

# THE IMPORTANCE OF THE GREENWAYS HERITAGE PROJECT FOR THE FLEMISH BEGUINAGES OF MECHELEN AND DIEST



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# 1 - FLEMISH BEGUINES & BEGUINAGES

- BEGUINES = UNMARRIED OR WIDOWED WOMEN
- SPIRITUAL LIFE
- MATERIAL NEEDS



*BEGUINES IN THE BEGUINAGE OF DIEST*

# 1 - FLEMISH BEGUINES & BEGUINAGES



## ACTIVITIES OF BEGUINES:

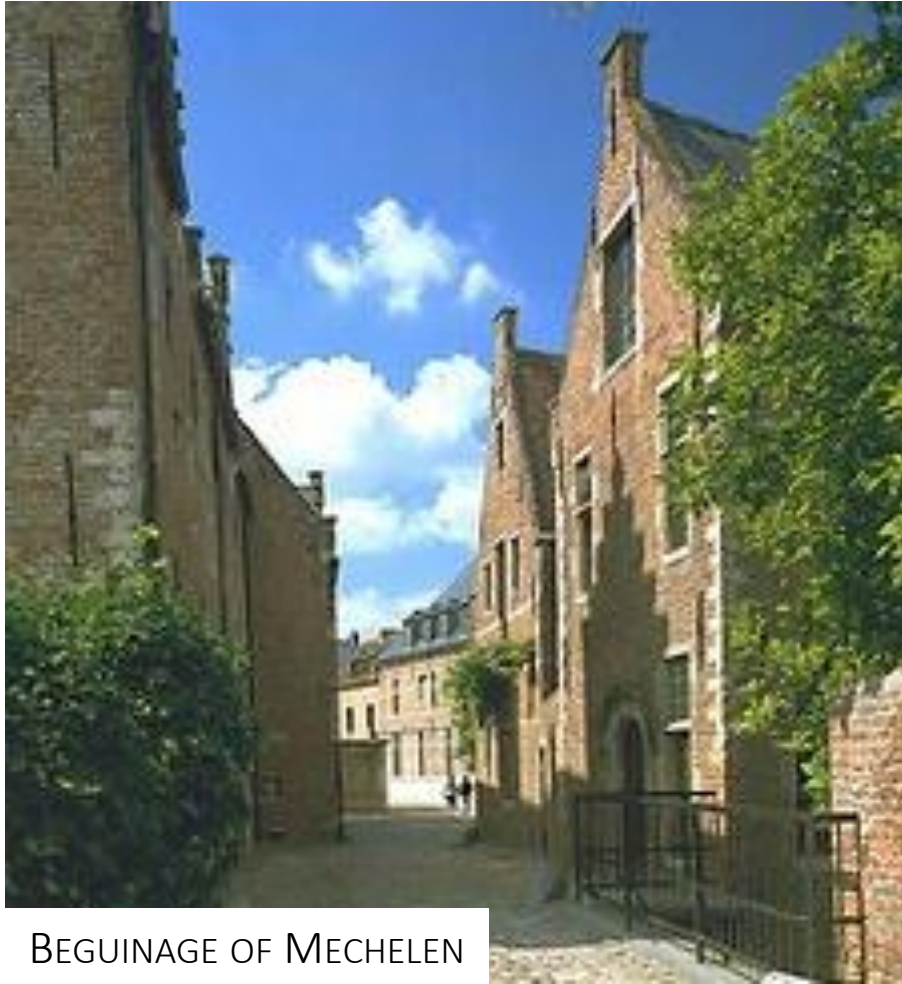
- ❑ HOUSEHOLD ACTIVITIES
- ❑ CURING THE ILL
- ❑ EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN
- ❑ TAKING CARE OF THE POOR
- ❑ GENERATE FINANCIAL INCOMES THROUGH:
  - HANDWORK
  - LABOUR
  - MANAGING THEIR PROPERTIES

