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Chronology

1181/2: birth of Francis, son of Pietro and Pica Bernardone, in Assisi.
1193/4: birth of Clare, daughter of Favarone di Offreduccio and Ortulana.
1199–1200: civil war in Assisi.
1202, November: battle of Collestrada, between Assisi and Perugia.
1202–3: Francis is held as a prisoner of war in Perugia.
1206: Francis's conversion through a series of events outside Assisi.
1208, April: the conversion of Bernard of Quintavalle. He and Francis consult the text of the Gospel in the church of San Nicolo.
1209: initial approval of Francis's form of life and his fraternity by Innocent III.
c.1212: Clare makes her penitential profession at the Porziuncula, below Assisi.
1215, November: the fourth Lateran Council is held in Rome.
1216, 16 July: Francis is present at the death-bed of Innocent III.
1219–20: Francis reaches the Holy Land during the fifth Crusade, when he preaches to the sultan, al-Malik-al-Kāmil.
1220, January: the martyrdom of five friars in Morocco.
c.1220: Hugolino dei Conti di Segni, cardinal bishop of Ostia, who had already intervened in the life of the fledgeling order, becomes its protector, representing its interests at the papal court.
1221: the Earlier Rule (Regula non bullata).
1222, 15 August: Francis's sermon in the piazza of Bologna.
1223, 29 November: formal approval of Francis's Rule by Honorius III.
1223, 24–5 December: Francis celebrates Christmas at Greccio and re-enacts the crib.
Francis commissions Anthony of Padua to teach the friars theology, provided that this does not extinguish the spirit of prayer.

1224, September: on his retreat at La Verna Francis receives the stigmata, the five wounds which marked the body of the Crucified Christ.

1225: Francis is nursed at San Damiano and composes praises and exhortations in the vernacular.

1226, 3 October: the death of Francis at the Porziuncula.

1226, 4 October: Francis's body is carried to Assisi for burial in the church of San Giorgio, where he had attended school.

1227, 19 March: Cardinal Hugolino is elected pope as Gregory IX.

1228, 16 July: Francis is canonised by Gregory IX in the piazza di San Giorgio.

1228–9: Thomas of Celano compiles his first biography of Francis at the command of Gregory IX.

1230, 30 May: the solemn translation of Francis's body to the basilica di San Francesco.

1230, 28 September: Quo elongati, the first papal exposition of the Rule of Francis.
Abbreviations

AFH = Archivum Franciscanum Historicum.
FS = Franciscan Studies, new series.
OMT = Oxford Medieval Texts.
RB = the Rule of Francis which was formally approved by Honorius III on 29 November 1223, in FAED, vol. i, pp. 99–106.
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RNB = Francis's Rule of 1221, which was not formally approved by the pope, in FAED, vol. 1, pp. 63–86.


