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in the arts. The debate over Jesuitenstil became one of the most impassioned in sance and baroque worlds, scholars in the past argued for a distinctly Jesuit style growing impact the Jesuits would have on the art patronage of the late Renais-Owing to the importance given to the arts by these Jesuit pioneers, and the pictures for educational purposes when he was teaching in Germany in the 1570s. to accompany the illustrated Gospels which bear his name, Nadal actively used engraved cycles of its day. Francisco Borja commissioned his own set of illusimages to overcome his linguistic deficiencies. And in addition to writing the text books to India, Southeast Asia, and Japan, taking advantage of the power of which he had copied by professional painters and sent to places as far away as trated meditations, though they were never published. He also regularly used gargantuan illustrated Gospel project which resulted in Jerónimo Nadal's 1593 every day in his apartments in Rome, and was very likely responsible for the would play in their enterprise. Ignatius of Loyola meditated in front of paintings From the very beginning, Jesuit leaders recognized the crucial role the visual arts Brazil and India. Francis Xavier carried a suitcase full of icons and illustrated image of the Virgin of St Luke at the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome, images in his homilies, and he enthusiastically revived the cult of the miraculous Evangelicae historiae imagines (Antwerp, 1593), one of the most important The members of the Society of Jesus were always great promoters of images

In 1962, Yvan Christ thought he had put to rest once and for all the notion of a 'Jesuit style' with an article whose blunt title I have borrowed here for my own.¹ As it happened, Christ was neither the first nor the last to challenge one of art history's more persistent myths. Scholars in Germany, Italy, France, Spain, and Ireland had tried to reveal the folly of identifying a specifically Jesuit manner of painting, sculpting, and, especially, building since the very beginning of the

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twentieth century.<sup>2</sup> As early as 1902 the French scholar Louis Serbat warned that the label was 'bien risquée,' at least when applied to the architecture of Flanders, and in 1908 the German Jesuit Joseph Braun, expanding his scope to include Germany and Spain as well as Flanders, remarked that Jesuitenstil is 'in Wirklichkeit ein bloßes Phantom.' Both authors demonstrated that the Jesuits tended to adapt to the styles and preferences of the regions they worked in rather than imposing a uniform style from above. Ever since then, historians of art have moved beyond this outdated commonplace to study the Jesuits' involvement in the arts in other, more fruitful ways, but the phantom refuses to go away. In particular, non-specialists continue to overemphasize the impact on form and style of the liturgical and ideological goals of the Society and the Council of Trent. Let us look briefly at the history of the concept of 'Jesuit style,' and then at some of the more recent alternatives.

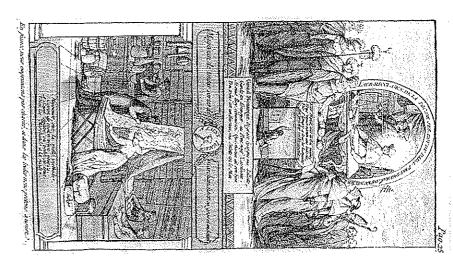
#### The Concept of 'Jesuit Style' and Its Impact on the Art Historiography of the Society

a vehicle for control and domination. Wanton luxury, illusionism, vulgarity, and a signified artistic decadence, the antithesis to the Humanist, freedom-loving so stubbornly because it was prejudicial to start with. Devised by Protestants and roque." John W. O'Malley shows in his contribution to this volume that as late as teenth century with an even more notoriously disparaging art term, the 'baconcept. Naturally, 'Jesuit style' became virtually synonymous in the late ninespecifically Italianate or Roman style were key features of this perjorative lative, 'Jesuit style' was blamed for making extravagant appeals to the senses as Renaissance. Like the more basic appellative 'Jesuitical,' a synonym for manipu-Catholic critics of the Society in the early nineteenth century, 'Jesuit style' Like the term 'Counter Reformation,' the concept of 'Jesuit style' has persevered teristic style of the Counter Reformation.<sup>6</sup> Ultimately, 'Counter Reformation, This confusion echoes a larger debate raging at the time between Weisbach and (1664-81), as Francis Haskell has demonstrated in a ground-breaking article. Jesuit imagery and, later on, the patronage of Father General Gian Paolo Oliva Jesuits' more exuberant style began only in the seventeenth century with Rubens's of the Society of Jesus long predated the style known as the baroque, and that the Ignatius of Loyola. Most writers simply glossed over the facts that the foundation 1921, Werner Weisbach was still directly linking the spirit of the baroque with visual manifestation of a group too often conceived, to borrow Ludwig von 'baroque,' and 'Jesuit style' have all become closely interrelated epithets for a Nikolaus Pevsner over whether mannerism or the baroque was the more characmilitant, manipulative, overwrought, and insincere artistic hegemony. It was the

most flourishing Jesuit topics for art historical research. interest in them, that the Paraguay reductions have since then become one of the eating maize from wooden bowls.' Small wonder, given the long history of excellent breakfast stood ready in gold dishes ... while the Paraguayans were the poverty of the Guaraní Indians. For Candide and the Commandant, 'an other rare birds. 12 In both the tracts and Voltaire, this luxury was contrasted with and lattices enclosing parrots, hummingbirds, colibris, guinea-hens and many summer-house decorated with a very pretty colonnade of green marble and gold, describes the building where he dines with the Jesuit 'Commandant' as 'a leafy one of the famed thirty 'reductions,' or missions, of the Society of Jesus. He known passage from Candide in which the hero travels to Paraguay and visits Paraguayan jésuitiques was picked up by Voltaire (1694-1778) in the welltracts related this opulence to political despotism. Some of them may in fact have workshops and warehouses (fig. 2.1).11 As with later studies of 'Jesuit style,' the been thinly veiled attacks on the régime of Louis XV (1710-74). The tradition of guay, and emphasized their excessive luxury and the rich wares of mission the eighteenth century were lampoons of the fabled Jesuit 'kingdoms' of Paraentrap rich widows by appealing to their sensuality. 10 Some of the jésuitiques in of jésuitiques, or heavy-handed satires on the Society of Jesus. Typically they (1614), the author showed how the Jesuits used sumptuous chapel decoration to inventive volume of 1674, based on the famed anti-Jesuit tract Monita secreta jardins, des bâtimens / Dignes de Seigneurs les plus grands."9 In one particularly criticized the excessive wealth and opulence of Jesuit foundations: 'De beaux adjective acquired a more direct relationship to arts and architecture in a series such as 'Jesuitism' and 'Jesuitical.'8 As early as the seventeenth century the style.' A rich tradition of anti-Jesuit literature in France dating back well before the time of Pascal (1623-62) gave birth to a wide variety of perjorative terms Not surprisingly, we may be able to blame the French for the notion of 'Jesuit

The term 'Jesuit style' first was used in the first half of the nineteenth century. As early as 1843 the term Jesuitenstil started appearing in German encyclopaedias, where it referred to the Jesuits' excessive use of ornamentation and illusion to manipulate the masses. <sup>13</sup> There are shades of Voltaire in this description of the 'degenerate' Italian style of seventeenth-century Jesuit churches, which employed 'very costly materials, jasper, porphyry, lapis lazuli, and so forth ... for their decoration; ceilings, vaults, pilasters, and so forth, were overladen with the richest Caskettirungen, foliage, and festoons, '<sup>14</sup> We can almost hear the squawking of the parrots and the chirping of the guinea fowl. Entries on Jesuit style continued to appear well into the twentieth century, for example the entry

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2.1. Magazin de toutes sortes de marchandises, en gros et en detail, illustration from Remonstrances au parlement ('Buenos Aires,' 1760). Photo courtesy of the John J. Burns Library, Boston College.

