



# Prevention is better than cure.

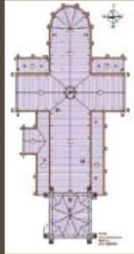
## Context

The Charter of Venice (1964) emphasises that the significance of the Built Cultural Heritage can only be sustained if the physical assets are maintained appropriately and systematically. Monument Watch Flanders is an initiative of the King Baudouin Foundation, the Foundation for the Conservation of Monuments and Landscapes and the Flemish Association of Provinces. It was set up in September 1991.



## Profile

- > independent advisory body
- > voluntary membership
- > assists the owners or managers of monuments
- > teams of two specialists carry out inspections



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#### > Pictures

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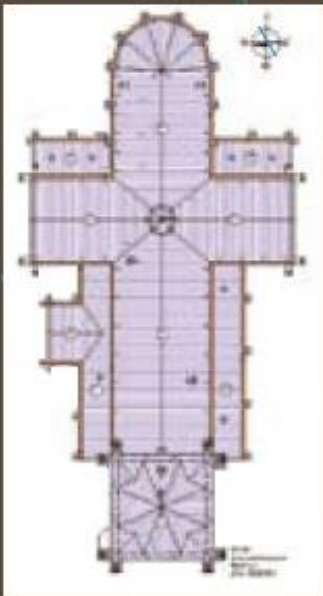
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## > Interior inspection

Report containing:

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1. Conservation and restoration
2. Moulds and insects
3. Preventive measures
4. Regular maintenance
5. Right environmental conditions
6. Theft, vandalism and fire

### > Detailed status report

### > Pictures

Emergency or exemplary interventions



## Membership

- > Subscription fee: € 40 per building/year (taxes incl.)
- > Inspection fee: € 46 per hour of actual inspection (taxes incl.)
- > 5000 member buildings in the Flemish Region
- > Member status: 31% public authorities, 29% churches, 40% private owners

## Additional support

- > Brochures, newsletter, publications
- > [www.monumentenwacht.be](http://www.monumentenwacht.be)
- > Lectures

Monument watch is currently operative with support from the five Flemish Provinces and from the Flemish Community, Monuments and Sites Division.

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