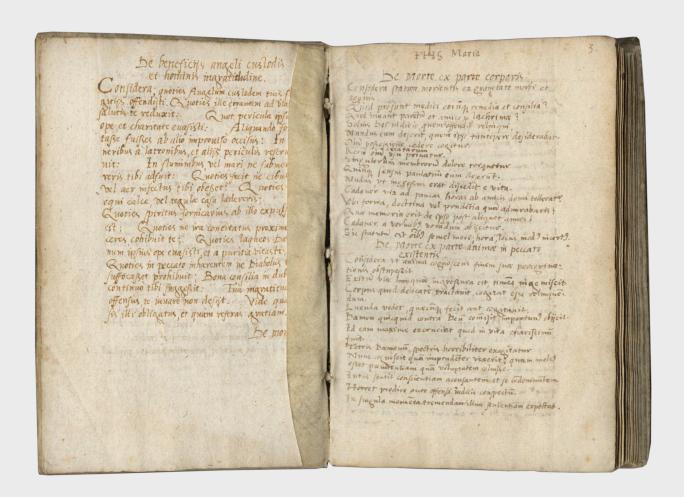
Unpublished corporate 18th-century manuscript in a formal, decorated copy

DESCRIPTION: 27 folios on parchment, complete, full decorative borders drawn in black ink throughout, decorated initials, and decorative tail pieces slight darkening to edges, original quarter leather binding, first quire loosened from bottom cord. Dimensions 231 x 167 mm.

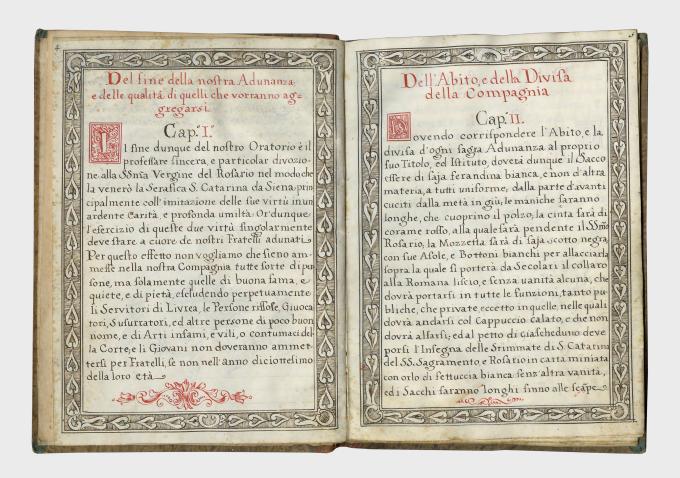


To our knowledge, this is the only surviving manuscript of the unedited and unprinted statutes of the Confraternity of the Holy Sacrament of S. Nicolò dei Perfetti in Rome, bringing to life the social, cultural, and religious values of a lay confraternity. This carefully written and decorated manuscript illustrates the interesting continuation of manuscript culture (in this case clearly influenced by the aesthetics of contemporary printed volumes) in the eighteenth century. [TM 1093]

UNPUBLISHED PERSONAL MANUSCRIPT FROM THE EARLY 17TH CENTURY



UNPUBLISHED CORPORATE 18TH-CENTURY MAN SCRIPT IN A FORMAL, DECORATED COPY



[8. ∼ TM 1093

Album Amicorum of Johann Heinrich Hahn from Heidelberg

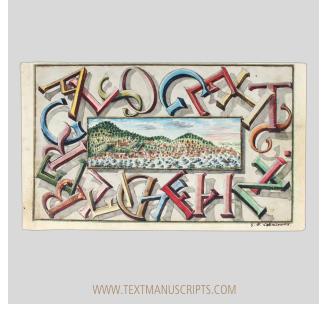
In German, with single entries in French and English, illustrated manuscript on paper

Western Germany (Heidelberg, Landau, Mannheim, Strasbourg [modern France], Frankfurt), 1784-1792

SOCIAL MEDIA IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY: ILLUSTRATED AUTOGRAPH ALBUM

DESCRIPTION: 97 folios on paper, 8 watercolor illustrations, 4 silhouettes, one gouache on parchment, one engraving, loose sheets and quires kept in the original gold-tooled leather cassette. Dimensions 107 x 180 mm.

Alba amicorum or friendship albums are antecedents to today's social networking sites. This example belonged to a



Heidelberg businessman, who collected remembrances from his large entourage, which included many important merchant families. Sometimes recording important events, our album cites the flood of Heidelberg in 1784, one of the greatest natural disasters of the Early Modern period in Central Europe, memorialized here with both a poem and watercolor illustration. Five entries include silhouette portraits, pictorial tokens of friendship fashionable in the eighteenth century. The manuscript survives with its original leather case, decorated with fine gold-tooling. [TM 1123]

\$9,500

Full description, images and video available online

10.

Boxed set of drawings medieval and post-medieval art

In French, manuscript drawings on paper, one illuminated leaf on parchment

France (Paris), c. 1875-1910(?)

Manuscripts in the modern age: the love of the medieval in 19th-century France

DESCRIPTION: 184 leaves filled with pen and ink drawings in black ink, some hand-colored with colored pencils, and one parchment leaf illuminated in colors and liquid gold and silver, three notebooks and loose leaves housed in a modern custom-made cloth case. Dimensions, paper leaves: c. 298 x 200 mm.; parchment leaf: 297 x 180 mm.

