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Paulus van Middelburg

1445 - 1534

Paolo di Middelburg

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Introduction





MIDDELSBURG . PANORAMA.







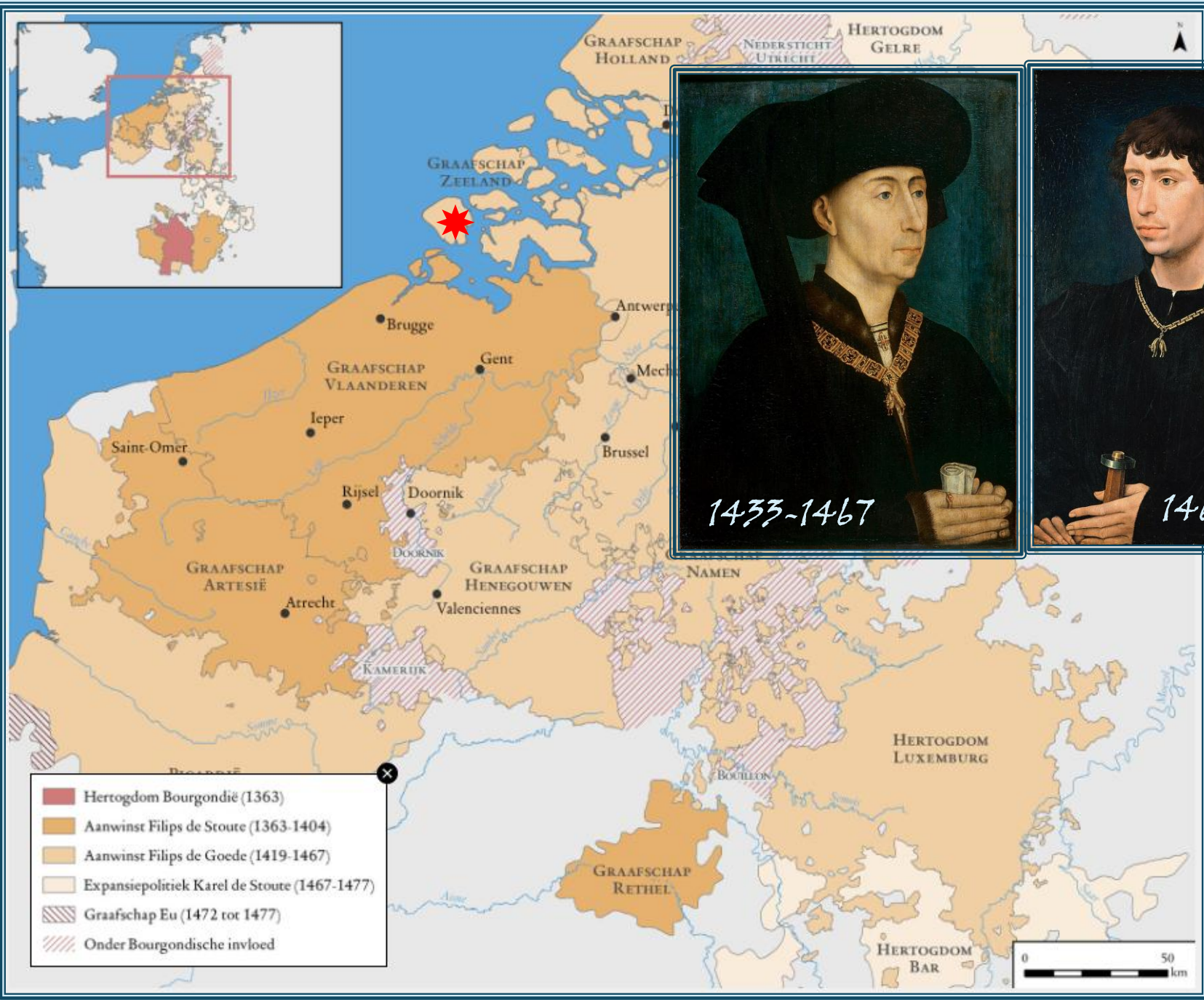
Late Gothic town Hall
of Middelburg

First brick laid on
April 21st 1452



The Low countries in the 15th century





*Philip the Good
Charles the Bold
Maria of Burgundy*



1501





Paul's leave for Bruges ca 1457 aged 10 years old









Madonna with child

Michelangelo Buonarroti

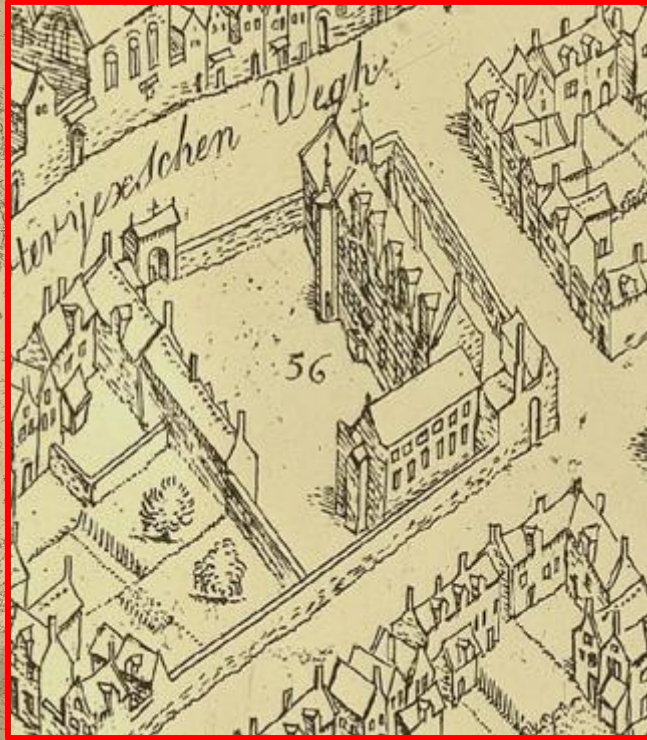
*Bought in 1503 by merchants in
Bruges, Jan en Alexander van
Moeskroen*