'Jésuite (art)' in the 1971 Encyclopaedia universalis. <sup>15</sup> The term 'Jesuitical' was also applied to architectural style in the mainstream literature of the midnineteenth century, for example when Baudelaire (1821–67) characterized the Jesuit churches of Belgium as 'Jésuitiques.' <sup>16</sup> In 1865 the French critic and historian Hippolyte-Adolphe Taine (1828–93), one of the most influential intel-

of Mannerist painting in which many of the same qualities could be found.'20 closely associated with the Jesuits, but even before that time there was a branch the arts. In the seventeenth century the whole Baroque movement must be worldly, emotional, anti-intellectual kind of religion produced its equivalent in the stylistic anachronism alluded to above - for a brand of mannerism: "This projects, blaming the Society not only for the baroque, but also -- acknowledging come as little surprise, therefore, that Blunt had this to say about Jesuit art organization on the basis of absolute, unquestioning obedience.' 19 It should judgment of his own personal reason ... Of these the most powerful were the individual to settle all problems of thought or conscience according to the century French anti-Jesuitism in this characterization of the Society as a whole: Inquisition and the Society of Jesus ... The latter was built up like a military One of the first objects of the Counter-Reformers was to abolish the right of the lowbrow and anti-Humanist. There is more than a slight echo of nineteenthart historian and spy Anthony Blunt (1907-83) believed that Jesuit art was mation by a still further concession to the mundane senses." 18 The great English to Catholic uses, aggressively answering the ascetic remonstrance of the Reforment of the Jesuits lay in converting these preferences of a still pagan humanity example, in The Architecture of Humanism, closely echoed Taine: 'The achieveand most of the negative qualities embodied in 'Jesuit style.' Geoffrey Scott, for abandoning the term itself, continued to suggest an affinity between the Jesuits Scholars in the first three-quarters of the twentieth century, although generally

Blunt further stressed the Jesuit appeal to the emotions in *The Art and Architecture of France*, 1500–1700 (1953), where he remarked that the restraint of the painter Philippe de Champaigne was 'as typical of the Jansenist approach to a miracle as Bernini's "St. Theresa" is of the Jesuit.'<sup>21</sup> The reference to Bernini recalls a classic work by Walter Weibel called *Jesuitismus und Barockskulptur* (1909), which proposed a direct connection between Bernini's art and the *Spiriual Exercises* in their emphasis on tangibility and realism, even going so far as to use the term *Jesuitenstil*.<sup>22</sup> Weibel's claim that Bernini actually made the full *Spiriual Exercises* is unproved, as Irving Lavin has pointed out, although Bernini was a great friend and disciple of Oliva.<sup>23</sup> Rudolf Wittkower gives

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a characteristic metamorphosis ... Mundane interests in wealth, luxury, and the triumphant Counter Reformation. 24 The sense of conquest and manipulation tremely vivid appeal to the senses ... It is through emotional identification with created 'a vivid apprehension of any given subject for meditation by an expropagandistic nature of Jesuit foundations led him mistakenly to attribute the in Baroque Art: The Jesuit Contribution (1972), where his insistence on the original zealous and austere spirit of the Order.' Wittkower made similar remarks political intrigue, and a frivolity in the interpretation of the vows replaced the revised edition. Contrasting Jesuit attitudes from the tenure of Oliva onward with which seeps through this remark recalls earlier myths of 'Jesuit style.' Wittkower the mood symbolized in a figure that the faithful are led to submit to the ethos of Collegio di Propaganda Fide (1646-67) to the Society's patronage. 25 the course of the seventeenth century the Order of the Jesuits itself went through the 'anti-aesthetic approach' of the 'militant Counter-Reformation,' he stated: 'In further disparaged Jesuit artistic programs in his Art and Architecture in Italy. Weibel's thesis more propagandistic overtones, claiming that the Exercises 1600–1750 (1958), still the leading survey of the period and at present in its third

of the spirit of the Counter Reformation.'27 While there is no doubt that the of the militant new order ... We may thus view it as the architectural embodiment graduates than any other book on art history, we see many of the same attitudes hall-like space,' the 'theatrical' use of light at the altar giving it 'a stronger images of cattle cars, 'herding the congregation quite literally into one large is alive and well in Janson's description of the Gesù's design, which evokes notion of the Jesuits as dazzling the masses with the aim of spiritual manipulation ultimate design. This topic is taken up in this volume by Clare Robertson. 28 The of the Gesù, which shows how decisive was the will of Alessandro Farnese in its overlooked the considerable and by no means recent literature on the patronage Society had a great deal to say about their mother church, Janson has apparently Jesuits, its design must have been closely supervised so as to conform to the aims militant.'26 Janson assumes that since the Gesù 'was the mother church of the resurfacing about the Jesuits, who are characterized as 'representing the Church edition of H.W. Janson's History of Art (1997), perhaps read by more under-Jesuitical spirit associated with it, is alive and well. Even in the most recent that, far from being an outdated concept, 'Jesuit style,' or at least the antilong dead. But a random investigation of some leading general art surveys shows emotional focus than we have yet found in a church interior. The reader may be forgiven for thinking that I am wasting time on attitudes

The concept of 'Jesuit style,' whether used in name or in spirit, has lost most of its validity among specialists ever since the publication of Wittkower and Jaffe's landmark volume Baroque Art: The Jesuit Contribution (1972). In it, Wittkower

owing to the itinerant nature of Jesuit artists and architects.<sup>29</sup> The conclusions necessarily of Jesuit origin; Howard Hibbard eloquently demonstrated how little showed that those features of it that would influence the baroque were not artistic personality. In the same volume James S. Ackerman exploded the myth nomenon in a field where it tends to be understood as a product of region or Giacomo da Vignola (1507-73), Giacomo della Porta (c. 1507-1602), Girolamo the problem of proposing a specifically Jesuit manner when so many noncertain amount of control from Rome, and some degree of stylistic conformity Francis Haskell reiterated that the exuberant, illusionistic period of Jesuit patronstylistic unity there was even in the original decorative program of the Gesù; and that the Gesù (seé fig. 5.1, p. 135) was the purest embodiment of Jesuit ideals and the popular perception of Jesuit foundations as monolithic. Wittkower raised Rainaldi (1570-1655), and Carlo Fontana (1634/8-1714) were able to work Jesuit artists and architects were involved in Jesuit projects. Architects such as had deep-seated differences in artistic taste from the beginning. He also indicated himself tried to lay 'Jesuit style' to rest despite his dislike for the Jesuits reached by these authors have set the tone for subsequent research on Jesuit art sense by the Society at the time about what their buildings should look like, a moderately that there was a 'Jesuit strategy in artistio' matters,' a fairly vague age began over a century after the Society was founded. Wittkower concluded here the essential problem with studying style as an institutionally based phefor the Jesuits yet maintain their freedom of expression, thereby challenging 'mundane' taste in the arts, and showed that far from being uniform the Society

#### Noster modus?

Ironically, the Jesuits themselves are also partly to blame for the tenacity of the concept of 'Jesuit style' in the arts. In the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries the Jesuits believed that their architectural and artistic projects, like their myriad other enterprises, adhered to what they termed *noster modus procedendi*, 'our way of proceeding.' <sup>30</sup> Pietro Pirri showed, for example, that the Jesuits from the superior general down described the style of the Jesuit architect Giovanni Tristano (active 1555–75), who designed the original Collegio Romano and a string of important churches from Naples to Ferrara, as 'modo proprio.' <sup>31</sup> However, his style was not predetermined by the Jesuits, but fully formed before he entered the Society, and strongly influenced by his Ferrarese origins.

