A Selection of Fundamental Print Publications:


The Catholic Encyclopedia; an International Work of Reference on the Constitution, Doctrine, Discipline, and History of the Catholic Church. New York: Robert Appleton, [c1907-]. [Also freely available online.]


Helpful Online Resources

Gothic Ivories Project
An online database of ivory sculptures made in Western Europe ca. 1200-ca. 1530 and neo-Gothic ivory pieces from the Courtauld Institute.

Index of Medieval Art*
Thematic/iconographic index of early Christian and Medieval art objects from early apostolic times to A.D. 1550, with no geographical limitations. (Formerly known as the Index of Christian Art.)

International Medieval Bibliography*
An interdisciplinary bibliography of the European Middle Ages, covering Europe, the Middle East and North Africa in the period 400-1500. The indexed material includes periodical articles, conference proceedings, essay collections, and Festschriften published worldwide from 1967 to the present.

Mapping Gothic France
A joint effort by Columbia and Vassar universities, this database of architectural sites includes photographs, floorplans, “VR tours,” drawings, maps, and text.

Resources for Medieval Art and Architecture Research
Hosted by the International Center for Medieval Art

From the Met

The Cloisters Library and Archives
The Cloisters Library houses approximately 15,000 volumes encompassing medieval architecture, painting, illuminated manuscripts, stained glass, sculpture, decorative arts, medieval history, and gardens. The archives contain material relating to the history of the museum such as papers. Also held are the papers of medieval art historians Sumner McKnight Crosby and Harry Bober, art dealers Joseph and Ernest Brummer, and others. Open to qualified researchers by appointment. Email: cloisters.library@metmuseum.org

The Heilbrunn Timeline of Art History, Medieval Art Essay Collection

The Cloisters Archives Digital Collections

The Met Cloisters Instagram

The Medieval Garden Enclosed
The former blog of The Cloisters gardens.

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