

## **BOLLANDISTS**

A society of [Jesuit](#) fathers named after [John](#) van Bolland (1596-1665), who founded it on the basis of a plan [conceived](#) by Heribert Rosweyde (1569-1629), who did not live to see it materialize. The plan called for the assembling and publication of a universal register of the lives of saints from all possible original sources. The outcome of the labors of successive generations of [Bollandists](#) was publication of a multivolume work entitled ACTA SANCTORUM (still in progress). The work of the Bollandists was suspended in 1773, when the Society of Jesus was suppressed in Belgium.

Their activities were resumed in 1837, when further supplements to the *Acta sanctorum* were published in the *Analecta Bollandiana*, a quarterly review devoted to hagiography and the lives of saints. It consists mainly of unpublished source material. The Bollandists' work is arranged according to the saints' days, and at present they have reached November.

H. [Delehaye](#) is one of the society's most eminent editors. He is credited with sections entitled *Martyr et confesseur* (*Analecta Bollandiana* 39 [1921]), *Le calendrier d'Oxyrhynque pour l'année 535-36* (*Analecta Bollandiana* 48 [1924]), *Les martyrs d'Égypte* (*Analecta Bollandiana* 40 [1922]; also republished separately [Brussels, 1923]), *La personnalité historique de St. Paul de Thèbes* (*Analecta Bollandiana* 44 [1926]), and *Une [vie](#) inédite de St. Jean l'aumônier* (*Analecta Bollandiana* 46 [1927]).

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