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- A thesaurus realised by a team of specialists aims at reproducing according to an outline hierarchized into four levels, the nature of the documentary sources offered by these registers, in a sense serving as an index of subject matter raisonné

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### Content

In the present version, the database contains the following material:	
) the Registers of Martin IV (1281-1285)	NEW
) the Registers of Honorius IV (1285-1287)	NEW
) the Registers of Nicholas IV (1288-1292)	NEW
he Registers of Boniface VIII (1295-1303)	NEW
he Registers of Benedict XI (1303-1304)	NEW
) the <i>litterae communes</i> and curial letters of Clement V (1305-1314)	
) the <i>litterae communes</i> and curial letters of John XXII (1316-1334)	
) the <i>litterae secretae</i> and (French) curial letters of John XXII (1316-1334)	
) the <i>litterae communes</i> and curial letters of Benedict XII (1334-1342)	
) the <i>litterae secretae</i> and (French and foreign) curial letters of Benedict XII (1334-1342)	
) the <i>litterae secretae</i> and (French and foreign) curial letters of Clement VI (1342-1352)	
) the <i>litterae secretae</i> and (French and foreign) curial letters of Innocent VI (1352-1362),	
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) the <i>litterae secretae</i> and (French and foreign) curial letters of Gregory XI (1371-1378)	
) the <i>Litterae communes</i> of the five first years of the pontificate of Grégoire XI (1371-1375)	NEW

The current documents present, beyond the analyses, the actual editions of numerous letters.

Any errors that have been identified in the analyses of the original publication have been corrected. The data presented is an improvement on what is found in the printed editions.

The present version of the database contains more than 220,000 documents, all categories included.

The forthcoming updates will includes the papal registers of Nicolas III, John XXI, Gregory X et Clement IV (thirteenth century) and documents of Alexander IV, Urban IV, Innocent IV, Gregory IX et Honorius III.

### Unpublished material:



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Furthermore, unpublished material has been included in the database (*litterae communes* of Gregory XI from 1371 to 1375 and the registers of petitions of Urbain V). This part of the database represents more than 62,000 documents.

### A research tool

*Ut per litteras apostolicas* provides online the complete collection of papal letters from the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. But it is the possibility of searching such a resource with powerful software which makes this database so useful. As a result, a documentary source which has been underexploited, or even unexploited, can now be studied. The international community of medievalists will, for the first time, now be able to draw properly on this rich body of material.

### Search possibilities

This database of papal registers, *Ut per litteras apostolicas*, provides both more extensive and more intensive searching than has hitherto been possible from the conventional printed publications.

In particular, the user can undertake a search either on the entire database of all the pontificates or on one particular papacy or even a particular year of a papacy, and can refine the search according to various criteria - date, type of letter, place of issue, and so forth – within designated fields which draw their information from independent documentary sources.

It should be possible, for instance, to identify a bull according to its date of publication (both in the Latin original and its modern equivalent) or its reference number in the printed edition, to undertake a word- or name-search taking into account a large number of possible spelling variants (since the software automatically checks alternative spellings based on common variants found in medieval Latin), or to undertake a search by subject-matter (such as on religious life, or another of the subjects mentioned above).

### Characteristics of Ut per litteras apostolicas...

The search screen comprises fourteen fields:

- The reference number of the letter from the printed edition
- > The name of the pope
- The name of the author of the letter when it is not the pope himself
- Start- and end-dates of the pontificate

- > The type of letter
- > The category of chancellery
- > The place of promulgation
- > The date in the original Latin
- The date in its modern-day equivalent
- The year of the pontificate

- Chronological note
- Payments
- Analysis / Transcription
- Comments

- Linguistic or semantic analysis is also possible by analysing spelling variants, such as regional forms of forenames (for example, *Galfridus* a variant of *Gaufridus* being only found among Englishmen; or *Geraudus* instead of *Girardus* being only found in southern France)
- A hyperlink-style feature of the software further facilitates searching: many terms found in the results screens can be clicked on and made the subject of completely new searches

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*Ut per litteras apostolicas* provides access to valuable sources not only for church historians but those interested in politics, socio-economic affairs, warfare, cultural history, even the environment.



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Full screen listing search results

The search screen comprises 14 fields



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