*ACTIVITIES OF THE BEGUINES IN THE BEGUINAGE OF MECHELEN, PAINTING IN THE MUSEUM OF HOF VAN BUSLEYDEN, 1578*

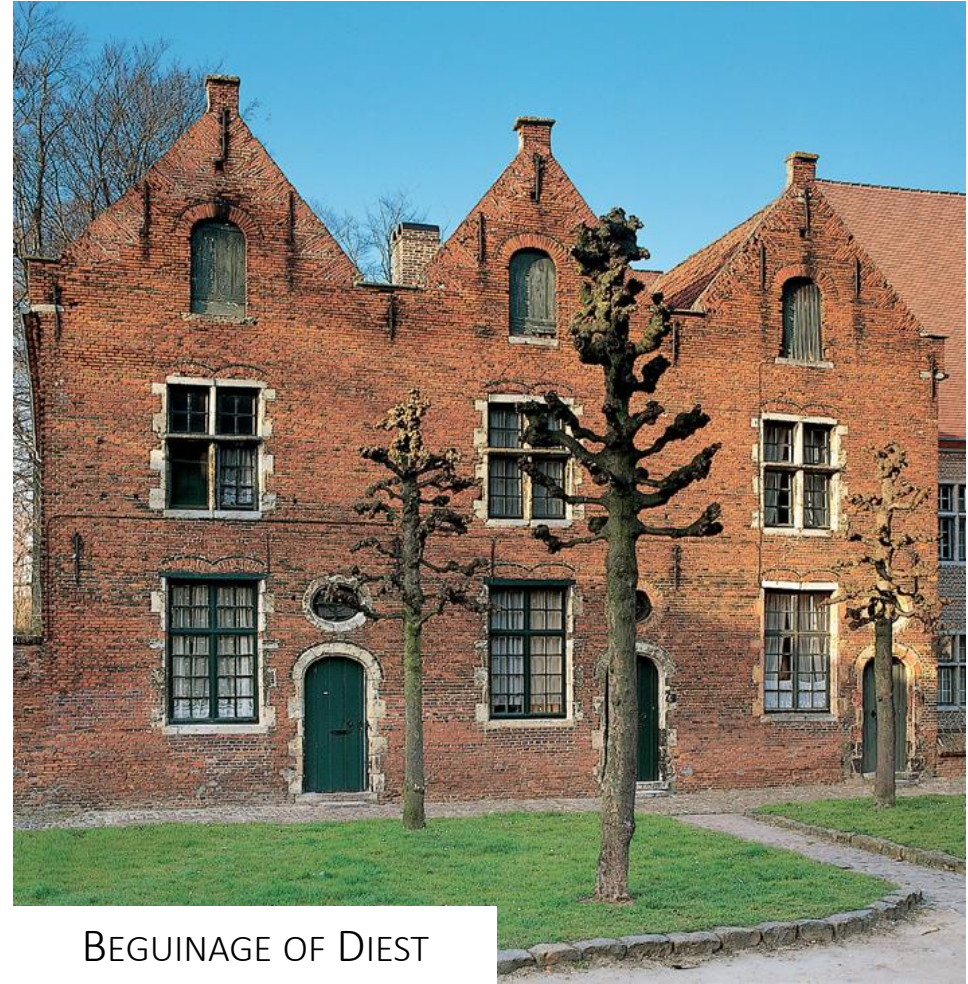
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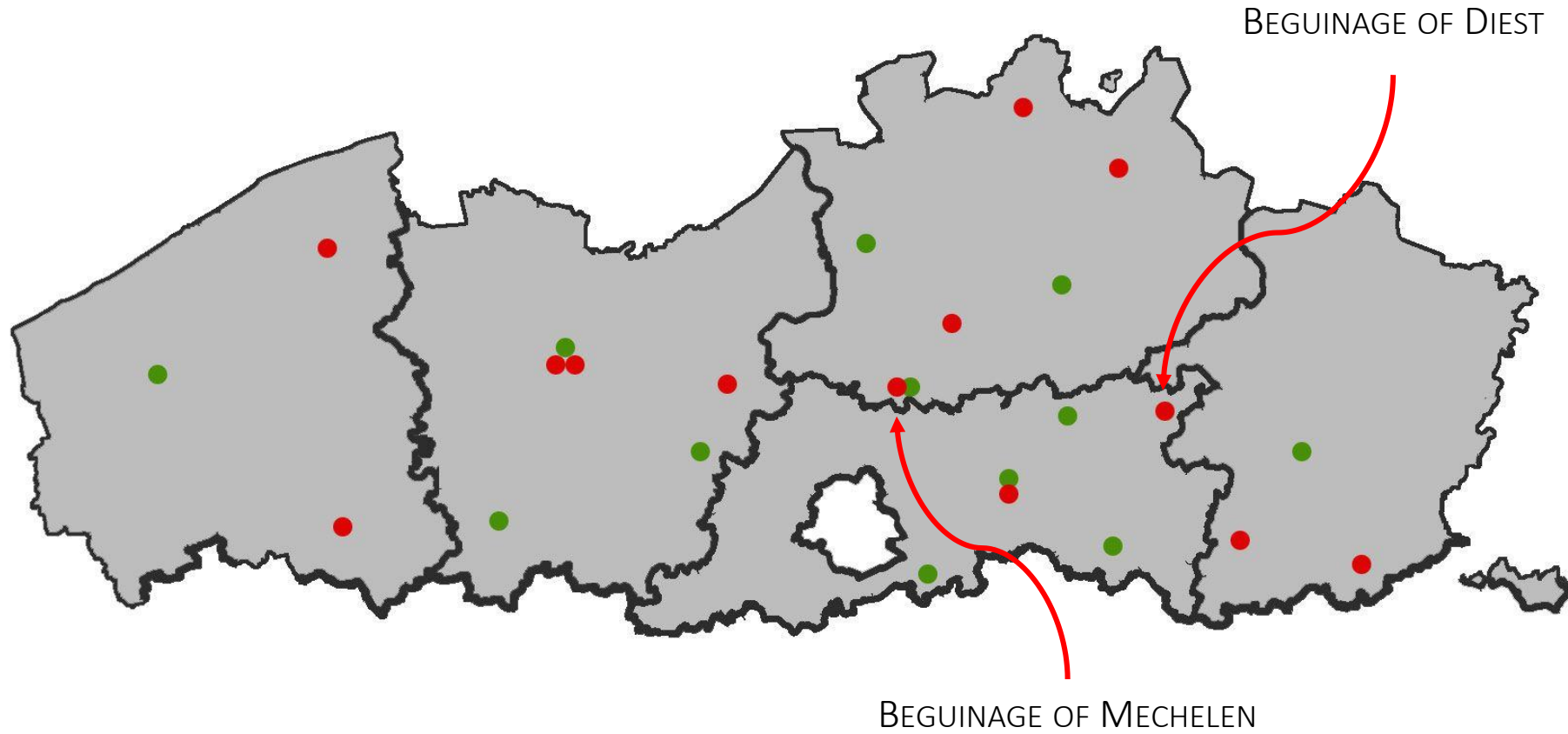