*Said to be the only sculpture of
Michelangelo that ever left Italy*

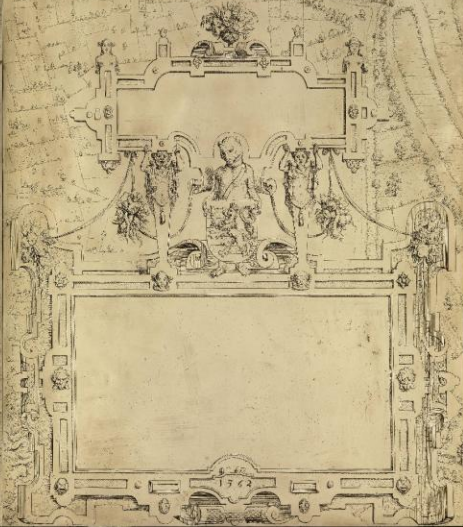


His education in the Middle ages



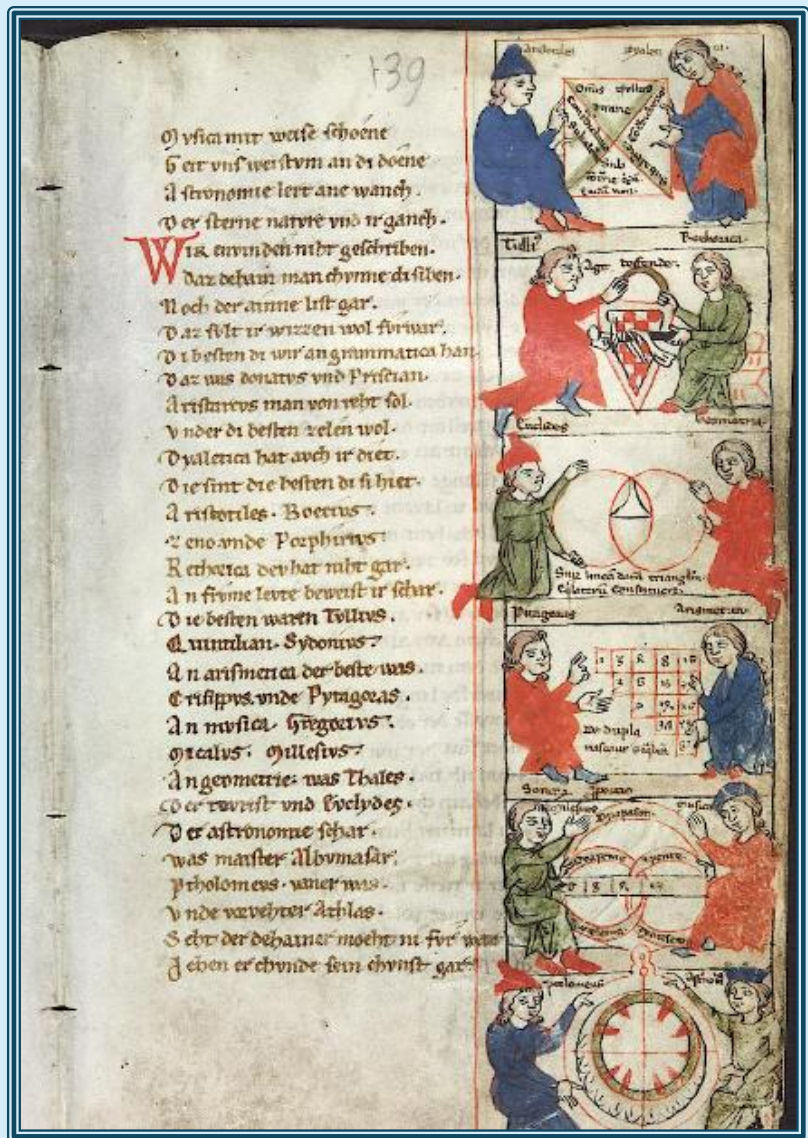
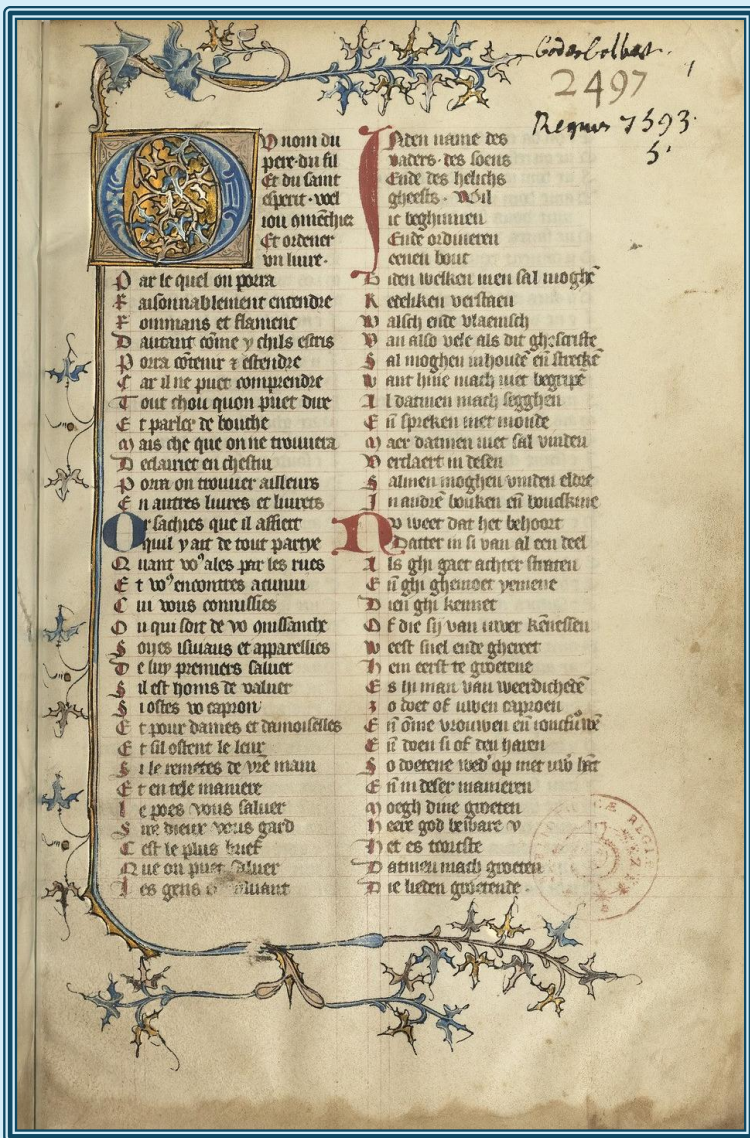


