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Anianus de Coussere

d. 30 May 1462. Low Countries. Benedictine monk, subsequently promoted as receiver and prior of the abbey of Bergues-Saint-Winnoc, in the county of Flanders. Later he became propst of the abbey of Wormhout, and in 1451 he was elected as abbot of Oudenburg.

Over the course of the decade after his election as abbot of Oudenburg, Anianus compiled a brief chronicle covering the abbacies of his predecessors and his own from the time of founder Arnulf (d. 1095) until the year 1460. Essentially a list of abbots, the *Catalogus abbatum monasterii Aldenburgensis* or *Chronicon Aldenburgensis monasterii parvum* contains some brief biographies, epitaphs, and letters written by or to the abbots.

The autograph manuscript of the chronicle (Bruges, Groot Seminarie, 127/5, fol. 199^{r-v})

was bound together with the contemporary → *Chronicon Aldenburgensis monasterii maius*. Illuminated with representations of the abbots' heraldic arms, the chronicle was continued (up to folio 205^v) by nine scribes, the final entry relating to the death in 1803 of abbot Paulus de Brouwere.

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