The Jesuits also made several attempts, most of which came to naught, to centralize and control the design of their worldwide foundations, with the fortuitous result that for three centuries plans of Jesuit projects from many parts

of Europe and the world were sent to Rome.<sup>32</sup> The question posed by many art historians, especially from the 1950s onward, was whether the term-noster modus referred to a true stylistic unity or to something more vague. After all, it appears to have been used indiscriminately, encompassing everything from severe Herreran classicism to sugar-coated Bavarian baroque. It was used even on the missions to refer to structures employing indigenous forms and techniques. It turns out to be virtually impossible to link this term, used mostly by non-artists and having a largely pastoral and practical meaning, with the modern notion of style and stylistic development, which has its roots in nineteenth-century academia.

church, but such a practice was certainly not the norm. Even in France, François especially in Italy; however, anything beyond a basic emulation of its plan is Gesù.'33 There is no doubt that the Gesù was an extremely influential building, around the globe, Jesuits built churches they described as being 'just like the even less likely to find miniature Gesùs with della Porta façades and Farnese our scope to include the rest of the world as this volume compels us to do, we are than style - precisely the qualities implied by noster modus.35 When we expand de Dainville pointed out, the term referred more to size and commodiousness one such foundation in Vienna, which makes direct quotations from the mother rare.34 Thomas daCosta Kaufmann in his contribution to this volume discusses barrel vaults. On the overseas missions, Jesuit mission churches supposedly 'Just classical and Renaissance treatises on architecture. Illustrated copies of architecprobably to a greater degree than did those of the other orders. The mission adapting to a wide spectrum of regional variations in technique and style, elevations these structures often diverged even further from Roman prototypes, built by the Franciscans, the Dominicans, the Augustinians, and others. In their plans imitating early Christian basilicas, a characteristic they shared with churches like the Gesu' were built almost uniformly with rudimentary three-aisled floor ably Serlian motifs turn up in places like a church built in Ethiopia by Pedro others, were included in Jesuit libraries in Asia and the Americas, and recogniztural manuals by Vitruvius, Alberti, Palladio, Serlio, and Scamozzi, among engravings of the Gesù, but by referring on a much more basic level to the major churches that did pay lip-service to Italian architecture did so not by copying the Annunziata in Rome. 36 David M. Kowal demonstrates in his paper in this volume the impact of Serlio on Jesuit architecture in Goa Paez, S.J., in 1619–20, whose façade looks remarkably like Tristano's Church of The Jesuits had a similar conception of the role of the design of the Gesù. All

Only at the beginning of the eighteenth century did Jesuit foundations overseas first quote literally from a Jesuit building in Rome, but this time they emulated newer foundations, especially the decorations of the new Church of

Sant Ignazio (1693–4) and the Chapel of St Ignatius at the Gesù (completed 1699), which provided the model for the high altar of the Church of the Bom Jesus in Goa, which houses the tomb of St Francis Xavier (c. 1698) (see fig. 22.4, p. 491). Thanks largely to Andrea Pozzo's own *Perspectiva pictorum et architectorum* (Rome, 1693) and to engravings of the sculptural groups at the Chapel of St Ignatius, churches in China, India, and Paraguay reflected Jesuit Roman models in a way that the modern mind might consider more stylistically accurate. The earlier structures had a different concept of the copy, one that had more to do with semantics than with style – precisely what makes *noster modus* so difficult to define.

In the 1950s a group of scholars tried to tackle the issue of *noster modus* in architecture by going back to archival material, including the crucial collection of plans for Jesuit building projects at the Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris, which had already been studied by Braun. Pietro Pirri, Pierre Moisy, Jean Vallery-Radot, and Pio Pecchiai postulated that the Jesuit mode related to more practical and technical issues such as size, position of sacristies and vestries, economy, and speed.<sup>37</sup> Although none of them believed that 'style' in the nineteenth- and twentieth-century sense came into play, they all identified what they felt to be universal Jesuit architectural forms.

supposedly universal forms operated beyond the regional level or even, in later demonstrated that the plans and elevations of Jesuit churches were closely tied to also pointed to other orders, indicating how much the plan of the Gesù owes to to the esprit found in Cluniac, Benedictine, or Cistercian foundations. 40 Pecchiai spacious rectangular, single-naved church with side chapels, which he compares unifying esprit in Jesuit architecture, characterized by the preference for a Moisy cited the common simplicity and austerity of Jesuit foundations, and thing 'non essenziale, ma caratteristica della nascente architettura gesuitica.' 38 goals of the Society, along with the desire to identify universal Jesuit architecperiods, in the same country. But the new scholarly emphasis on the practical cantly different from those of the churches of other orders. 41 None of these practical and economic criteria and, although fairly uniform, were not signifi-Although he did not deal specifically with the term noster modus, Pecchiai Franciscan and Dominican predecessors, as well as to earlier churches in Rome. Martellange (1569-1641).39 Vallery-Radot isolated what he believed to be a - the so-called Martellange scheme, devised by the Jesuit architect Etienne identified a church plan he believed to be unique to the Society, at least in France ship in the last few decades tural forms or mentalities, has continued to exert a strong influence on scholar Pirri pointed to Tristano's use of corretti (tribunes) in his churches as some-

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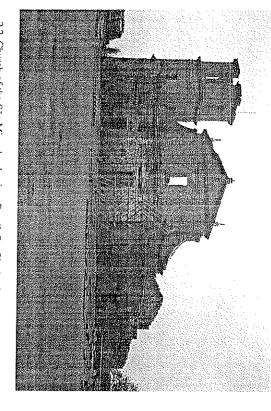
#### **New Directions**

toutunately, the study of the art and architecture of the Society of Jesus has thandshing as never before. Building on the foundations of archivists such as a sactiations with a critical eye, the last two generations of scholars the world Braun, Pirri, Vallery-Radot, and Pecchiai, and viewing 'Jesuit style' and its the role played by other agents in what O'Malley in this volume calls 'negotiamoving away from a traditional institutional treatment of the subject to look at are focusing their lenses more and more on single regions, cities, buildings, oursidered in its global context, as this volume attests. At the same time, scholars analy, the scope of the field has expanded so that the Society of Jesus is now over have changed radically the way Jesuit art is studied. First and most obviarrived the century-and-a-half-long debate over 'Jesuit style.' In fact, it is in a. One particularly fruitful direction has been the study of non-Jesuit patronmake the Jesuit enterprise both rich and hard to define. Many scholars are ands, or even works of art, acknowledging the diversity and heterogeneity that mur-Europeans on Jesuit corporate culture. Even more so than in Europe, the -sparoach, especially evident in this volume, is the new focus on the impact of tunction of Jesuit foundations within their greater cultural context. Another are of Jesuit projects, or of patronage by Jesuits of non-Jesuit artists, and the linkery, anthropology, postcolonial theory, and urban geography. other.' The field is also being enriched by new methodologies, including cultural texuit artistic and architectural projects overseas owed a profound debt to 'the

But the interest in *noster modus* is by no means dead. Some, following the example of Vallery-Radot and others, seek a definition in terms of corporate orientation, or, as Joseph Connors puts it, a 'corporate strategy,' Others go further and seek to identify basic common architectural and iconographic forms, even activing the discussion over 'Jesuit style' itself. Since the Jesuits were so maintably linked with the culture of early modern Catholicism in general, and mention of the Jesuits turns up in a great number of studies of the period, the following survey cannot hope to cover everything written about the Society and the arts in recent years. I do hope, however, to provide a sketch of the works that meat Jesuit subjects exclusively or principally.