ANNOY
SIXTANDEZIES
A
B
C
D
E
F



REVTEBINA ANPESANCO
DIPANT DIMPENY BOEAL
SACRVS GRANDVS PRVIV
ET SVPVOR DEBLOBAT





14 & 15th century textbooks





L O V A N I V M Brabantiarum
urbium caput vnica Musaru
ac presantissimarum artium
sedes optantissimumque domiciliu





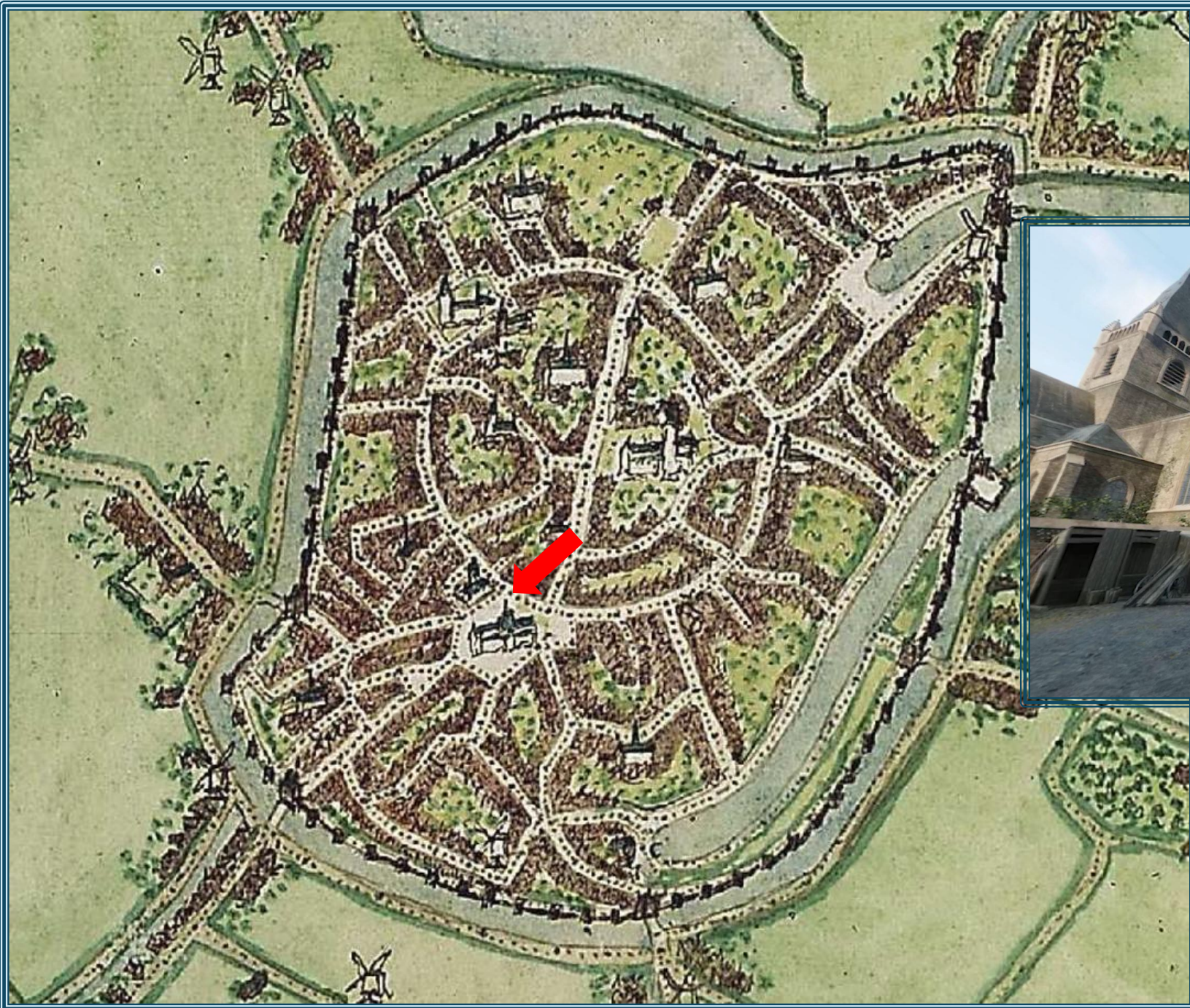
April 6 - 1467

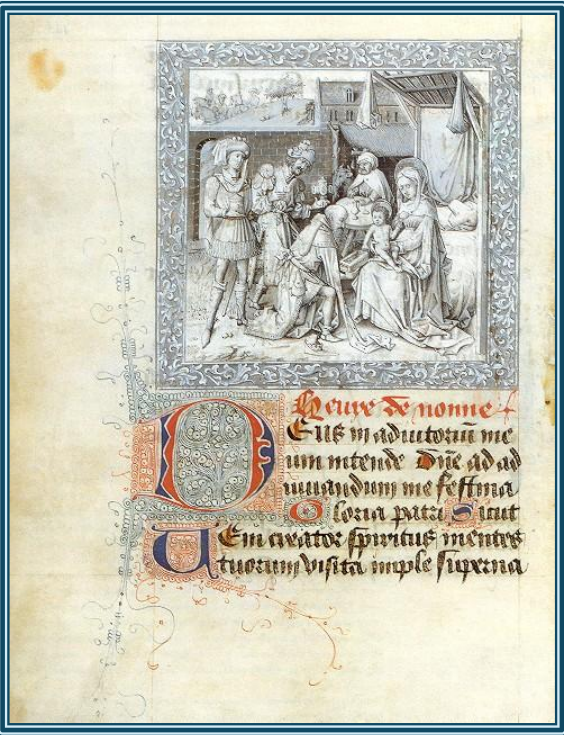


Middelburg

and his departure for Italy



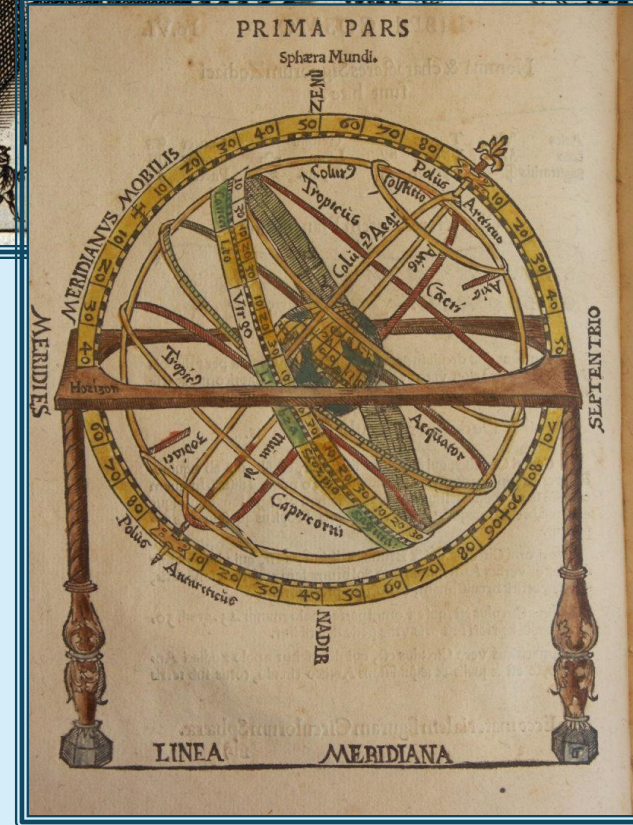
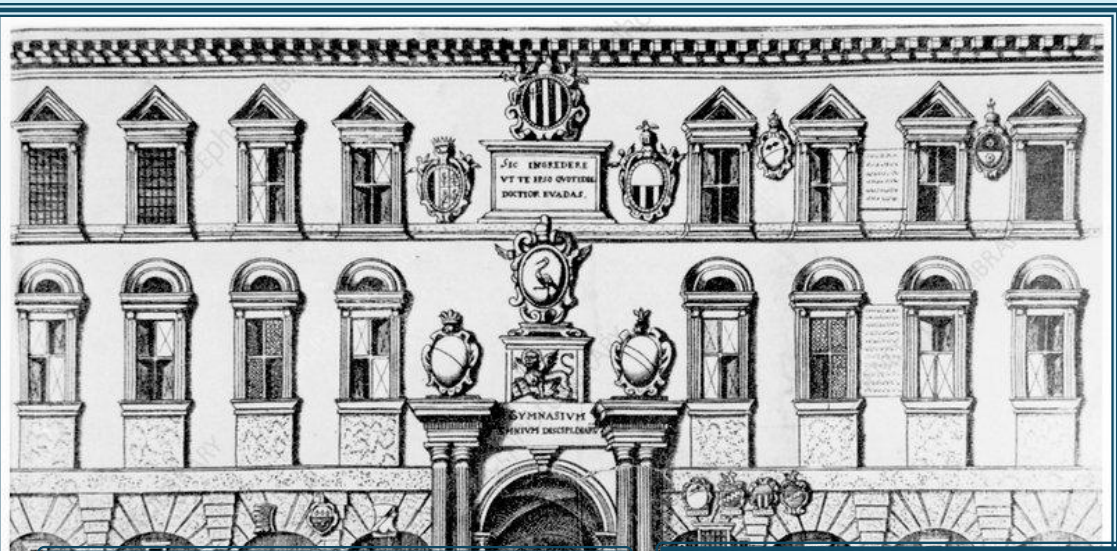