BEGUINAGE OF MECHELEN



BEGUINAGE OF DIEST

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- UNESCO BEGUINAGES
- NON-UNESCO BEGUINAGES

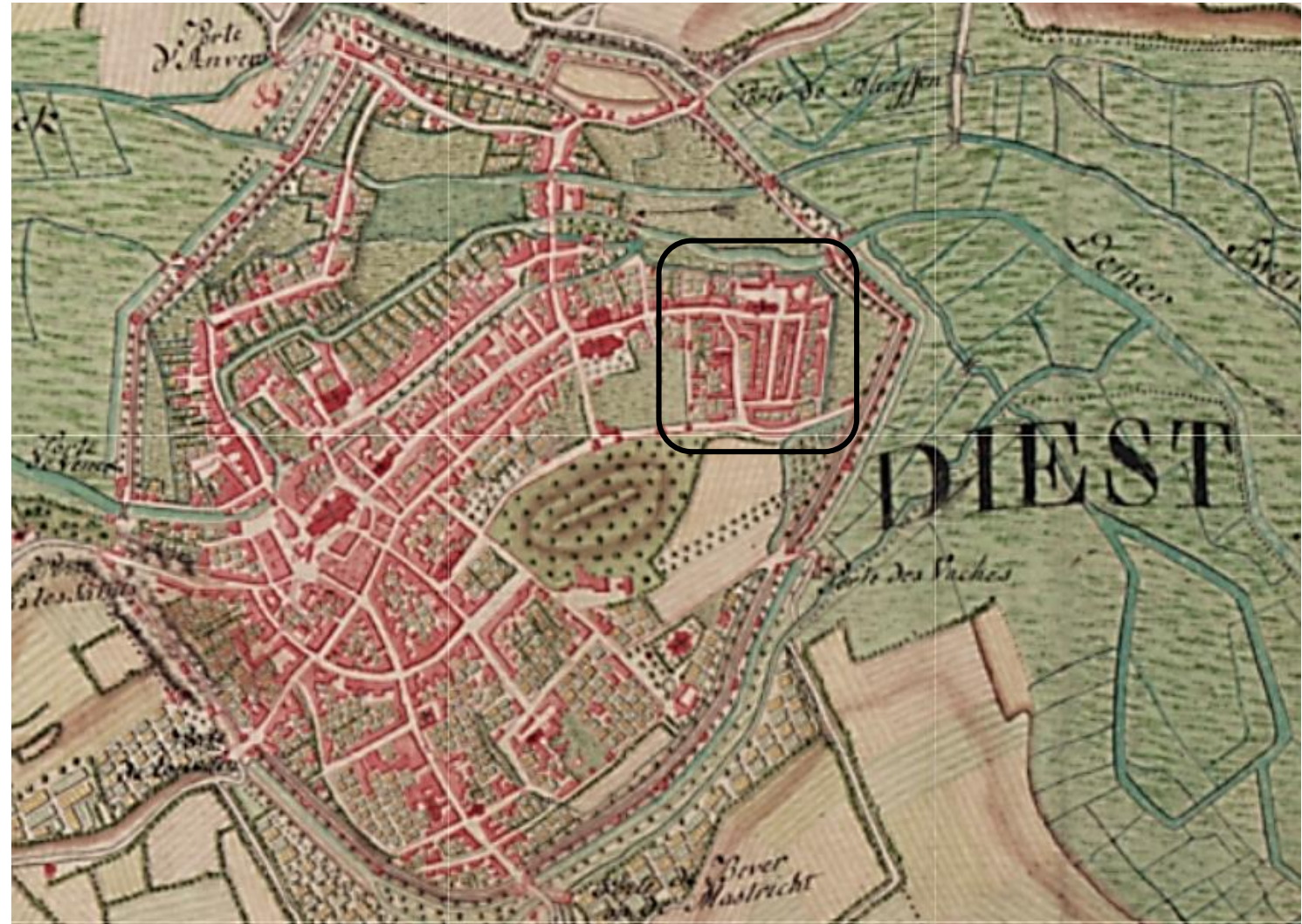
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1253 – LORD ARNOLD

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BEGUINAGE OF DIEST

1550 – PRIEST NIKLAAS ESCH





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### BEGUINAGE OF DIEST

16TH CENTURY: INFIRMERIE & CHURCH



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17TH-18TH CENTURY: MOST BEGUINAGE HOUSES



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KNOWN FOR EDUCATION CHILDREN



