

**Under the pressure of protestantism
the crosiers developed parish pastoral care
in the sixteenth century**



Decoration of the character S on a Feast of Mary:
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