1479





Life, work and worship in Italy

with a temporary return to Middelburg





Earl Octovianus ubaldi

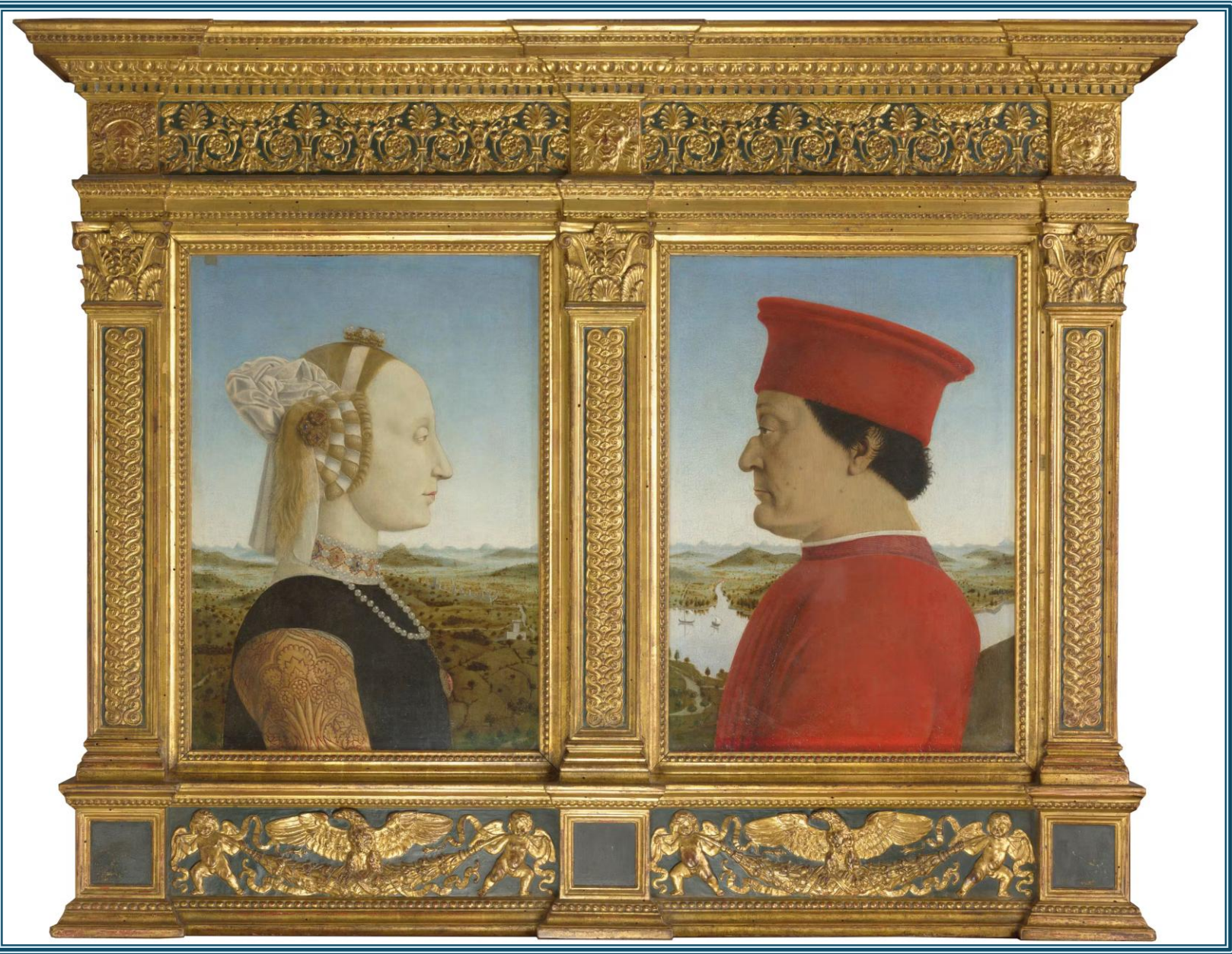
Ca. sept 10 - 1479



Guido da Montefeltro



Ca. 1480



Frederico de Montefeltro







Ad Sanctissimum Dominum nostrum Pontificem max-
imum Clementem septimum Pauli de Midd-
elburgo dei apostolice sedis gratia. Episcopi Foro-
sempontensis prognosticū q̄ per eductio-
nes omnium planetarū in signo pisciū se-
quenti anno futuras nullū signi-
ficat diluuiū neq; vniuer-
sale neq; provinciale.



A multo annis Beatissime Pater ferlatus sum
& abstinui a prognosticis edēdis: melioribus stu-
diis occupatus: sed quia his diebus ex astrologo-
rum vaticiniis rumor increbruit maximus & in-
gentissimus fore diluuium & quasi huius quarte
septentrionalis quā christianij inhabitant destruc-
tioni: quodq; multas regiones annihilabit quin-
nimmo Angliam maximam europae insulam mariobruendam en-
clauerunt & non solum insularis & maritimus hac decliuora loca co-
lentibus: verū etiā vrbibus peruisis in montibus ha-
bitantibus minati sunt: multas quoq; & ciuitates tremotu peritu-
A

Prognosticum R. p. d. Pauli de Midd-
elburgo Episcopi Forosempontensis,
ostendens Anno. M. D. XXI.
nullum neq; vniuersale neq;
provinciale diluuium futu-
rum. S. dño nostro Cle-
menti Pape. vii.
dicatum.

D



1525.

PROGNOSTICVM R. P. D. PAV-
li de Middelburgo Episcopi Forosempro-
nensis, ostendens Anno. M. D. XX
III. nullū, neq; uniuersale neq;
provinciale, diluuiū fu-
turum. S. domino
nostro Clemen-
ti Pape.
vij. dicatum.

17

Pariser VI, 764, 220,



Res. 187^e

Epistola Apologetica magistri Pauli de
Middelburgo ad doctores Louanienses .



Vale. Ex middel/
burgo quarto kalēdas martias anno dñi millesimo
quadringentesimo octuagesimo octauo.

*Farewell to Middelburg on the fourth of
March of the year thousand fourhundred
eightyeight*

bar /
bara zelandie isula ⁊ si fas sit dicere veruecū i patria
aut cerdonū regione nati i q̄ ebrietas sola vt virtus
sūma laudat

The barbaric island of Zelandie



Lovain 1488



mercatorum assumptum esse suppositum / quod tanquam membrum
putridum (iuxta euangelicam doctrinam) ab universitate
te rescindendum esset christo salvatore precipiente si pes tuus
scandalizaverit te abscinde eum et proice eum abs te. imo a
pueris qui prima artis rudimenta didicerunt hic noster
sycophanta explendus esset. sed de hac epistola tam
