Collection of illuminated manuscript leaves, circa 1100-1599.

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Collection of illuminated manuscript leaves, circa 1100-1599.
Call Number: Record Group No. 020-2
Extent: .7 cubic feet (2 boxes)
Abstract: Consists of individual illuminated manuscript leaves dating from the 12th through 15th centuries.
Language: Materials in Latin, French, and Dutch.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access
Unrestricted access.

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Other collections in this repository containing illuminated manuscripts include MSS 035, MSS 086, MSS 161, and MSS 370.

Citation
[after identification of item(s)], Collection of illuminated manuscript leaves, RG 020-2, Archives and Manuscript Dept., Pitts Theology Library, Emory University.

Processing
Processed by Nancy H. Watkins, December 1996; Brandon Wason, August 2018.
Collection Description

Scope and Content Note
This collection of individual leaves taken from illuminated manuscripts represents works created from the 12th through 15th centuries. The bulk of the collection consists of leaves from various Books of Hours (books with prayers for private devotions) written in Latin or Dutch. Also included are single leaves from Bibles, a Dutch religious calendar, a French epistolary, and a book of homilies by St. Augustine. There is also a illuminated miniature of St. Peter.


Arrangement Note
Arranged by title.
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| 1   | 1      | Bible: 1 Kings. Vellum leaf, circa 1220. [View Image](#)  
The leaf contains a illuminated zoomorphic initial “F” with a long marginal extender. There is also a decorated letter beginning the first chapter of 1 Kings (1 Samuel). Measures 151mm x 200mm. |
| 1   | 8      | Bible: Matthew 2 and Luke 1. Two vellum leaves, circa 1200s. [View Image](#)  
Two leaves with decorative initial letters in gold and tempera. The leaves contain biblical texts: Matthew 2:1-11 and Luke 1:46-55. They measure 100mm x 146mm. |
| 1   | 9      | Bible: Matthew 5–7. Vellum leaf, circa 1240. [View Image](#)  
The leaf contains 50 lines of text in Gothic script. Measures 140mm x 190mm. |
| 2   | 2      | Book of Hours, Dutch (Delft). Vellum leaf, circa 1475. [View Image](#)  
The leaf includes fully illuminated and historiated border of red and blue inks and an eight-line historiated initial “0”. Book dealer identification marker is VM 6223. Pitts accession number is 89-186. Measures 126mm x 176mm. |
The recto and verso have decorated borders; the recto contains a six-line historiated initial “S” depicting the head of Christ, the symbol of the “agnus dei” (lamb of God) in the margin, and two two-line decorated initials all in red and blue inks. Book dealer identification marker is VM 2219. Pitts accession number is 89-184. Measures 125mm x 180mm. |
The recto and verso have decorated borders, two- and five-line decorated initials, and an angel in the margin of the recto showing wounds on his hands and feet all in red and blue inks. Book dealer identification marker is VM 2221. Pitts accession number is 89-183. Measures 124mm x 179mm. |
| 1   | 6      | Book of Hours, Latin (France, Rouen). Vellum leaf, circa 1510. [View Image](#)  
Contains 1/4 panel borders, 1-line and 2-line decorated initials, and decorated line endings all of liquid gold and tempera. Book dealer identification marker is VM 4513. Measures 130mm x 195mm. |
| 1   | 4      | Book of Hours, Latin (France, Rouen?), Vellum leaf. “Litany of Saints,” late fifteenth century. |
The leaf contains 1/4 panel borders of flowers and tree trunks in liquid gold and tempera. Book dealer identification marker is VM 4498.

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Calendar, Dutch (Delft). Vellum leaf, circa 1500.

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A leaf featuring a liturgical calendar, in Dutch. Executed in the Netherlands, probably in Holland. Contains decorative text, initial letters, and three-sided border all in red and blue inks. Book dealer identification marker is VM 5191. Pitts accession number is 88-085. Measures 125mm x 175mm.

Epistolary, French [Matthew 27:60-64], circa 1550.

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Measures 189mm x 262mm.

Liturgical prayers leaf, Latin, undated.

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Measures 143mm x 197mm.

St. Augustine, In Evangelium Iohannis tractatus, homilies XXV-XXVI, Latin, circa 1100s.

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Measures 310mm x 437mm.

St. Peter Miniature portrayed with a model city, circa 1240.

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The figure is presented as an archbishop, likely St. Peter, and the city is possibly Bologna. Measures 77mm x 158mm.