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Aubert Le Mire

Aubert Miraeus (November 30, 1573 – October 19, 1640), also called Aubert le Mire, was an ecclesiastical historian.

Life

He was born in Brussels. After studying at Douai and Leuven he was made canon of Antwerp cathedral in 1608 and secretary to his uncle, Joannes Miraeus, who was then Bishop of Antwerp. In 1611 he was appointed almoner and librarian to Archduke Albert of Austria, then sovereign of the Netherlands, and in 1624 he became dean of the cathedral of Antwerp and vicar general of the diocese. He remained in Antwerp until his death. He wrote numerous works in the fields of history, ecclesiastical history, and related disciplines. Some have suggested that his works lack thoroughness and accuracy.



Published works

Obituaries, biographies and funeral orations

Vita Justi Lipsii, Antwerp, 1609 (an obituary of Justus Lipsius, one of Miraeus's teachers at Louvain), dedicated to Jan Andrzej Próchnicki (1553-1633), bishop of Kamianets-Podilskyi 1607-1614 (on google books);

Gentis Spinulae illustrium elogia, Cologne, 1611 (a compendium on the Spinola family, in memory of Federico Spinola), dedicated to Ambrogio Spinola (on google books);

Laudatio funebris Rudolphi II, Antwerp, 1612 (funeral oration for Rudolph II) - (on google books);

De vita Alberti pii, sapientis, prudentis Belgarum principis commentarius, Antwerp, 1622 (an obituary for Archduke Albert of Austria (1559–1621)), dedicated to Philip IV of Spain (on google books);

Serenissimae principis Isabellae Clarae Eugeniae Hispaniarum Infantis laudatio funebris, Antwerp, 1634 (a funeral oration for the Infanta Isabella Clara Eugenia of Spain), dedicated to the Cardinal-Infante Ferdinand of Austria (on google books).

History and ecclesiastical history

Origines coenobiorum Benedictorum in Belgio, Antwerp, 1606 (on the origins of Benedictine monasticism in the Low Countries), dedicated to Nicolas de Mainfroy, abbot of Saint-Bertin (on google books);

Rerum toto orbe gestarum chronica a Christo nato ad haec usque tempora, Antwerp, 1608 (containing the chronicles of Eusebius, St. Jerome, Sigebert of Gembloux, Anselm of Gembloux, and others up to the year 1200, and a continuation of these chronicles by Miraeus up to 1608) (on google books);

Equitum redemptoris Jesu Christi ordo, Antwerp, 1608 (on the foundation of the Order of Knights of the Redeemer), dedicated to Vincenzo Gonzaga (on google books);



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published in French as Origine des chevaliers et ordres militaires, Antwerp, 1609, dedicated to Gaston Spinola, count of Bruay (on google books);
Politia ecclesiastica, sive de statu religionis Christianae per totum orbem, Cologne, 1609; Lyon 1620 (on google books)
Ordinis carmelitani, ab Elia propheta primum incohati, ab Alberto patriarcha Ierusalymitano vitae regula temperati, a B. Teresia virgine Hispana ad primaevam disciplinam revocati, origo atque incrementa, Antwerp, 1610 (on the origins and history of the Carmelite order), dedicated to Infanta Isabella Clara Eugenia of Spain (on google books);
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Canonicorum regularium ordinis S. Augustini origines ac progressus, Cologne, 1614 (a history of the Augustinian canons regular), dedicated to Remigius de Zaman, prior of Lo (on google books);
De collegiis canonicorum, Cologne, 1615 (on colleges of canons), dedicated to Karel-Filips De Rodoan, bishop of Bruges (on google books);
Geographia ecclesiastica, Lyon, 1620 (an alphabetic list of Catholic dioceses throughout the world), dedicated to Gaspard de Mornieu (on google books);
De bello Bohemico Ferdinandi II. feliciter gesto Commentarius, Cologne, 1622 (a pro-Habsburg account of the Bohemian Revolt), dedicated to Lucio Sanseverino (on google books);
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