**Codicological Description of BX 2000.A2 1430**

Carthusian Breviary

**Siglum:** Unknown

**Library and Self Number**: Milner Library, Illinois State University, Normal; Purchased by Special Collections in 2018

**Material**: The manuscript is made of parchment of fine quality. The folios are well preserved with some damage to the following folios: Many various sized holes on folios 1-10 and then one small hole persisting from folio 10-29 and 193; there is a notable black stain on the edge of folios 49-51; there is a tear on the top half, left corner in folio 63 it has been mended with glue and tape; folio 224r there appears to be an ink smudge ;minor blemishes throughout, like small stains.

**Date**: circa 1430

**Number of Folios**: 341 leaves, approximately 9 leaves are missing.

**Dimensions**: 150 x 108 mm

**Justification:** Dimensions 4.5 x 6 inches; bottom margin: 1 ½ inches from the text; outside margin: 1 3/16th of inch, top margin: ½ inch.

**Lineation:** Two columns of 31 lines each

**Ruling:** On folio 224 there are multiple marks in pencil throughout the page but most notably along the outside of the secondhand column. The top of the page’s decoration is slightly cut off.

There are 6 capitalized letters. Column one has a red “D”, and blue “E”. Column 2 as an embellished presumed “O”, a red “Q”, blue “M” and red “S”, respectively. After Acts 10:3,

**Foliation:** The folios are numbered in pencil on the bottom, right-hand corner of the recto (modern numbering; unknown date).

**Decoration:** Acts 10:4 A red “D”; Acts 10:7 A blue “E”; Bottom column I, 4 lines are written in red. Column II has a decorated “O” in blueprint and red embellishments attached to the column seperation to start Vulgate. Which includes a decorated “Q” and “M” in red and blue, respectively. There is an “S” at the bottom of the page. The separation between column is red ink of long thin lines connecting from the top to te bottom of the page.

There is a brief description of the next passage all written in red with different abbreviations and stylings than in black.

**Writing:** The main text is written in black with red and blue letter throughout the passage. Consistent abbreviations usually indicate one missing letter such as “m”, “s” or “e”.

**Binding:** The manuscript is bound in a 19th century red velvet cover over wooden boards with geometric patterns on the front and back covers.

**Contents:** Acts 10:3- 10 and Sermons of Leonis the Great

**Place:** Northern Italy, Lombardy, possibly Milan

**Transcription:**

Column 1: Re ad se. Et dicente(m) sibi Corneli. At ille itnenorumi eum, ti(m)ore correptus dix(it). Q(uid)’s es d(omi)ne. Dix(it) a(utem) Illi. Oratio(n)es tue et elemosine tue ascenderunt In a memoria(m) in consp(e)c(t)u dei.Et nu(n)c mitte viros i ioppen. Et accersi s(i)mone(m) q(ui) cognominatur petr(us). Hic hospitatur apud s(i)moem que(m)da(m) coriaru(m). Cuius e(st) domus iux(ta) mare. Hic dicet t(ibi) quid te oporteat facere. Et cu(m) discessiss(et) angelus qui loq(ue)bat(ur) Illi. Vocauit duos domesticos suos. Et milite(m) metuente(m) deu(s) ex his q(ui) illi pareba(n)t. Quibu(s) cu(m) narrass(et) o(mn)ia misit illos i(n) ioppe(n) postera a(utem) ie iter ill(is) facientiubu(s) et appropi(n)q(uan)tib(us) ciuitati. Asce(n)dit Petrus i(n) supiora ut oraret. Circa hora(m) sexta(m). Et cu(m) esuriset. Voluit gustare.

In Red: Eva(n)g(elium) et ho(c) sic(et) sup(er) imag(i)no te(s)to ei ccxx in natli b(ea)ti laure(n)tii martiri. s(er)mo b(ea)ti leonis p(a)p(is) l’c i

Column 2: (unknown) (cu)m o(mn)ium dilectissimi su(m)ma virtutum et tocius plenitudo iustie de illo amore nascatur. Q(uo) d’(eu)s proxim’(us)que diligitur.

i(n) nullis p(ro)fecto hic amor s(u)blimis excelle(re). Clariu(s) q(ue) fulge(re) qu(a)m i(n) beatissimis martiribus i(n)uenit(ur). Q(ui) d(omi)no Ibu xpo pro o(mn)ib(us) ho(min)ibus mortuo ta(m), p(ro)pi(n)qui sunt imitatio(n)e caritatis q(uam) similitudi(n)e passio(n)is. Qua(m)vis e(n)i(m) illi dilectio(n)i qua d(omi)n(u)s nos redemit. Nulla cui(s) q(uam) benignitas possit (a)equari. Q(uia) aliud e(st) pro iusto mori ho(m)i(n)em sua necessitate moritu(rum). Aliud

 pro impiis accumbere a debito mortis alienu(m). Multu(m) tu(am) uniu(er)sis ho(mn)ib(us) et(iam) martires co(n)tiuler(un)t q(uam) martires co(n)tuler(un)t quo(rum) fortitudi(n)e ita ei(us) largitor usus e(st) do(minus) ut pena(m) mortis et atrocitate(m) crucis nulli suo(rum) uellet esse t(er)ribile(m). s(uorum) multis faceret imitabile(m). Si (er)g(o) nullus bonus sibi soli

e(st) bonus. N(ec) cuiusq(ue)sapie(m)