DICTIONNAIRE D’HISTOIRE ET DE GÉOGRAPHIE ECCLÉSIASTIQUES

An incomparable source of information on the history of the Church

› 20 centuries of history
› About 70,000 entries and sub-entries
› Enrichment with more than 2200 biographical notes on bishops, drawn from the reference work Die Bischöfe des Heiligen Römischen Reiches

REVUE D’HISTOIRE ECCLÉSIASTIQUE: BIBLIOGRAPHIE

› The bibliography that sets the standard for the history of the church
› Over 120,000 bibliographical records searchable
› 70,000 records added annually

OpenURL – compatible «Live links» between DHGE and RHE
An encyclopaedia, a bibliography

Two unparalleled sources of information for anyone interested in the history of the Church

Two new complementary databases are now available on the BREPOLoS website: an encyclopaedia and a bibliography. The *Dictionnaire d’histoire et de géographie ecclésiastiques* (DHGE) is an unparalleled source of information for anyone interested in the history of the Church: it comprises 70,000 entries by specialists. The Bibliography of the *Revue d’histoire ecclésiastique* (RHE) is the perfect complement to the encyclopaedic information in the DHGE.

Live links have been created between *Dictionnaire d’histoire et de géographie ecclésiastiques* (DHGE) articles and the *Revue d’histoire ecclésiastique: bibliographie* (RHE).

This means that every entry in the online DHGE has a link to the corresponding bibliographic note in the RHE. Similarly, every bibliographic note in the RHE has links to the DHGE entries.
An incomparable source of information on the history of the Church

The Dictionnaire d’histoire et de géographie ecclésiastiques Online (DHGE) is an unparalleled source of information for anyone interested in the history of the Church.

It comprises a vast amount of information: **30 volumes, 70,000 entries and sub-entries**, over **50,000 columns by specialists**, aimed at an academic readership.

Every year, about 1000 articles are updated to further enrich the database.

The DHGE has a wide coverage, including all continents and the period spanning antiquity to the present day.

The Dictionnaire’s entries are divided into three distinct groups based on whether they deal with people, places or institutions.

The **people** that are included in the Dictionnaire are those who have played a role in the history of the church either through their work or their writings. Thus the reader may find out firstly about the Church’s people, i.e. the pontiff sovereigns, the cardinals, the bishops, the heads of orders, the priests and religious; then about the saints, whether martyred or not, for whom records have come down to us, and about the writers, clerks or laymen, of religious works; about converts; and finally, about heretics and schismatics.

The second type of entry in the Dictionnaire deals with the Church’s geographic history. Independently of the religious history of each country, the entries alongside the maps provide a history of the ecclesiastical provinces, i.e. the dioceses. As far as possible, a complete list of the bishops of each diocese concludes each monograph. The history and development of abbeys, priories and famous religious places can also be found in the Dictionnaire and, here also, there is a list of the abbots, priors or superiors associated with each one.

The last group are entries dedicated to the **main ecclesiastical institutions** described from a purely historical perspective.
Dictionnaire d’histoire et de géographie ecclésiastiques viewed through its entries

**History from Antiquity to 21st century:**

Abbon of Fleury; Abelard; Abgar V Oukhama; Abibo; Absalon of Lund; Acacius, Patriarch of Constantinople; Achaia; Adalberon; Adelard of Bath; the sermon of Allegiance; Alcuin; Alexander VIII; Alexis I (Comnenus); Alexis Kagane (1912-1981) Alfred (Archbishop of York); Alphonso I; Andronicus I; Boethius; Boleslas I; Carthage; Cassien, Cassiodorus; Charles of Alençon; Charles Faure (1594-1644); council of Elvira; council of Hanoi; councils of Constantinople; Corneille Adriaansen (known as Brauwer); Edward Dominic Fenwick (first bishop of Cincinnati 1768-1832); Emmaüs (Benedictine abbey at Prague); Ephesus; Ephrem Ajapahean; Erasmus; Eusebius of Caesarea; Eustathius of Antioch; Everard of Marck; Farnese (the princely Italian family); Ferdinand I of Hapsburg; Francisco Javier Alegre (Mexican Jesuit); George Abbot (Archbishop of Canterbury); Henry IV; Henri-Suso Denifle (sub-curator at the Holy See – 1844-1905); Herbold of Hungary; Ercole Consalvi; Jean Calvin; John Dalberg Acton (1834-1902); Denis-Auguste Affre; Justinian I; Michael Faulhaber (Archbishop of Munich 1917-1952); Pankratius von Dinkel (Bishop of Augsburg in the 19th century); Pierre d’Ailly; Pietro Aldobrandini (cardinal); the Investiture quarrels; Saint Arcadius; Saint Ambrose; Saint Augustine; Saint Francis of Assissi; etc.