luculenter scripta tamque exacte composita in fine lati-
tius scribemus.

Exordiamur nunc calumnie originem et propagationem
Nam superioribus diebus cum inter nonnullos celeberrimos
sacre theologie professores dominum Johannem de arundine
episcopum Wobitensem et suffraganeum traiecerem. Dominum
Johannem de westcappel abbatem middelburgensem Magistram Jacobum hontenisse Magistram Cornelium
cloetinghe / ac alios complures doctissimos viros de
paschate observando / de die passionis et mora christi in
sepulchro / sermo iciderit. et quilibet assidentium (ut fi-
eri solet) quod sibi probabile visum fuit raderit. fieri
non poterat quin ego (qui errorem in paschate (si
fas sit dicere) aut saltem in luna paschali sepe numero
adverti) explicarem tandem ea que a sanctis patribus non
solum romanis pontificibus sed et ab hierosolomitans
alexandrinis constantinopolitanis et antiochenis ponti-
ficibus et patriarchis statuta / ac per plura asie affrice et eu-
rope consilia confirmata / ac tandem per nicenum illud celeberrimum
consilium centum decem et octo episcoporum consensu diffi-
nita / ac demum inter sacrosanctas ecclesie sanctiones de
consecratione distinctione tertia annumerata operi. arbitra-
tus ea necdum rata esse et firma verum etiam ab omnibus christi-
anis sub anathematis pena observanda videlicet ut

Johannem de westcappel abbatem middelburgensem

Jacobum hontenisse

Cornelium cloetinghe



De abten van de norbertijner abdij te Middelburg

Albold	1123-1130
Wouter	1147-1153
Manekin	1156 1157
Goszelm	1189
Gilibert	>1208
Arnoud	1208
Pieter	1211-1214
Gillis	1225
Dietbold	1231-1235
Bartholomeus	1239-1244
Nicolaas	1246-1302
Hugo	1304-1307
Hendrik	1307-1318
Nicolaas van Gent	1319-1327
Olivier	1328-1337
Wouter van Zanddijk	1338-1345
Jan van der Goes	1348-1358
Pieter Hoek	1358-1366
Hendrik Braam	1373-1384
Hugo Bose	1385-1390
Willem van der Does	1390-1405
Wigger Gerardijns	1405-1420
Jan Zwaan	1422-1423
Nicolaas van der Coulster	1426-1438
Pieter van den Dam	1438-1438
Jan van 's-Gravenzande	1438-1438
<u>Jan van Westkapelle</u>	
Pieter van der Kapelle	1499-1518
Maximiliaan van Bourgondië	1518-1536
Cornelis van der Goes	1536-1539
Floris van Schoonhoven	1539-1549
Mathijs van Heeswijk	1549-1559
Nicolaas van der Borch	1561-1573

Jan van Westkapelle

1484-1499



July 30 - 1494
Bishop of Fossombrone



Calendar reformation – first publication from Paulus on this matter dates from 1491

November hath xxx. dayes.

