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## Medieval Clerics Resisted Celibacy, Historians Say

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A reader sent me a link to this story, suggesting I share it with all of you.

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Medieval clerics did not relish the prospect of giving up sex when the Papacy tried to introduce the principle of celibacy. Resistance was widespread, it was revealed at an academic conference at the University of Huddersfield where two historians are playing a key role in developing the burgeoning study area of medieval masculinity.

Do any of you, dear readers, know about the network Called "The Bishop's Eye," which promotes the study of "medieval masculinity"? According to this report, "the study of medieval masculinity **is a burgeoning field of international scholarship.**"

I want to learn more.

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