

Members' Forum

Does anyone know of articles or works touching on sexuality and confraternities? Are there confraternity statutes with regulations on sexuality? Are there confraternity records that indicate a concern for the sexual activities of its members? What are the operative understandings (written or unwritten) that govern the relationship between adult confraternities and youths' confraternities. I am especially interested in the case of Florence, where youths' confraternities were often associated with and even shared Oratories with adult confraternities. Write to Konrad Eisenbichler, c/o *Confraternitas*.

Marsha Groves is writing a dissertation on the devotional and civic life of the laudese confraternity of the Blessed Virgin and St Francis of the convent of the Friars Minor in Siena. The core of this study is an analysis of confraternal account books. Some entries c.1329 suggest the Friars were relying on the *fratelli* for funds for the maintenance or perhaps installation of an organ. This is not, however, a secure reading. Perhaps others whose work is more in music history have seen comparable material elsewhere? Write to Marsha Groves, c/o Centre for Medieval Studies, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada M5S 1A1.

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