This remarkable collection of hundreds of drawings consti-



tutes a treasure trove for the study of the reception of medieval art in the nineteenth century. Perhaps a preparatory set of designs for one of the many publications on medieval art of the period (although we have not been able to identify it or the artist), these drawings reflect the revival of interest in manuscript illumination that finds expression in the work of Henry Shaw and J. W. Bradley in England and Ernst Guillot and Auguste Racinet in France, among many others. Publication of magazines such as l'Enluminure in France further fueled the fascination of amateurs and professionals alike for illumination. [TM 1127]

SOCIAL MEDIA IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY: ILLUSTRATED AUTOGRAPH ALBUM





[**9.** ~ TM 1123]

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MANUSCRIPTS IN THE MODERN AGE: THE LOVE OF THE MEDIEVAL IN 19TH-CENTURY FRANCE



[**10**. ~ TM 1127]

Two presentation booklets for HEINRICH CONRIED, one by AMES AND ROLLINSON, designers and illuminators

In German and English, two volumes, illuminated manuscripts on paper and parchment New York City, 1898 and 1908

MANUSCRIPTS IN THE MODERN AGE: ILLUMINATED MANUSCRIPTS IN THE UNITED STATES

DESCRIPTION: 2 vols., (1) in German, 12 folios on paper, 5 watercolor illuminated calligraphic texts; (2) in English, 6 folios on parchment leaves, 3 illuminated folios, both in original bindings. Dimensions (1) 285 x 215 mm.; (2) 340 x 265 mm.



Extensively autographed and illuminated booklets made for presentation to Heinrich Conried (1855-1909). The first (1898) signals his twenty-five years as Director of the Germania Theatre in New York, the second (1908) his retirement as Director of the Metropolitan Opera. The second volume includes illuminations of Parsifal's grail and Salome's veil; both were performed for the first time in New York under Conried's leadership; Salome, cancelled after its opening, was not performed again until 1934. [TM 1030]

\$3,500

Full description and images available online

12.

Stenciled Gradual

In Latin, decorated book on paper with musical notation Southern Netherlands (Bruges), the "English Convent," dated 1733

STENCILED BOOK: NUNS IN EXILE

DESCRIPTION: 242 folios on paper, complete, text and music stenciled in black and red inks, 12 openings with stenciled decorative elements, some small holes on initial and final leaves, minor stains, contemporary brown calf binding, leather somewhat worn, metal corner pieces and two pairs of clasps missing. Dimensions 373 x 233 mm.

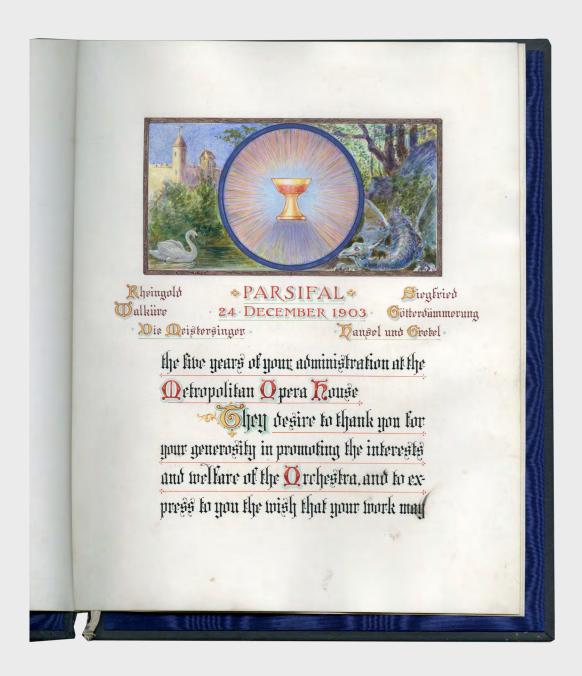


Text, music, decoration, and even page numbers of this impressive large Choir Book were all produced with stencils, a curious technology in the history of the book from the seventeenth through the nineteenth centuries. Made by and for women, the nuns of the so-called English Convent in Bruges, this dated example survives in its original binding and is adorned with particularly delightful stenciled decoration. [TM 1217]

\$15.000

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MANUSCRIPTS IN THE MODERN AGE: ILLUMINATED MANUSCRIPTS IN THE UNITED STATES



[11. ~ TM 1030]

STENCILED BOOK: NUNS IN EXILE





[**12.** ~ TM 1217]

Full description, images and video available online

Choir Book with Selected Texts for the Mass and Office

In Latin with some Italian, illuminated stenciled book on paper with musical notation Italy, late 18th-19th century(?)

STENCILED BOOK: ELEVATED WITH ILLUMINATED INITIALS

DESCRIPTION: 23 folios on paper, complete, 5 illuminated initials, original gold-tooled leather binding. Dimensions 460 x 320 mm.

Books with text made by using stencils occupy an interesting,



and relatively unstudied, mid-ground between manuscripts and printing with movable type. This is a particularly lavish example, adorned with illuminated initials, painted by hand. Further research is needed to closely date this volume, which is bound in an eighteenth-century gold-tooled armorial binding (either original with the book, or perhaps re-used for this special volume). Its contents include the Mass and Office of St. Joseph Calasanctius the founder of the Piarist Order, who was canonized in 1767. [TM 994]

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STENCILED BOOK: ELEVATED WITH ILLUMINATED INITIALS





[**12.** ~ TM 994]

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