		Morning praier.		Euening praier.	
		1. Lesſo.	2. Lesſo.	1. Lesſon.	2. Lesſo.
1	Calend. All Saints.	Matth. 3	Heb. 11. 12	Matth. 6	Apo. 17.
2	iiii Do.	ecclu. 14	Luk. 18	ecclu. 10	Colo. 11.
3	iii Do.	xxi	xx	xxii	iii
4	ii Do.	xxiii	xx	xx	iiii
5	Nonas. Papists con.	xx	xxi	xxi	i. thes. 1.
6	iiii Id.	xxii	xxii	xxiii	ii
7	iii Id.	xxiiii	xxiii	xxv	iii
8	ii Id.	xxvii	xxiiii	xxviii	iiii
9	Id.	xxix	John. 1.	xx	v
10	iiii Id.	xxxi	ii	xxii	vi
11	iii Id.	xxiiii	iii	xxiiii	vii
12	ii Id.	xxv	iiii	xxv	viii
13	Idas. Witte.	xxvii	v	xxviii	ix
14	iiii Id.	xxix	vi	xx	x
15	iii Id.	xxxi	vii	xxi	xi
16	ii Id.	xxiiii	viii	xxii	xii
17	Id.	xxvii	ix	xxiii	xiii
18	iiii Id.	xxvii	x	xxiiii	xiiii
19	iii Id.	xxix	xi	xxv	xv
20	ii Id.	xxxi	xii	xxvi	xvi
21	Id.	Baru. 2	xiii	xxvii	xvii
22	iiii Id.	Baru. 1	xiiii	xxviii	xviii
23	iii Id.	Baru. 2	xv	xxix	xix
24	ii Id.	Baru. 2	xvi	xxx	xx
25	Id.	Baru. 2	xvii	xxxi	xxi
26	iiii Id.	Baru. 2	xviii	xxxii	xxii
27	iii Id.	Baru. 2	xix	xxxiii	xxiii
28	ii Id.	Baru. 2	xx	xxxiiii	xxiiii
29	Id.	Baru. 2	xxi	xxxv	xxv
30	iiii Id.	Baru. 2	xxii	xxxvi	xxvi

Note that the beginning of the xxvi. Chap. of Eccles. (vnto ver. 6. But a grieue of heart, &c. must be read with the 25. Chap)

Note that the 46. Chapter of Ecclesiasticus is to be read vnto these wordes, And after his death, &c.

Old roman calendar based on lead time of the moon that makes a year consist of 365 days

The Julian calendar calculated with the lead time of the sun.