#### Global Patrons

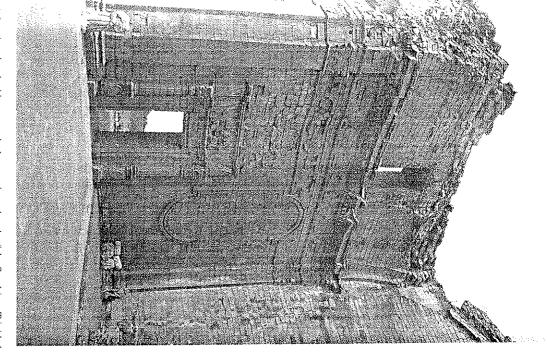
the art history of the Jesuits is the art history of the world. In keeping with a cholarship on early modern Catholicism in general, Jesuit art historiography has become increasingly global in scope. In actual fact it always has been global,



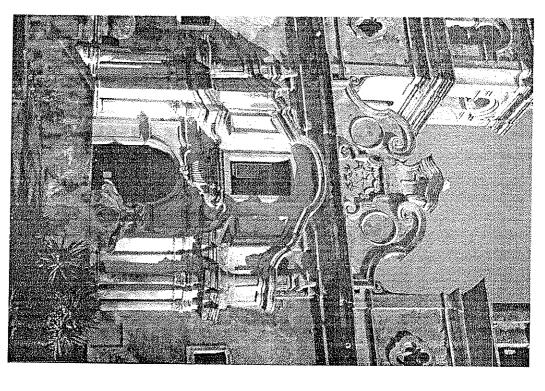
2.2. Church of the São Miguel reduction, Brazil. By Gianbattista Primoli, c. 1730.
Photo courtesy of Gauvin Alexander Bailey.

only now historians of European art are becoming aware of a rich tradition of scholarship on Jesuit art and architecture in Latin America and Asia that dates back to the beginning of the twentieth century or earlier. Before embarking on recent research, I will review briefly this earlier literature.

The most productive field, then as today, was South America. Between the 1930s and 1960s, scholars such as Guillermo Furlong, S.J., Miguel Solá, Victor Nadal Mora, Robert Smith, Hector Schenone, and M.J. Buschiazzo brought the full benefit of archival research, architectural surveys, and art inventories to Jesuit art history in Peru, Chile, Brazil, and, above all, Argentina and Paraguay (figs 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5). Although these works offered relatively little analysis – a more contemporary concern – they built a solid foundation of rigorous scholarship and remain invaluable. In the early 1960s, scholars such as Felix Plattner, José de Mesa, and Teresa Gisbert produced monographs on the work of individual Jesuit artists in Latin America, including the Italian Bernardo Bitti (d. 1610) and a wide range of Jesuit architects of German origin (fig. 2.4.). Some of the same issues that we have seen in European scholarship have appeared in Latin American assessments of Jesuit art. In particular, scholars have debated the validity of the supposition that an Italianate style predominated in



• Interior view looking towards the crossing, church of the Santísima Trinidad reduction, Paraguay. By Gianbattista Primoli, c. 1730. Photo courtesy of Gauvin Alexander Bailey.



2.4. Church of the Jesuit estancia of Santa Catalina, Sierras de Córdoba, Argentina. By Anton Harls (?), begun in the first third of the eighteenth century. Photo courtesy of Gauvin Alexander Bailey.

begun c. 1645-54 and completed in 1671. Photo coursesy of Gauvin Alexander Bailey. 15. Compañía, Córdoba, Argentina. By Bartolomé Cardeñosa and Philippe Lemaire,

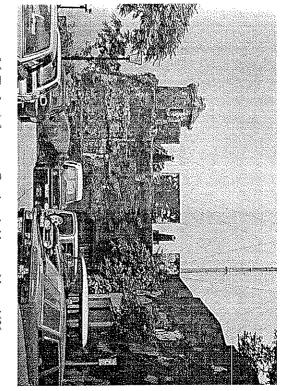
Jesuit architecture, the role of illusion and manipulation in Jesuit church interiors, and the relationship of the Society to the 'baroque.'

Serious study of Jesuit art in Asia goes back even further. Beginning in the late nineteenth century and continuing into the 1930s, Protestant officials of the British raj such as Sir Edward Maclagan (1864–1952) became fascinated with the artistic interaction between the Society of Jesus and the great Mughals of India (1526–1858).<sup>44</sup> In a particularly creative burst of Eurocentrism, some scholars even proposed that the Jesuits and their European agents were responsible for the design of the Taj Mahal (1632–43), a myth that took almost as long to dispel as that of 'Jesuit style.' Scholars alternated between disdain for and adulation of the Jesuits, depending upon whether they happened to be discussing them as papists or as Europeans. Others, including Maclagan himself, were thorough and relatively impartial, and their work remains extremely valuable today.

In the decades before World War II, Japanese scholars like Tokihide Nagayama, Terukazu Akiyama, Tei Nishimura, and Idzuru Shimmura showed great interest in Jesuit devotional art in Japan, especially its influence on the painting of Japanese namban byōbu, or 'southern barbarian screens.' Soon afterwards a number of European scholars, many of them Germans and none of them art historians, began to explore the artistic impact of what was Japan's first contact with Europe. These included Georg Schurhammer, S.J., and Joseph Schütte, S.J., the biographers of Francis Xavier and Alessandro Valignano respectively, as well as the great English historian C.R. Boxer. The only Western art historian to pay attention to this field was the American John McCall, who in the 1940s and 1950s wrote a lengthy survey of Jesuit art in Japan and China. McCall is responsible for coining the fictitious name 'Academy of St Luke' for the remarkable Jesuit art school and workshop which became the largest ever to operate on the Asian missions. 48

Scholarship on Jesuit art history in China also originated in the 1920s, but here most of the interest came from France and Italy. One prominent art historian was among them – Paul Pelliot, one of the original excavators of the famed Buddhist caves of Dunhuang. Others, including the Jesuits Henri Bernard and Pasquale M. d'Elia, focused on the art of the mission during the time of Matteo Ricci (1552–1610) and shortly afterwards, but in the 1940s George Loehr shifted attention to the period of the Italian Jesuit painter Giuseppe Castiglione (1688–1766) and the Qing court. <sup>49</sup> This famous era, when Jesuit artists worked for the Qing emperor as glorified domestic servants and had a limited (and too often exaggerated) influence on court art, would henceforth dominate the scholarship on the subject. As for Portuguese Asia (figs 2.6, 2.7, 2.13, 2.14), a small amount of interest was shown in Jesuit architecture in Macao and Portuguese India in the 1940s and

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2.6. The Jesuit fortress, or Fortaleza do Monte, at Macao, 1626 Photo courtesy of Gauvin Alexander Bailey.

1950s by Manuel Teixeira, Mário T. Chicó, and others, but that area has remained sorely understudied until more recently.  $^{50}$ 

a scholarly catalogue; <sup>52</sup> and a bewildering number of books and articles. As in earlier decades, architectural studies still dominate the field, especially now that substantial, full-colour volumes of essays;51 four major museum exhibitions, in art. In the past decade, Paraguay and Bolivia alone have been the subject of two bly slim today, even the European literature does not exceed the amount of more guaraní (1964) is a classic in the field; Ernesto Maeder; Ramón Gutiérrez; ing more interest than ever before in the sculpture and painting of the missions extensively, if not always accurately, restored. 53 Nevertheless, scholars are showthe buildings of both the Chiquitos and the Paraguay reductions have been New York (1988-9), Madrid (1995), Paris (1995), and Lucerne (1994), each with some South American countries colonial art was virtually equatable with Jesuit recent work on Latin America. This is not so surprising when we consider that in Adolf Luis Ribera; Susana Fabrici; and especially Bozidar Darko Sustersic The pioneers are Josefina Pla, whose sensitively written Barroco hispano-(fig. 2.8), subjects which until very recently lacked even basic chronologies Whereas interest in the Asian artistic projects of the Jesuits remains compara-

2.7. Church of São Paulo, Malaeca, Malaysia, 1521. It was here that Francis Xavier preached in one of the most prosperous and cosmopolitan ports on earth.
Photo courtesy of Gauvin Alexander Bailey.

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2.8. The Virgin Mary, from an Annunciation group. Guaraní, eighteenth century. Loreto Chapel Museum, Santa Rosa, Paraguay. Photo courtesy of Gauvin Alexander Bailey.

