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ASV Archivo Segreto Vaticano
BAV Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana
BiASA Biblioteca di Archeologia e Storia dell’Arte
Blaauw, CD S. de Blaauw, Cultus et decor: liturgia e architettura nella Roma tardoantica e medieval, 2 vols. (Vatican City, 1994)
CBCR R. Krautheimer, S. Corbett and A. Frazer, Corpus Basilicarum Christianarum Romae, 5 vols. (Vatican City, 1937–77)
CCCM Corpus Christianorum, Continuatio Mediaevalis
CCSL Corpus Christianorum, Series Latina
CIL Deutsche Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Berlin (ed.), Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum, 17 vols. (Berlin 1862–93)
CSEL Corpus Scriptorum, Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum
ILCV E. Diehl (ed.), Inscriptiones Latinae Christianae Veteres (Berlin, 1924)
MLCT Monumenta Liturgica Concilii Tridentinini
MEFRA Mélanges de l’École Française de Rome. Antiquité xxvii
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