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Annunciation of Christ's birth to the shepherds
Alexandre Huet, 1508-1522
Amiens, Cathédrale Notre-Dame
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Dear members,

In this Newsletter you will find the activities of our association and its members. Among other things, we are preparing the General Meeting for 2026 in St. Martin-aux-Bois. You will find the details of the meeting later in this newsletter.

Please remember to renew your membership for 2026 using the form on the next page.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2026.

Frédéric Billiet
Willy Piron

News from ICONOstalla Misericordia International

General Meeting ICONOstalla Misericordia International, 9-10 May 2026

Following a successful and well-organised symposium in Leuven this year, next year's General Meeting will be held in France. We will be visiting Saint-Martin-aux-Bois, which has been on our wish list for a long time, and Beauvais. The provisional programme can be found below.

Day 1 – Saint-Martin-aux-Bois (Saturday)

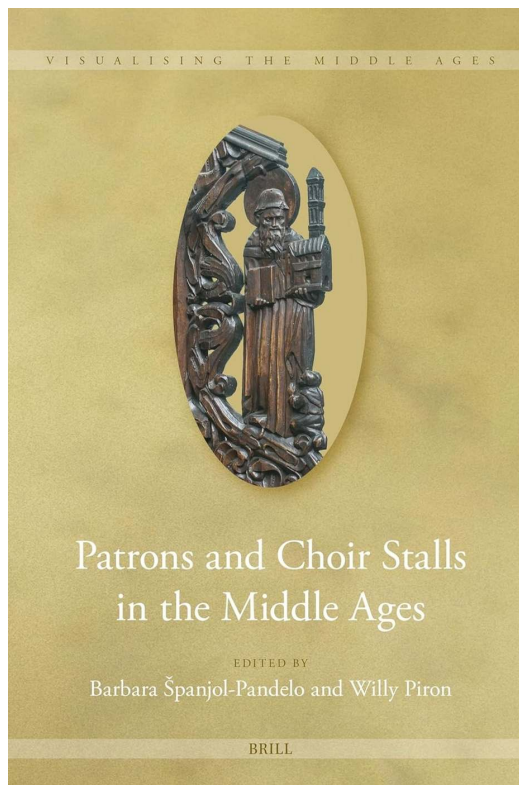
10:00 – 10:30: Arrival and welcome at Saint-Martin-aux-Bois
10:30 – 12:00: Visit of the Abbey Church and choir stalls
12:15 – 13:45: Lunch on site
14:00 – 15:00: Misericordia International General Assembly in the community hall
15:00 – 16:00: Transfer to Beauvais
16:00 – 17:30: visit church in Beauvais

Day 2 – Beauvais (Sunday)

09:30 – 12:30: Visits in Beauvais

Saint-Étienne Church (choir stalls and woodwork)
Beauvais Cathedral (famous for its Gothic architecture and astronomical clock)
Visit to the Musée de l'Oise (MUDO) — archaeology, sculpture, and regional history
12:30 – 14:00: Lunch in town (optinal)
Departure

Please let me know If you are planning to come to the General meeting. I will then send you the details of the meeting by e-mail.



Barbara Španjol-Pandelo and **Willy Piron** have published the proceedings of the Misericordia international Symposium held in Rijeka in 2018.

You can order the book [here](#).

Member's publications and activities



A new book is published on the monastery in Preetz:Beuckers, Klaus Gereon, Auge, Oliver (reds.), *Kloster Preetz zwischen Reformation und um 1800: Beiträge zu Geschichte und Kunstgeschichte*, Kiel 2025.

Anja Seliger wrote an article on transformation of the choir stalls: "Der Umbau des Preetzer Chorgestühls 1704 zu Logen, Vergleiche und Formeinordnung", S. 130-141.

Luca Evers wrote an article about the polychromy of the choir stalls in Preetz: 'Zu Programm, Vorlagen und kunsthistorischer Stellung der frühneuzeitlichen Ausmalung des Preetzer Chorgestühls', S. 103-119.

You can find more information [here](#).

On 27 and 18 november a a conference on choir stalls and screens was held this in Barcelona. We only received the information about the conference on 25 November, so unfortunately we were unable to inform you about it earlier. . The results will be published next year in a monographic issue.

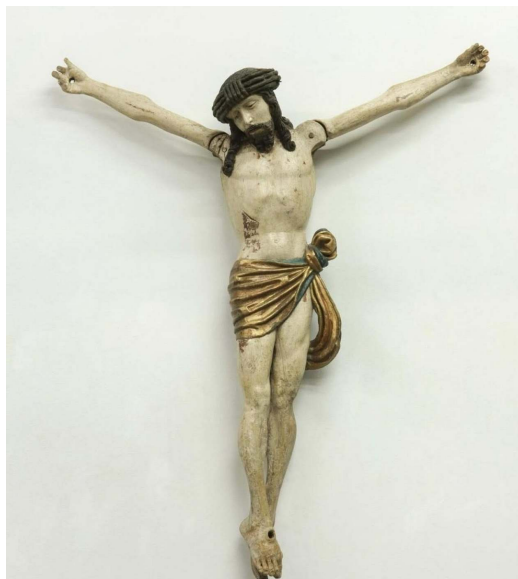
You can find the programme [here](#).

Patrick Bure would like to share the following [observations](#) on coloured choir stalls in Normandy.

Iconostalla has a new member. His name is **Michel Morice**. He is educated at the Université P et Marie Curie Paris VI and a fFormer specialist geological engineer and historical geologist (stratigraphy). He is nowadays a verger and certified guide in sacred heritage.

He published the following book : *Notre-Dame de la Tronchaye in Rochefort-en-Terre*, 2025

You can read his research on the choir stalls of Notre-Dame-de-la-Tronchaye in Rochefort-en-Terre [here](#).



Ards Expert Meeting: *Praymobil. Medieval Artworks in Motion*

On Monday, 2 March 2026, **Ards** will be partnering with the **Suermondt-Ludwig-Museum** to host an Ards Expert Meeting dedicated to the exhibition *Praymobil. Medieval Artworks in Motion* in Aachen.

For more information, click [here](#).

The [Stalla-database](#) is constantly being updated with new records and images of medieval choir stalls.

Records and images of the following stalls are entered since summer 2025 until now:

- Alpheton
- Aureil
- Bildeston

- Bridgwater
- Brundish
- Clifton Campville
- Cockfield
- Coddensham
- Colton
- Denham
- Denston
- Ecclesham
- Enville
- Farewell
- Gisors
- Kewstoke
- Middlezoy
- Nanteuil-en-Vallée
- Oulchy-le-Château
- Penkridge
- Sauveterre-de-Rouergue
- Tettenhall
- Walsall
- Wells
- Weston in Gordano

Other

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University, Institution:

Field of expertise:

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Honorary members: from € 20,-

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