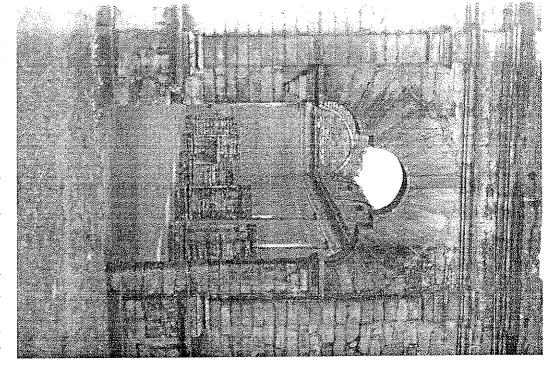
who has gone further than any of his contemporaries in creating a working typology for reduction sculpture.  $^{54}$ 

Scholars of South American Jesuit art have also shifted their focus from traditional institutional history to social history, economics, urbanism, and the careers of individual artists. Plá and especially Maeder have yastly increased our understanding of the social and economic aspects of Jesuit art ateliers on the reductions, workshops which were so extensive that they supplied art and furniture to most of the southern cone of South America until 1767. 55 Norberto

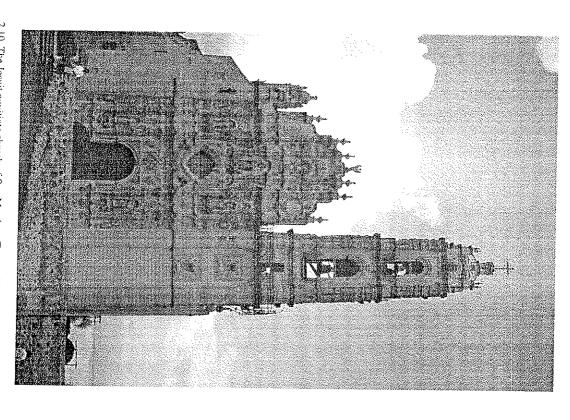
Ignacio de Loyola, the only surviving opera from the Paraguayan reductions. and architect. 60 Schmid, incidentally, was one of the authors of the opera San innovative in considering its subject simultaneously as missionary, musician, ures, and it is fair to comment that a recent exhibition devoted to Schmid was volume is to encourage multi-perspectival approaches to individual Jesuit figarchitect of the Chiquitos mission, Martin Schmid (1694-1772). 59 A goal of this Giuseppe Brasanelli (1659-1728), and that of Rainald Fischer on the Swiss architect Giovanni Andrea Bianchi (1675-1740), that of Sustersic on the sculptor appeared of individual artists, most notably that of Dalmacio Sobrón, S.J., on the contact throughout the colonial period.<sup>58</sup> In recent decades more studies have neighbouring unconverted tribes with whom the reduction Guaraní maintained iconography of reduction art, something he does by relating it to the art of the first to make a serious case for indigenous content in the style and even work of Ticio Escobar. Working from an anthropological background, Escobar is studies have also influenced studies of reduction sculpture, particularly in the enous tradition as well as to other factors, the 'Jesuit model.' Acculturation Spain in 1573.57 He calls these new city plans, which owe something to indig-America and departed significantly from the city plans decreed by Philip II of on the Paraguay and Chiquitos reductions (fig. 2.9).56 Gutiérrez has looked at Jesuit urbanism, proposing that Jesuit reduction towns were unique in Spanish Levinton and Pedro Querejazu have moved away from the tendency to equate Jesuit art with the baroque, focusing on the influence of Islamic, or mudéjar, style

contribution to this volume contains more references to the work in this area. and on the architecture of the Jesuits in northern New Spain.64 Clara Bargellini's studies on sculptural programs at the Jesuit novitiate at Tepotzotlán (fig. 2.10) dealt with Jesuit art and architecture in New Spain (Mexico), and have included cations by scholars such as María del Consuelo Maquívar and Marco Díaz have in two studies, by Jimena Carcelen de Coronel and G. Ted Bohr, S.J., devoted to Guaraní reductions in Brazil but of Jesuit architecture and urbanism in Rio de have become more active in the field, in producing studies not only of the Brazilian scholars, including Beatriz Santos de Oliveira and Maria Inês Coutinho, the Compañía church at Quito alone. 63 Since the 1970s several important publi-Janeiro and city planning on the Portuguese-run Jesuit Tupí-Guaraní aldeias, 62 individual Argentine provinces, whereby a wider spectrum of Jesuit art, architec-The Jesuit contribution to baroque art in Ecuador has recently attracted attention ture, and furniture has been brought to public attention than ever before, 61 has benefited enormously from a series of recent government inventories of Latin America to include regions and countries not considered before. Argentina There is also a widening of scope in the scholarship on the art of the Jesuits in

In the meantime, study of the Asian missions has lagged behind. Although



<sup>11</sup> Detail of a mudéjur doorway in the laçade of the church of the Jestis reduction, Furaguay, By Juan Antonio Ribera (?) and José Grimau, 1765–7 (unfinished).
Photo courtesy of Gauvin Alexander Builey.



2.10. The Jesuit novitiate church of San Martín at Tepotzotlán, Mexico. Built mostly between 1628 and 1762. Photo courtesy of Gauvin Alexander Bailey

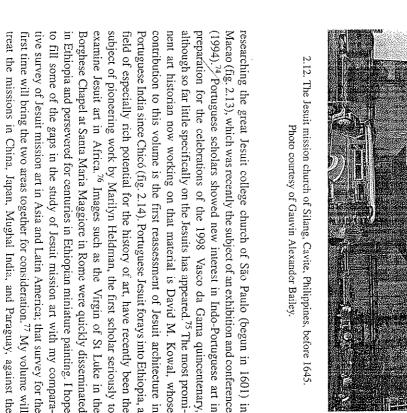
but such influence remains elusive at best. 68 In the meantime, innovative new painter who was also a missionary and has much to teach us about 'Jesuit style.' and more on the Chinese Jesuit Wu Li (1632-1716), the celebrated Qing scholara hose situation was artificial and had little to do with the goals of the Society but has remained largely unheeded. 66 I would like to see less work on Castiglione, shamselves, which operated more on a grassroots level and were often subtly work on the imagery of the China missions has been incorporated into an regravings brought by the Jesuits (including Nadal) on the wenren hua tradition. is the ved was more innately spiritual than any equivalent in Western art.  $^{67}$  Wu has like missionizing in his native Jiangsu, yet who refused to relinquish his cultural Here was a man who was a committed Christian, who spent the latter years of his button to the Qing court, there is very little work on the art of the missions the Jesuit cemetery in Beijing.69 Then at Brown University, and by others in a recent volume on the inscriptions in ining undertaken by Catherine Pagani at the University of Alabama and Huihung Producties was issued in 1995 in Tokyo by the Machida City Museum of Graphic an important monograph on the subject entitled Exhibition of 'Western-Style educational project called ChinaVision by Erik Zürcher and Ellen Uitzinger, and Lancs Cahill and Michael Sullivan have tried to show the influence of the cer to be claimed by Jesuit art historiography. Prominent Sinologists such as ammitment to the Chinese scholar-painter tradition (wenren hua), which he resulturative in the visual arts. <sup>65</sup>One exception is an important article by Harrie Paintings of China' - Paintings, Prints, and Illustrations from Ming to Qing Landerstappen (1988), which opened many intriguing possibilities for research smologists have devoted unprecedented attention to Castiglione and his contri-Vrts. New studies of Chinese-language texts reacting to the art of the Jesuits are

in Latin America, new areas of Asia are being explored for the first time, for debating hall where the Jesuits conversed with members of different faiths. 72 As Koch and Khalid Anis Ahmed.71 In addition, K.K. Muhammed has just excamilluence of European art on Momoyama culture. 70 My own work has reconsidand Regalado Trota José. 15 viricul the Jesuit church at Akbar's capital of Fatehpur Sikri and the famous reception of Western art and iconography, a topic also recently taken up by Ebba flourishing cultural exchanges in Jesuit mission history, in terms of the Mughal and the Jesuit mission to Mughal India (1585-1773), at its height one of the most mission, although several recent publications deal with Namban art and the hurch architecture in the Philippines (figs 2.11, 2.12) by René B. Javellana, S.J., example in the ground-breaking monographs on Jesuit architecture and colonial Virtually no new archival research has been undertaken on the art of the Japan

The Macanese scholarly community also has been active in restoring and

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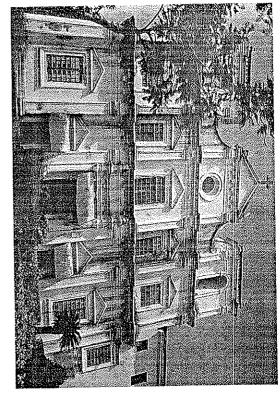




Built in 1688 and heavily restored in 1869. Photo courtesy of Gauvin Alexander Bailey. 2.11. The church of the Jesuit college of San Ildefonso, Santa Cruz, Manila. Philippines.

de Deus or São Paulo), Macao. By Carlo Spinola (?), begun in 1601 and completed in 2.13. The Jesuit church of Nossa Senhora da Assunção (better known as either Madre mid-century. Photo courtesy of Gauvin Alexander Bailey.