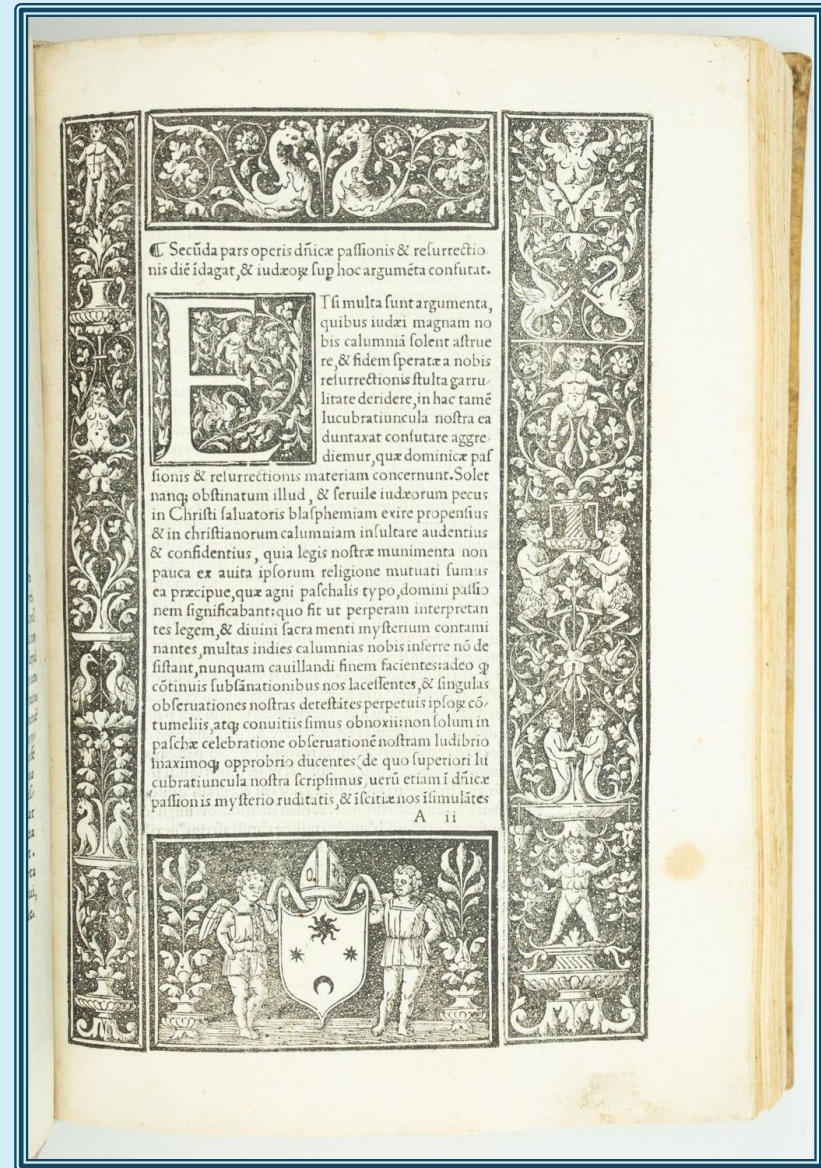
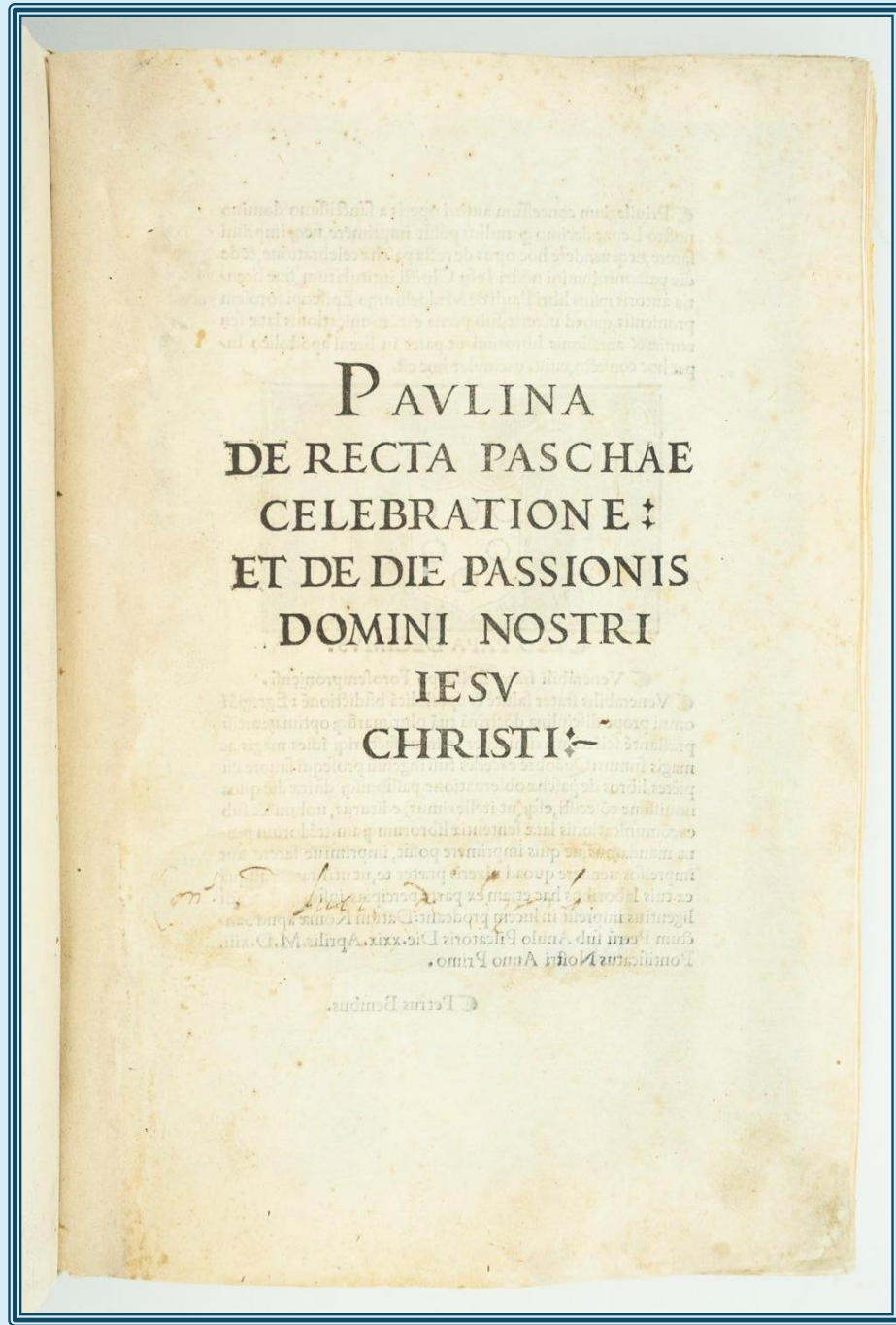
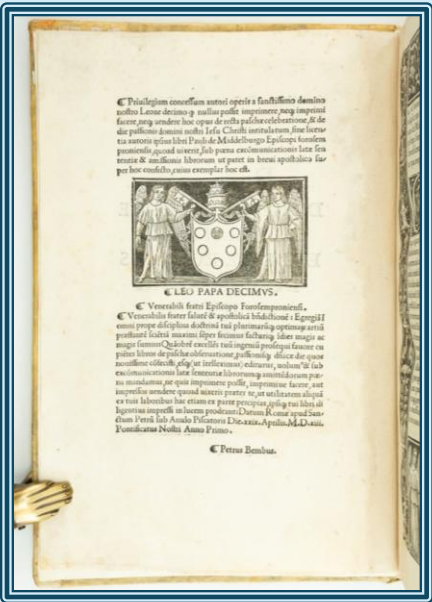
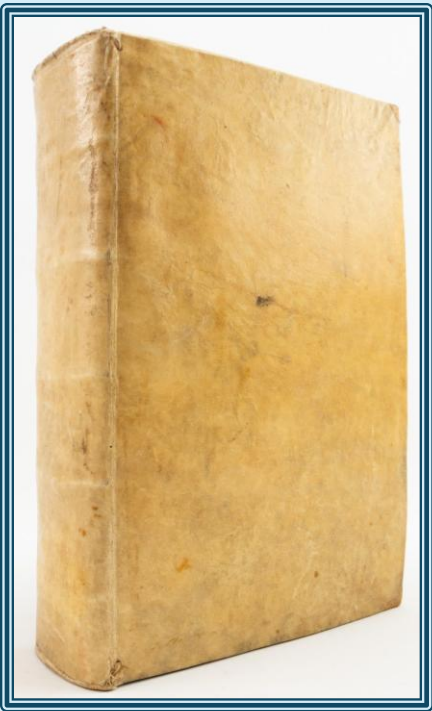
To bring those two in line was the problem

Julius Ceasar decided a year consits of 365 1/4 day and every 4 years we 'skip' a day

New problem occurred in 325 when het Concily of Nice decided that Easter would be the first Sunday after the first full moon after or on the spring-equinoctium.

Julian calander





Juli 8 - 1513



Secundus.

Aureus numerus
cyci lunaris.
Numerus dierū
mensis.

Calendarium ro-
manum cum cy-
clo lunari Iulii
caesaris.

