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THE BENEDICTINES WERE NOT “THE BUILDERS” OF IONA ABBEY **1205-1250.**

EACH BENEDICTINE ABBEY :



- WAS COMPLETELY AUTONOMOUS
- HAD NO “MOTHERHOUSE”. NO “SUPERIOR” (eg, ARCHBISHOP, CELTIC COARB.) NO INSTITUTIONAL FUNDING.
- ALL THAT WAS “CORPORATE” WAS THEIR *ORDER*, LITURGICAL PRACTISE AND ABBEY LAYOUT, FURNISHINGS.
- THEY WERE NOT PART OF THE FORMAL ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF, OR FUNDED BY ROMAN CHURCH.
- THERE WAS ONLY THE ORIGINAL AND GENERIC BENEDICTINE MONASTIC “**RULE**” (RELIGIOUS ‘*PRACTICE*’)
- AS LATE AS **1216** (4TH LATERAN COUNCIL) THEIR STRUCTURE AS AN ORGANISATION WAS NOT EVEN FORMALISED, AND WITH LIMITED SUCCESS,
- **1216** : THIS WAS AFTER IONA RE-FOUNDED, LET ALONE THEM HAVING A CO-ORDINATED NETWORK AND SYSTEMATIC ORGANISATION OF ANY SORT.



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