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2.14. The church of the Jesuit college at Rachol, Salcete, India, 1580. Photo courtesy of Gauvin Alexander Bailey.

emphasis on the indigenous participants in mission culture. background of Jesuit efforts in New Spain, Peru, and the Philippines, with an

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studies over those treating painting and sculpture. Like those in the first half of Now let us return once more to Europe, where like its counterpart in Latin celebrate the Ignatian year 1990-1. Scholarly catalogues from shows in Augsburg tendency to focus more closely on smaller areas or individual cities. Many of the the twentieth century, most of these studies are regional; now, however, there is a America Jesuit art and architecture has received unprecedented attention in the greatly to our understanding of regional peculiarities of the Jesuit enterprise in Toulouse (1991), Lisbon (1997), and Munich again (1997) have contributed (1982), Vatican City (1990), Milan (1990), Munich (1991), Ingolstadt (1991), has been a decade for exhibitions on the Society, including many held to recent studies have appeared as exhibition catalogues. The 1990s in particular last few decades. There is still, however, a marked preference for architectural Germany, France, Portugal, and Rome. 78 Most of them are refreshingly interdis-

art in United States collections, have also enhanced the scholarly literature, provides an excellent summary of the problem of 'Jesuit style' and noster modus. urban approach shown in Munich to earlier approaches in Rome. 79 Terhalle also Jesuit church of St Michael in Munich (see fig. 27.2, p. 570), which relates the age issues and Jesuit urban strategy, as for example in the article by Thomas M geographical and social context. One prominent approach is the study of patronciplinary in nature, and they tend to interpret their subjects in their greater valuable bibliographies.80 including a useful survey of Jesuit iconography by Jane ten Brink Goldsmith and I will return to patronage and urbanism shortly. Two other exhibitions, of Jesuit Lucas, S.J., on the urban mission in Rome and in Johannes Terhalle's piece on the

much more exciting conclusion of Bösel's study - namely, that individual Jesuit which can never extend far beyond individual regions anyway, to overshadow the in Italy from several extremely insightful articles on individual churches or archi-Radot. Only one volume is yet complete (on the Roman and Neapolitan prov-Bibliothèque Nationale, following in the footsteps of Braun, Moisy, and Vallery. Bösel's extensive project to publish the Italian architectural plans from the the Jesuits a role in style, by assuming they were concerned solely with practicalin the aftermath of the 'Jesuit style' controversy scholars went too far in denying that the Jesuits were interested in aesthetics after all. Bösel correctly points out that buildings were more innovative and creative than most people realized. It turns out notion of 'Jesuit style.' I hope that we will not allow the search for such types. Bautypen) among Jesuit foundations and raises once again - with caution - the tects.81 Bősel seeks architectural commonalities (ordensintern entwickelter inces), but we can get an idea of his greater conclusions about Jesuit architecture Howard Hibbard comments in his much more recent monograph on Caravaggio parce que l'architecture des Jésuites est avant tout utilitaire et pratique,' and function. Dainville (1955), for example, had written, 'll n'y a pas de style jésuite ity and austerity. 82 In the end these scholars drove a wedge between style and (1983) that for the Jesuits 'artistic concerns were limited to subject matter.' 83 Italy is now the most productive European field, thanks in part to Richard

gation of the Society of Jesus (1558) calling for practicality and plainness in ture (1984).84 Benedetti uses the oft-quoted rule from the First General Congretaken up by Sandro Benedetti, in his work on sixteenth-century Italian architeclambasted in the Jesuitenstil entries. The anti-classical Jesuit model was recently as much opposed to true Renaissance ideals as the wedding-cake church interiors which their architecture is characterized as plain and 'anti-classical' and as being ment, however, referred only to houses, leaving the door wide open for church Jesuit foundations to demonstrate an underlying ideal of poverty. That state used to promote a newer incamation of the Jesuits-as-anti-Humanists topos, in This shift in focus in the 1950s to the practical aims of the Society has been

> architecture, as Joseph Connors notes in his reflection at the end of this volume. 85 sions, which often ended up looking haphazard and unplanned as a result. They and had not even decided whether they preferred austerity or magnificence. were often forced also, for similar reasons, to use second-rate artists. As Derek forced thereby to abandon, prolong, or alter artistic and architectural commis-Moreover, in those early days the Society was constantly strapped for cash, and The Jesuits had little idea where they wanted to go artistically in the first century aesthetic of functionalism for the results of necessity, the ideal of poverty for a Moore has asked in his review of Benedetti's book, 'Is it not too easy to see the

poverty of ideas?'86 survey of Jesuit architecture in Tuscany by Mario Bencivenni (1996) and the atti to Venice. 87 One of the highlights of the symposium, by Bösel again, is a muchfrom a 1990 Milan symposium which considered Jesuit architecture from Sicily of self-representation. The biggest surprise, perhaps, to those who see such particularly beloved churches belonging to their order, in a conscious statement proposes that many orders promoted distinctive architectural solutions based on ing the Jesuits, here focusing on their relationship to their mother churches. 88 He needed comparative study of the architecture of different religious orders includchurches of some orders were sometimes built by other orders - the mother buildings as reflections of 'Counter-Reformation' principles, is that the mother church of the Barnabites, for example, was built before that order was even symposium volume also includes a thoughtful discussion of Jesuit urbanism by eralize about.89 Two recent surveys, one by Evonne E. Levy (1990) and the and adaptation to local usage that makes Jesuit buildings so difficult to genand not a 'modo normativo' - that is, as characterized by precisely the flexibility Angela Marino that identifies noster modus in architecture as a 'modo operativo' founded – or were not designed to adhere to liturgically specific rules. The Milan picture provided by architecture studies; but much work remains to be done.90 seventeenth-century Rome and Italy, attempting to compensate for the detailed other my own work (1999), reassess Jesuit painting programs in sixteenth- and More recent work on the Italian architecture of the Society of Jesus includes a

scholars have also recently paid attention to Jesuit foundations and art in the college at Funchal, and a 1994 dissertation by Fausto Sanches Martins surveys important Jesuit buildings in Portugal, such as São Roque (fig. 2.15) and the Europe for Oriental extravagance. Monographs have appeared on the more inspired the Roman Gesù and the Italian baroque by serving as a conduit into 1940s Portuguese scholars maintained that Jesuit architecture in Portugal had fberian Peninsula, especially Portugal. This is not surprising, given that in the the entire architectural production of the Old Society in that country.91 Nuno Vassallo e Silva, director of the São Roque Museum and a specialist in Although their work does not compare in volume to the scholarship on Italy.

