

## Table of Contents

Acknowledgments .....	V
Introduction .....	1
The Manuscript	
<i>Jeffrey F. Hamburger</i>	
Description of the <i>Liber ordinarius</i> of Nivelles, Houghton Library, MS Lat 422 and the Date of its Decoration .....	11
<i>Albert Derolez</i>	
Codicology and Paleography of the Nivelles <i>Liber ordinarius</i> .....	15
The Context	
<i>Eva Schlotheuber</i>	
Pilgrims, the Poor, and the Powerful: The Long History of the Women of Nivelles .....	35
<i>Walter Simons</i>	
Worlds Apart? Beguine Communities of Nivelles and the Abbey of St Gertrude, from Marie d'Oignies (d. 1213) to the <i>Liber ordinarius</i> (c. 1300) .....	97
<i>Rowan Dorin</i>	
Order and Disorder: The Documentary Additions to the <i>Liber ordinarius</i> of Nivelles .....	133
The Cult	
<i>Bonnie Effros</i>	
Elizabeth de Bierbais and the Relics of Gertrude of Nivelles .....	153

*Alison I. Beach*

*Placet nobis electio*: The Election and Investiture of the Abbess  
at Fourteenth-Century Nivelles ..... 165

*Margot Fassler*

Liturgical History and Hagiography as Reflected in the Ordinal  
of Nivelles, with Emphasis on the Cult of St Gertrude ..... 175

## The Liturgy

*Louis van Tongeren*

Holy Week in Nivelles ..... 239

*Charles Caspers*

On the Road: The Processions of the Canonesses of Nivelles and their  
Attitude towards the Outside World (c. 1350) ..... 255

## The Architecture

*Klaus-Gereon Beuckers*

The Abbey Church of St Gertrude in Nivelles: Observations regarding  
its Architectural Disposition ..... 279

*Andreas Odenthal*

*Maiorem ecclesiam esse matrem omnium ecclesiarum totius villae*:  
On the Sacral Topography of Nivelles based on the *Liber ordinarius* ..... 313

## The Documents – Edition, Commentary, and Translation

*Thomas Forrest Kelly*

Personnel of the Church of Nivelles as seen in the *Liber ordinarius* ..... 341

*Virginie Greene*

The French of Nivelles: A Vernacular Legalese in the Making ..... 359

*Hannah Weaver*

Note on the Language of the Documents Pertaining to the  
Abbey of Nivelles ..... 379

*Eva Schlotheuber and Jeffrey F. Hamburger*

Document Edition and Translation ..... 380

*Table of Contents*

IX

Abbreviations .....	447
Bibliography .....	449
Color Plates .....	485
Index of Names .....	503
Index of Places .....	509