**Five continents:**

Aalborg; Aarhus; Abbotsbury abbey; Abingdon abbey; Alcobaça abbey; Cluny abbey; Aberdeen Abolionan (Aboul-Yonan); Abyssinia; Acrasus, bishopric of Lydia; Adana; Adélaïde; Azerbaijan/Adhorbigan; Adraa (bishopric of Arabia); Aachen; Alcâia de Hênarès; Alep; Alexandria; Algarve; Algeria; Germany; Amalfi; Bolivia; Bologna; Bombay; Cambridge; Capua; Cappadocia; Carthage; Colmar; Constantinople; Cordoba; Cuzco; Dalmatia; Denmark; Dantzig/Gdansk; Egypt; Ephesus; Epirus; Equador; Spain; USA; the bishopric of Abo; Afflighem; Evora; Exeter; Fayoum; France; Gaza; Georgetown; Ghana; HaliFax; Hamilton; Hanoi; Havana; Heliopolis; Hereford; Honolulu; India; Indianapolis; Indochina; Iraq; Italy; Japan; Kagoshima; Katowice; Kenya; the monastery of Abadesas; Acre; Santiago de Cuba; etc.

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**New!**

An ideal complement to the DHGE!

**A database on the bishops of the Holy Roman Empire**

Die Bischöfe des Heiligen Römischen Reiches

More than 2000 biographies of bishops who officiated between 1198 and 1648.

In conjunction with the online publication of the Dictionnaire d’histoire et de géographie ecclésiastiques, Brepols committed itself to updating and enriching this resource. In this context, we have judged it valuable to integrate the contributions published under the title Die Bischöfe des Heiligen Römischen Reiches (© Duckler & Humboldt) into the DHGE. The notes from this biographical dictionary were all written by specialists under the direction of Erwin Gatz.

The geographical coverage is much wider than the borders of Germany, since the terms of reference are the entire Holy Roman Empire. Thus, the countries involved, in whole or in part, include Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Belgium, France, the Netherlands, the Czech Republic, Poland, and northern Italy, among others.

Starting in autumn 2009, the first volume covering the period from 1198 to 1448 will be searchable. The second volume, covering 1448-1648, will be integrated into the database shortly thereafter.

For the period 1198-1448, nearly 1200 high-quality articles on the bishops of the Holy Roman Empire are searchable. 1000 further biographical notes will be added on the bishops from the period 1448-1648.

This new database is integrated into the DHGE and is offered to subscribers to the DHGE as part of their subscription.

This database is searchable via the DHGE interface, and includes links to the other Brepols databases.
The bibliography that sets the standard for the Church's history

In conjunction with the launch of the Dictionnaire d'histoire et de géographie ecclésiastiques (DHGE), a complementary database has been added to the BREPOL’S website: the bibliography of the Revue d'histoire ecclésiastique. This bibliography is the perfect complement to the encyclopaedic information in the DHGE. These two complementary databases, the one encyclopaedic and the other bibliographical, are now available to every scholar of the Church's history regardless of their geographical location.

An outstanding feature of the RHE is its large up-to-date bibliography on religious history, which provides 7000 notes every year on the latest reviews, articles and books published. These bibliographic notes are systematically classified and each one of them is supplied with suitable key words (people, places, institutions, concepts, etc.)

