



Florentine Relief of School Children

On the positive side, in the early 6th Century, St. Benedict introduced a revolutionary departure from the Greek-Roman concept of labour. Whereas they depicted labour as vulgar and servile, fit only for slaves, the Benedictine rule, "*Laborare est orare*" (work and pray), strengthened the belief in the duty and dignity of physical labour. The museum documents how the love of God moved the followers of Christ to introduce free education and hospital care to the world.



First Hospital