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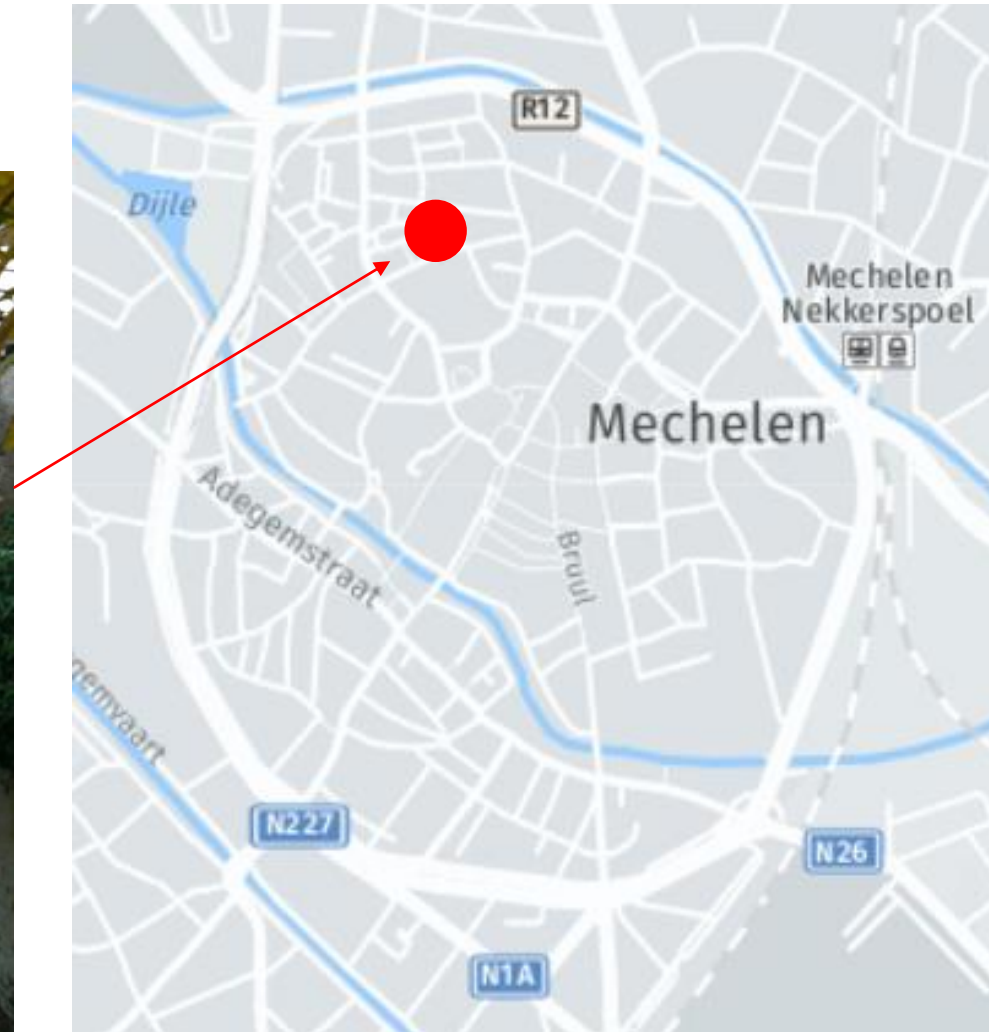
BEGUINAGE OF  
MECHELEN  
1209  
BEGIJNENSTRAAT



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PRESBYTERARY – LITTLE BEGUINAGE