Overview of dioceses covered:
Augsburg, Basel (Switzerland), Breslau (Poland), Chemnitz, Köln, Konstanz, Kulm (Poland), Lübeck, Lüttich (Belgium), Metz (France), München, Ösel (Estonia), Olmütz (Czech Republic), Pausau, Prag (Czech Republic), Reval (Estonia), Riga, Salzburg (Austria), Schleswig, Sockau (Austria), Speyer, Strasbourg (France), Trier, Triest (Trieste, Italy), Utrecht (Netherlands), etc.

Examples of bishops:
The **RHE: bibliographie** covers the literature that deals with the different aspects of the Church’s history (institutions, orders, congregations, people, hagiography, etc.). However, the bibliography does not limit itself to Church history *stricto sensu*: every theme touching Church history is covered (political history, social and economic history, archaeology, history of art, music, architecture, relations with Islam and Judaism, etc.) which makes the **RHE** a first line tool for the different disciplines.

The **RHE: bibliographie** is international. It covers publications written in Catalan, Dutch, English, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Latin, Portuguese, Romanian, Scandinavian languages, etc.

**Programme**

At present (January 2010), it is possible to consult the bibliographies from 1993 to the present day in the *Revue d’histoire ecclésiastique* online, that is about 120,000 entries in total. Every year, the updates will include both the bibliography that has appeared recently in the **RHE** (2009 - >) and the bibliography that appeared between 1900 and 1993. In total, 70,000 new records are added annually.

**Features:**

- Numerous search fields: author, title, publication language, year of publication, place, period, person, etc.
- Choice of simple or advanced search
- Auto-complete function
- Automatic counting of number of responses for each search term
- Several export formats (EndNote, RefWorks, Microsoft Office Word)
- Multi-lingual interface and indexes (English, French, German, Italian, Spanish)
- Use of Boolean and truncation operators
- Compatible with OpenURL, facilitating linkage to full text

In parallel to this version, there is a ‘basic’ version that is available to **RHE** subscribers. This ‘basic’ version has fewer search options and only covers the bibliography published after 2002 (equal to about 35,000 entries).

**Target audience:**

Historians (Late Antiquity, Medieval History, Early Modern History, Modern and Contemporary History), Philosophers, Theologians, etc.

**Numerous search options**

The interface and search engine are identical to those used by other BREPOLS bibliographical databases which allow detailed searching. The database is also compatible with OpenURL and contains direct links to the **DHGE**.
The best international church-historical journal is Revue d’Histoire Ecclésiastique, which, like Ephemerides, is published at Louvain. [...] It is the bibliographical breadth of the Revue, however, that is stunning. It does far more than any other journal with reviewing research, including work in progress at various universities in Europe. It reviews articles and frequently offers critiques; and it reviews a greater number of books than any other journal of church history. It is therefore the standard work, although written in foreign languages, for virtually all scholars working in church history.


“Dort wo germanische und romanische Kultur aufeinanderstossen, in der Vergangenheit bis zur Gewalt, nämlich im belgischen Löwen/Louvain, erscheint die grosse internationale kirchenhistorische Zeitschrift, die "Revue d’histoire ecclésiastique" (RHE). Zwischen den blass-madonnenblauen, lap­­pigen, typographisch wenig ansprechenden Umschlagseiten versteckt sich ein Inhalt, welcher für den, der ihn zu nutzen weiss, von ausserordentlichem Reichtum ist. […] Die RHE enthält alljährlich noch ein rund sechshundertseitige, separat paginierte Bibliographie des kirchenhistorischen Schrifttums im weitesten Sinn. […] Ausserdem gibt es am Schluss noch Hinweise auf Rezensionen in andern Zeitschriften von früher angekündigten Werken. Mehr zu wünschen wäre verweg­­en und würde bloß die mindestens für den Anfänger nicht gerade leichte Orientierung zusätzlich erschweren.”


Advanced search screen of the Revue d’histoire ecclésiastique (RHE)

Academic responsibility

The Dictionnaire d’histoire et de géographie ecclésiastiques and the Revue d’histoire ecclésiastique: bibliographie are the responsibility of two universities:

- the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Leuven Catholic University)
- the Université Catholique de Louvain (Louvain Catholic University)

En matière de périodique savant, la RHE reste une des plus belles entreprises européennes du siècle écoulé.
La voilà repartie pour un nouveau bail: qui ne s’en féliciterait?

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