

Studying Moral Authority
**Pomerius and Gregory the Great's Legacy in
Merovingian and Carolingian Scriptoria**

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Scholars have debated how the themes discussed by Pomerius in his *De vita contemplativa* found ample resonance across Gregory the Great's work and reflect similar concerns, in particular with regards to pastoral activity. Both authors explore at length the struggles bishops face in controlling their pride, provide advice on how preachers should address different audiences, and offer some guidelines on how the estate of the church should be managed. This should be understood in the context of their effort to legitimate the moral authority of the church on both religious and secular matters. While it is impossible to determine whether the Roman bishop read the treatise authored by the North African rhetor, their parallel authority on the matter was recognized by Merovingian and Carolingian copyists, who often reported their works alongside each other. I will show how the discovery of a glossa sourced from Gregory's literary production in Pomerius' manuscript tradition might both substantiate this claim and shed some light on the networks of medieval scriptoria. I will also discuss how these two authors were referenced together in several early medieval florilegia, like the *Liber Scintillarum*.

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