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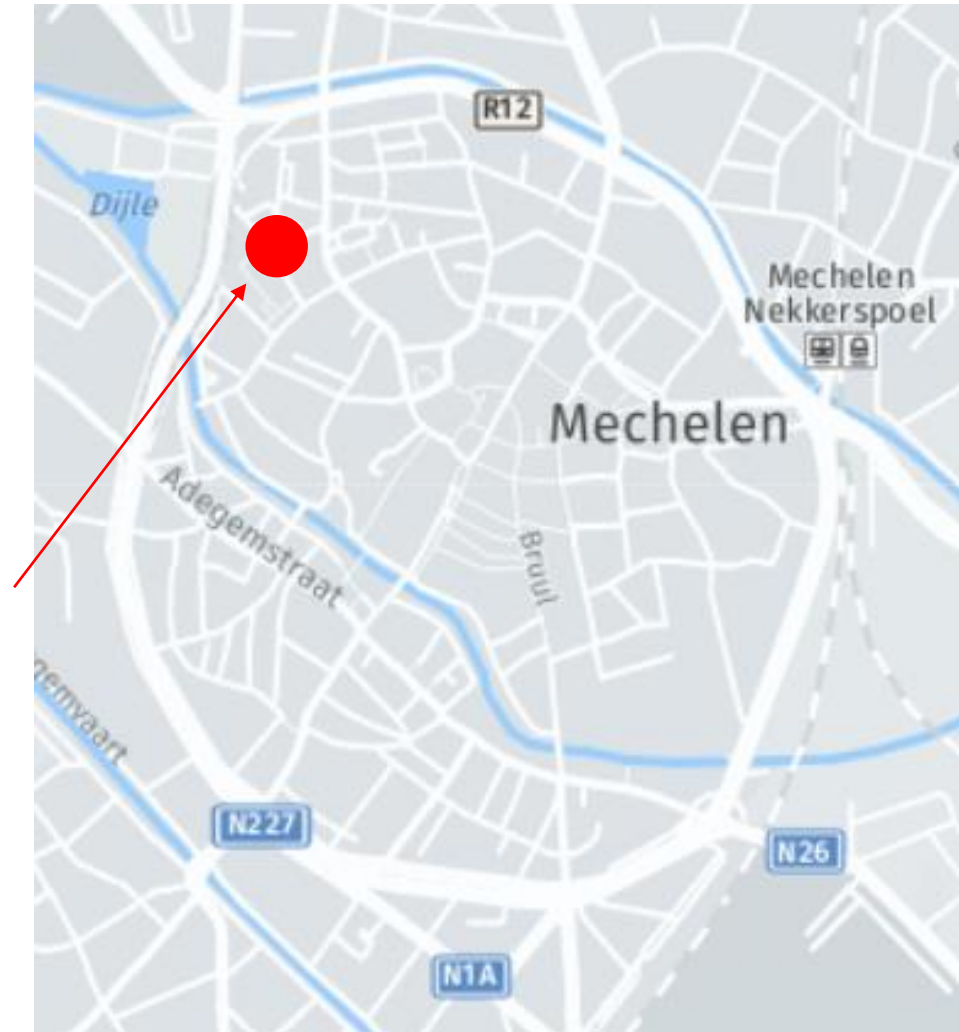
- ❑ 1259 – BISHOP OF KAMERIJK: GRAND BEGUINAGE OUTSIDE CITY WALLS
- ❑ 1550 – LARGEST BEGUINAGE IN THE NETHERLANDS
- ❑ CA. 1580 – GIANT FIRE



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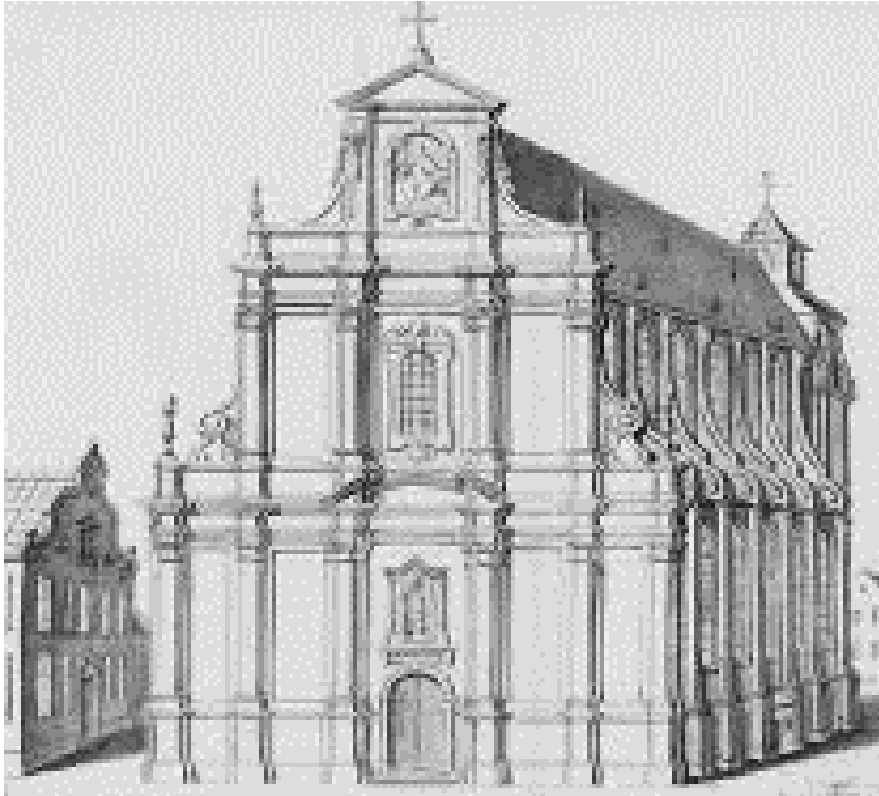
1558 – NEW GRAND BEGUINAGE IN  
EXISTING RESIDENTIAL AREA OF  
SINT-KATHLIJNESTRAAT