2.15. The Jesuit church of São Roque, Lisbon, Portugal. Begun in 1566. Photo courtesy of Gauvin Alexander Bailey.

of Jesuit art in general if these studies were more widely known, but neither metalwork, has recently produced some intriguing studies on the unusual topic of worked there. Tristano assisted in the design of the Church of São Roque in And, conversely, the studies on Italy rarely discuss the Iberian Peninsula, even in Portugal, does not cite a single non-Portuguese work on Jesuits and the arts.94 literature on the Jesuit arts. The recent article 'Os jesuítas e a arte' by Teresa Jesus included an entire session on the arts. 93 It would be beneficial to the field Jesuit silverware in Portugal. 92 A 1997 conference in Lisbon on the Society of Pozzo even at the very end of the seventeenth century.95 close connection between Iberian and Italian architects such as Fontana and Fontana's work on the church of Loyola in Spain, in which he underscores the An important exception is the excellent work by Hellmut Hager on Carlo though Italian Jesuit architects like Tristano and Giuseppe Valeriano (1542-96) Freitas Morna, for example, while providing an invaluable typology of Jesuit art Portuguese nor other scholars have yet integrated them into the mainstream Lisbon, for example, and Valeriano was extremely active in Spain and Portugal

of which devotes no fewer than three articles primarily to a single commission. (1642-1709), the subject of two enormous volumes of essays in 1996 alone, one has been the study of individual Jesuit artists. The most popular is Andrea Pozzo sources on Jesuit architecture in Poland in Kaufmann's article in this volume. churches in northern Italy and Poland; these are discussed along with other consecratio (1622) by T. Frank Kennedy, S.J., at Boston College (for more about attention in 1992 with the production of J.H. Kapsberger's opera Apotheosis sive the works referred to earlier, and the latter's career as an opera librettist drew work of Giacomo Briano and Orazio Grassi has been reconsidered by Bösel in search was also undertaken by Beatrice Canestro Chiovenda. 97 The architectural is still Robert Enggass's The Painting of Baciccio (1964), although much rebut most of the scholarship dates from the 1960s and 1970s. The only monograph the non-Jesuit painter of the Gesù ceiling and other major Jesuit commissions, Second in terms of popularity is Giovanni Battista Gaulli (Baciccio, 1639–1709). Pozzo's diffusion outside Italy, see Kaufmann's contribution to this volume Pozzo: Architettura e illusione (1988). For more references and a discussion of Remigio Marini's Andrea Pozzo pittore (1959), and Vittorio de Feo's Andrea Kerber's Andrea Pozzo (1971), N. Carbonieri's Andrea Pozzo architetto (1961), the altar of St Ignatius in the Gesù. 96 The standard works on Pozzo are Bernhard plans by Giacomo Briano (1588-1649), the Jesuit architect responsible for this work please refer to Kennedy's paper). John Bury has recently published One other fruitful direction in our understanding of Jesuit art and architecture

prepared by Maria Conelli, focusing on the Gesù Nuovo in Naples. 98 Conelli has tound that Valeriano was much less dependent upon Serlio than is traditionally A major reassessment of the architecture of Giuseppe Valeriano is being the visual arts in Baroque Italy. 102 scene of Urban VIII's Rome, and his close friend the Jesuit Giovanni Battista patron and connoisseur Cassiano del Pozzo, who dominated the cultural Freedberg has recently investigated the relationship between the great art (Florence, 1652) was written by Ottonelli, Cortona appears to be responsible of Trent. Although most of Trattato della pittura e scultura uso et abuso loro the visual arts ever to come out of the frenzy of treatise writing after the Council Pietro da Cortona's association with the reactionary Jesuit moralist Giovanni Ferrari (1582-1655), in an article emphasizing the affinity of the sciences and historical and technical information, which are often lively and original. David for a substantial portion of the work, primarily the passages with purely art-Domenico Ottonelli, with whom he penned one of the most curious treatises on Jesuit intellectuals. The most famous example of this kind of collaboration is Other studies look at relationships between non-Jesuit artists and patrons and

that have been considered in monographs include St Michael's in Munich (1983) Moore, Stefano Della Torre, and Richard Schoffeld, which stressed the Jesuits' written several penetrating articles on the Gesù as a prototype. 104 Pellegrino as well as the considerable recent contribution of Klaus Schwager, who has pioneering work on the iconographic programs in the Gesù by Howard Hibbard, masterly survey of the literature. 103 Mention should again be made of the and valuable monograph by Pecchiai. Luciano Patetta has recently written a their early foundations got off the ground. 105 Other major Jesuit monuments policy of adaptation to their urban surroundings and the haphazard way in which Tibaldi's Church of San Fedele in Milan was the subject of monographs by Derek Robertson's contribution to this volume. I have already referred to the still classic exceeds the limits of this survey, but which is discussed in detail in Clare lion's share of literature belongs to the Gesù in Rome, the bibliography for which Many studies of the European Jesuits now focus on individual buildings. The

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volume cites works on St Michael's. and the Jesuit church in Antwerp (1968). 106 Jeffrey Chipps Smith's paper in this

recent years, having taken the lead from Francis Haskell's landmark Patrons and of Alessandro Farnese (1992), the man who paid for the Gesù and whose conflict but there have been several important new studies that focus on the role of works dealing with urbanism and social context cited above look at patronage, age style in the 1660s to the writings of Father General Oliva. 107 Many of the Painters (1963) and his 1972 article subtly relating the change in Jesuit patronerable attention has also been devoted specifically to Jesuit urban strategy, standing of the complexity of the social context of these foundations. 109 Considwith the Jesuits over its design is familiar even to non-specialists. 108 Carolyn individual patrons. The most prominent recent work is Clare Robertson's study patrons of Jesuit foundations, a topic that promises further to enrich our under-Valone and Maria Conelli have recently been engaged in investigation of women Connors, as well as in excellent studies by Morton Colp Abromson, Alessandro urban fabric on early Jesuit foundations (1997) and in recent work by Joseph particularly in a new book by Thomas M. Lucas on the impact of the Roman Cinquecento into the larger context of urban renewal and the palaeochristian Zuccari, and Stefania Macioce, which integrate Jesuit efforts in the late The study of the mechanisms of patronage has been crucial to the field in

with the Society of Jesus, even if they did not constitute a 'style.' Many of these study of Jesuit iconography with his classic L'art religieux après le Concile de imagery, Antwerp. As early as 1932, Emile Mâle laid the foundations for the originated not in Rome, but in the second most important centre for Jesuit study has shown were illustrated as early as 1649, and perhaps earlier. 113 I have most popular text, naturally, has been the Spiritual Exercises, which a recent goals of major Jesuit figures such as Ignatius, Bellarmine, and Possevino. 112 The more closely to Jesuit texts, Many studies have sought to understand the artistic Scholars have once again speculated on these issues, this time relating them Trente, which isolated a number of themes especially favoured by the Society. 111 and realism to Ignatius's 'composition of place.' Similar endeavours have been already mentioned Weibel's (1909) pioneering attempt to tie Bernini's tangibility weekly progression in the Exercises. 115 Similar links to the 'composition of the first decorative program of the side chapels in the Gesù, in terms of the article already cited, Howard Hibbard (1972) gave an original interpretation of positive evidence that either of these artists made the full Exercises. 114 In his made for the work of Caravaggio, but equally unconvincingly - there is no place' have been proposed for the Jesuit emphasis on natural landscapes in the In the figurative arts, certain iconographies and cults did come to be associated

century Flemish depictions of miracles of St Francis Xavier as a metaphor for tives of spiritual and corporal works of mercy. martyrological catalogues by Mathias Tanner, for example Societatis Jesu ... them with depictions of plagues in other orders, where they were merely narraheresy, have recently been considered by Christine Boeckl, 118 Boeckl contrasts (Prague, 1694), on confessors. Jesuit plague imagery, used in early seventeenthmilitans (Prague, 1675), on martyrs, and Societatis Jesu apostolorum imitatrix tians by Bartolomeo Ricci, S.J., Triumphus Jesu Christi crucifixi (Antwerp, century in works such as the gruesome collection of crucifixions of early Chris-Christological model whereby the martyrdoms were presented as echoes of Calvary. The genre of martyrdoms continued to flourish into the seventeenth than anyone else at that time. Many of them subordinated their subjects to a 1608), which was widely disseminated on the missions, and the more triumphalist Jesuits commissioned more images of martyrdoms, whether in frescos or books, Holm Monssen, Alexandra Herz, and others. 117 In the late sixteenth century the some intriguing articles from the 1970s and 1980s by Herwarth Röttgen, Lieb Early Jesuit martyrdoms, also first considered by Mâle, have been the topic of