November

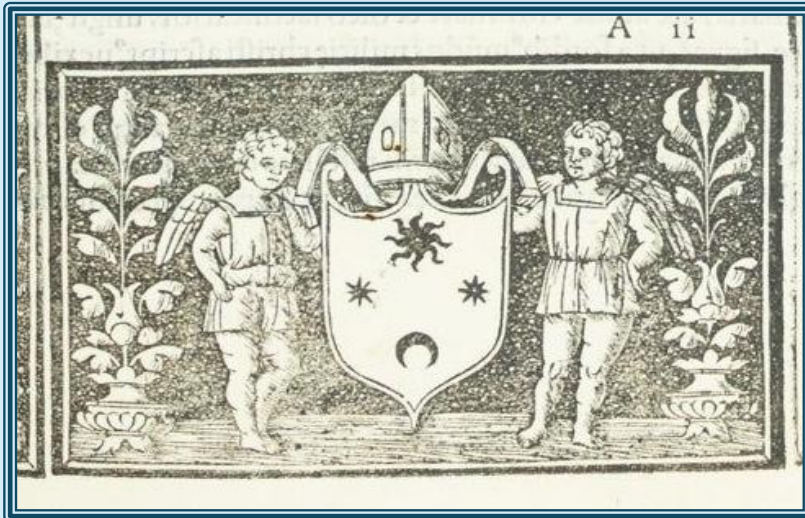
	1	d	KL
11	2	e	4 nona.
	3	f	3 nona.
19	4	g	2 nona.
8	5	A	NONAE.
	6	b	8 idus.
16	7	c	7 idus.
5	8	d	6 idus.
	9	e	5 idus.
13	10	f	4 idus.
2	11	g	3 idus.
	12	A	2 idus.
10	13	b	IDVS.
	14	c	18 kē.
18	15	d	17 kē.
7	16	e	16 kē.
	17	f	15 kē.
15	18	g	14 kē.
4	19	A	13 kē.
	20	b	12 kē.
12	21	c	11 kē.
1	22	d	10 kē.
	23	e	9 kē.
9	24	f	8 kē.
	25	g	7 kē.
17	26	A	6 kē.
6	27	b	5 kē.
	28	c	4 kē.
14	29	d	3 kē.
3	30	e	2 kē.

Aureus numerus
cyci lunaris.
Numerus dierū
mensis.

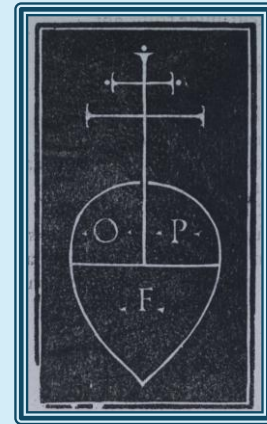
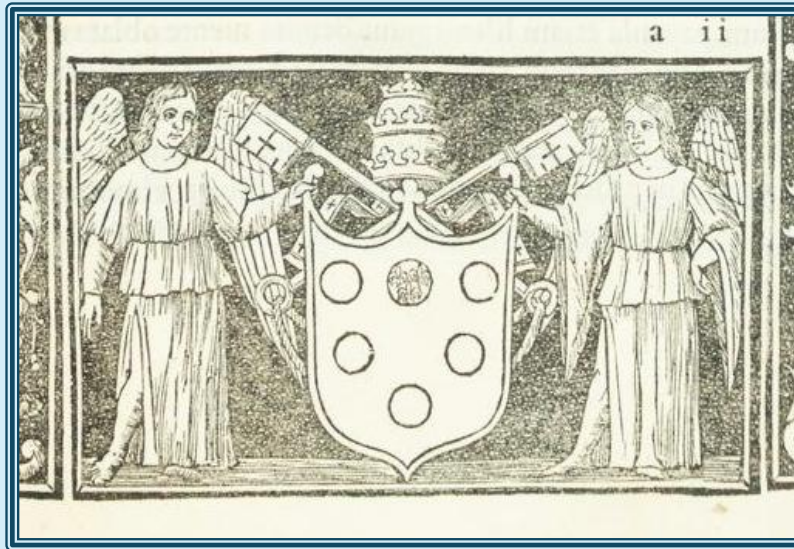
December

	1	f	KL
	2	g	4 nona.
19	3	A	3 nona.
8	4	b	2 nona.
	5	c	NONAE.
16	6	d	8 idus.
5	7	e	7 idus.
	8	f	6 idus.
13	9	g	5 idus.
2	10	A	4 idus.
	11	b	3 idus.
10	12	c	2 idus.
	13	d	IDVS.
18	14	e	19 kē.
7	15	f	18 kē.
	16	g	17 kē.
15	17	A	16 kē.
4	18	b	15 kē.
	19	c	14 kē.
12	20	d	13 kē.
1	21	e	12 kē.
	22	f	11 kē.
9	23	g	10 kē.
	24	A	9 kē.
17	25	b	8 kē.
6	26	c	7 kē.
	27	d	6 kē.
14	28	e	5 kē.
3	29	f	4 kē.
	30	g	3 kē.
	31	A	2 kē.

Pope LEO X



Paulus de Middelburgo



Lateran Council 1511 – 1517 Paulus was given an important role by Pope Leo X concerning the calendar reformation



Pope Leo X



Pope Gregorius III – Gregorian Calendar adopted October 4 -1582



1533 Pope Paulus III Farnese called Paulus van Middelburg to Rome



PAULO Antistiti Foro-Sempronienſi
à Middelburgo,
inſigni inferioris Germaniæ opido,
Viro liberalium artium diſciplinis
pietate animique moderatione
longe omnibus antefeſcendo,
ab JULIO II. & LEONE X. Pont. Max.
ad præſidendum Lateranenſi Concilio
electo & evocato,
vitæ ſue curriculo annorum LXXXIX.
in gloria exacto, reſtitutaque DEO Romæ
inter ceremonias Eccleſiaſticas divina ſui parte,
PETRUS VORSTIUS Episcopus Aquenſis,
Referendarius & S. Rotæ locum tenens,
& FRIDERICUS Calvarius utriuſque cenſuræ
Doctör & Eques,
executores Poſſ.
Obiit XIX. Kal. Januarii, anno ſalutis MDXXXIV.

† December 14 - 1534

Epitaph



Grazie per l'attenzione



Thank you for your attention