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16TH-17TH CENTURY: CHURCH & HOUSES

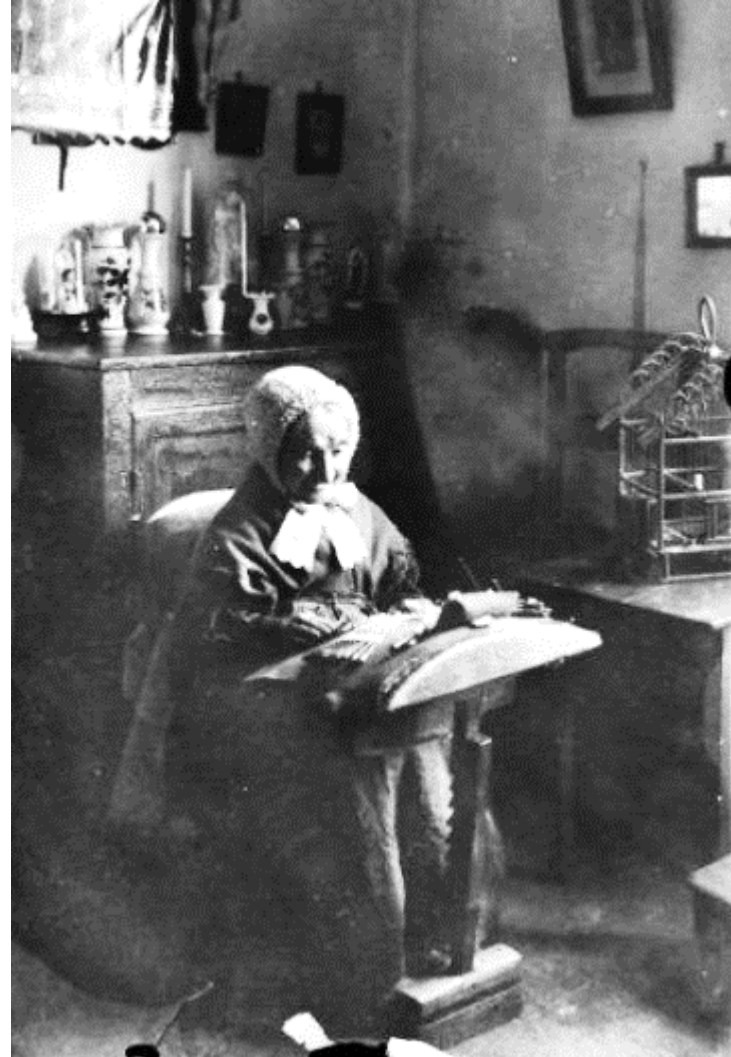




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BEGUINAGE OF MECHELEN

KNOWN FOR LACEWORK = 'MECHELSE KANT'



# 3 - THE IMPORTANCE OF THE GREENWAYS HERITAGE PROJECT FOR FLEMISH BEGUINAGES