and others which were extremely influential not only in Europe but on missions the visual arts of the Gesù. Jesuits' greatest artistic contribution of the sixteenth century, the equivalent in Wierix brothers after drawings by Livio Agresti, Giovanni Battista Fiammeri, of 153 illustrations to Nadal's Evangelicae historiae imagines, engravings by the one which was virtually overwhelmed with landscape - was the magnificent set possibly Pietro da Cortona for their work at the Gesù and Sant'Andrea al later seventeenth century in the work of Carlo Maratti, Gaulli, Pozzo, and Gesù in 1622. 119 The iconography of Jesuit saints was further developed in the the Jesuit church in Antwerp, and by Gerard Seghers for the Church of the portraits of Ignatius and Francis Xavier were also painted by Rubens in 1617 for saints, beginning with that of the still only beatified Ignatius called Vita Beati P. from China to Paraguay (see fig. 18.5, p. 387). 121 Nadal may have made the Quirinale. 129 But by far the most important Jesuit image cycle of the period — and Galle workshop have been linked with Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640). Early Ignatii Loiolae Societatis Jesu (Antwerp, 1609), the engravings of which by the Another important type of Jesuit iconographic cycle was the life of Jesuit

Another tradition favoured strongly, though not exclusively, by the Jesuits was that of the Quarant'ore, the public exposure of the Eucharist for forty hours

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Ancussed in a now classic article by Mark S. Weil (1974). <sup>122</sup> Often involving claborate, theatrical apparati that verged on architecture, the Quarant ore of the Gesta became a major event in the Roman liturgical calendar and had a strong impact on illusionistic painting and sculpture in baroque art. Louise Rice in this colume explores the thesis print, a type of visual image related intimately to one of the Society's unique enterprises, the college. Ongoing work by Maria Conelli, Chira Bargellini, and Jeffrey Chipps Smith, as well as some of my own research, acuses on other individual cults favoured by the Jesuits, either globally or in single regions. Conelli is considering the impact of the Jesuit theology of the liminaculate Conception and Incarnational theory on church interior programs in Simples and elsewhere; Bargellini's and Smith's contributions to this volume examine the impact of Jesuit cults or catechisms on church interiors in New Spain and Bavaria; and I am working on the role of Nadal's cycle and the cults of the Virgin of St Luke and Loreto on Rome and the world missions.

exuberance in the Society which predated Haskell's 'style Oliva' by two decof the emblematic albums, Imago primi saeculi Societatis Jesu (Antwerp, 1640) (1996). 123 In a masterly recent study, Marc Fumaroli has considered the greatest emblematica, in this volume represented by Karl Josef Höltgen's paper Jesuit architecture, whose most salient characteristic is not homogeneity but incluides. 124 He sees this centenary volume of the Jesuits as a piece of virtual (see fig. 1.2, p. 10) as a quintessentially Jesuit text, representative of a spirit of subject of a major exhibition in the Royal Library of Belgium in Brussels comblems have been the focus of extensive research by G.R. Dimler and the which takes a subtler approach than Blunt's. He uses the ancient rhetorical terms an instructive distinction between Jansenist and Jesuit approaches to art, one universal audience, elite and plebeian alike. In the same article, Fumaroli makes siveness; a festival of styles, genres, and languages, it is aimed at addressing a clitist in essence and the latter more plebeian - although as just indicated he footnote and fitting close to this survey that most of the great emblematists were shows that the Jesuits appealed to both audiences. 125 I add as an interesting their day, but also of the interdisciplinary abilities of many Jesuits. 126 also playwrights, evidence not only of the close affinities between the two arts in 'Atticism' and 'Asianism' to characterize the two orientations, the former more Finally, mention must be made of the burgeoning new field of Jesuit

#### Conclusion

The bibliography I have surveyed helps set the stage, I hope, for the studies of Jesuit arts and architecture – not to mention those of history, of musicology, of the history of science, and of the missions – that follow in this volume. I would

like at this point briefly to suggest ways in which we might look at the arts of the Society now, almost a century after Louis Serbat and Joseph Braun challenged the prevalent concept of a monolithic, anti-classical, artistic behemoth. The bigguestion remains: Did the Jesuits have a noster modus—a way of proceeding—in the arts, or were their projects simply a combination of practical necessity with the same artistic trends that were shared by other orders and by early modern Catholic culture at large?

Certainly, to varying degrees throughout the history of the Society, noster modus involved an element of practicality born of economic necessity, and this did sometimes have an impact on style. One obvious result was the creation of second-rate art and architecture, as in many sixteenth-century Jesuit churches in Spain; another was the making use of existing buildings, such as the Lutheran church at Neuburg an der Donau or the Japanese Buddhist temple of Saikoji at Arima. Practical necessity perforce changed the Jesuits' visual self-representation in certain regions in ways that could never have been foretold from looking at the minutes of the Jesuit General Congregations. Another manifestation of practical necessity was the haphazard and unpremeditated use of styles, according to the capability of whatever artist or architect could be enlisted. Many of the earliest foundations in Italy were Ferrarese in style because Tristano happened to be Ferrarese, and many of the greatest architectural monuments in Latin America were in a recognizably German or Italian style because the architects came from Germany or Italy.

It is also true that we should not exaggerate the difference between the Jesuits and other orders. Even though the Jesuits promoted certain cults more than others, on the whole they were interested in the same iconography as their counterparts in the regular and secular clergy, and they often hired the same artists to produce their paintings and design their buildings. Some were great artists, such as Guercino and Bernini, but most were humbler, like the Roman painter of Bavarian origin Sigismondo Laire (1550–1639), who, according to the great biographer of baroque artists Giovanni Baglione, produced small paintings on copper for the Jesuits to send to America and Asia. <sup>127</sup> Caravaggio named Laire among his friends, but – significantly – not as one of the *valentuomini*, or good painters. <sup>128</sup> The buildings and other works of art of the various early modern Catholic orders, if studied closely together, may prove to be more alike than different. Two other orders especially vital to the development of the Jesuits' own visual culture were the Oratorians in Italy and the Franciscans on the world missions.

Nonetheless, I am convinced that the Jesuits had a 'way of proceeding' and that it may have made their foundations noticeably different from those of other orders. By its very nature, however, noster modus also prevented those founda-

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modus, or corporate strategy, was a complex and fluid mixture of experimenta-(1989): "The Jesuits have never had "a style" in architecture ... To the contrary, mediate between the learned and the unlettered, between Europeans and nondesire, to paraphrase Fumaroli, to say everything in every way possible, and to the surrounding cultural landscape, whether Neapolitan or Moxos. It was the non and creativity, combined with a willingness to adapt and learn from nons as a group from being stylistically uniform or normative. This noster assimilating. For noster modus is not a product but a process. it as its critics have for so long maintained, it ends up accommodating and uniform, yet it dissolves when probed. Instead of dominating everything around the Jesuit noster modus gives the illusion of being something concrete and and the 'style' of the Jesuits is very Jesuitical indeed. Confusing and misleading of society," 130 Perhaps Pascal and his friends have the last laugh, because in the themselves to all historical situations, all cultural evolutions, and all conditions the Jesuits were one of the most flexible of the orders, having chosen to adapt determining hand of 'the Other.' Patetta sums it up nicely in his Storia e tipologia Europeans. 129 It can never be understood out of this context and without the

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