



DIREZIONE DELLE TELECOMUNICAZIONI
E DEI SISTEMI INFORMATICI

SERVIZIO POSTE E FILATELIA

00062/2021

Vatican City, 8 January 2021

Press release 1/2021

Special postal cancellation
54th World Day of Peace

On the occasion of the *54th World Day of Peace*, the Post and Philately Service has put into use a special postmark of which the imprint is reproduced:



Date: **January 1, 2021**

Sketch: reproduces an image freely inspired by the theme chosen by the Holy Father Francis for the celebration of the 54th World Day of Peace: *"The culture of care as a path to peace"*.

The cancellation is completed by the words «54th WORLD DAY OF PEACE» and «VATICAN POST - 1 JANUARY 2021».

Format: circular

Diameter: 38mm

The philatelic material to be stamped, duly stamped by the applicants, must be come to the Obliterations Sector of the Post and Philately Service by 13 February 2021.



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SERVIZIO POSTE E FILATELIA

00588/2021

Vatican City, 28 January 2021

Press release 2/2021

Special postal cancellation
XXV World Day of Consecrated Life

On the occasion of the *XXV World Day of Consecrated Life*, which occurs on 2 February 2021, the Post and Philately Service will put into use a special cancellation of which the imprint is reproduced:



Date: **February 2, 2021**

Sketch: recalls the logo used for the Year of Consecrated Life (30 November 2014 - 2 February 2016) and which is currently used as the distinctive logo of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life.

The cancellation is completed by the words «XXV WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE», «VATICAN POST» and «02.02.2021».

Format: rectangular

Dimensions: 41 x 32mm

The philatelic material to be stamped, duly stamped by the applicants, must be come to the Obliteration Sector of the Post and Philately Service by 6 March 2021.



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00589/2021

Vatican City, 28 January 2021

Press release 3/2021

Special postal cancellation
43rd Day for the Life of the Italian Church

On the occasion of the *43rd Day for Life*, announced by the Italian Episcopal Conference for 7 February 2021, the Post and Philately Service will put into use a special postmark of which the imprint is reproduced:



Date: **February 7, 2021**

Sketch: reproduces an image freely inspired by the theme of motherhood.
The cancellation is completed by the words «43rd DAY FOR THE LIFE OF THE ITALIAN CHURCH - FREEDOM AND LIFE», «POSTE VATICANE» and «07.02.2021».

Format: circular

Diameter: 38mm

The philatelic material to be stamped, duly stamped by the applicants, must be come to the Obliteration Sector of the Post and Philately Service by 13 March 2021.



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00590/2021

Vatican City, 28 January 2021

Press release 4/2021

Special postal cancellation
XXIX World Day of the Sick

On the occasion of the *XXIX World Day of the Sick*, which occurs on 11 February 2021, the Service Poste e Filatelia will use a special cancellation whose imprint is reproduced:



Date: **February 11, 2021**

Sketch: reproduces an image freely inspired by the message of the Holy Father Francis for the *XXIX World Day of the Sick*.

The cancellation is completed by the words «XXIX WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 11.02.2021», «VATICAN POST» and «THE REPORT OF TRUST IS THE BASIS OF THE CARE OF THE SICK.»

Format: circular

Diameter: 38mm

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SERVIZIO POSTE E FILATELIA

Vatican City, 28 January 2021

Press release 5/2021

00591/2021

Series of postage stamps and special postmarks for the issues

Pontificate of Pope Francis MMXXI

The philatelic series dedicated to the ninth year of Pope Francis' pontificate refers to chapter VIII of the Encyclical *Fratelli tutti*, where the Holy Father explains the contribution that different religions can give to the construction of a more fraternal world: « The different religions, starting from the recognition of the value of every human person as a creature called to be a son or daughter of God, offer a precious contribution for the construction of fraternity and for the defense of justice in society.

Dialogue between people of different religions is not just done out of diplomacy, courtesy or tolerance. As the Bishops of India have taught, "the objective of dialogue is to establish friendship, peace, harmony and share moral and spiritual values and experiences in a spirit of truth and love"»

(FT 271).



Stamps

Issuing date:

February 22, 2021

Values:

1.10 - 1.15 - 2.40 - 3.00 euros

Cartoons: they portray the Holy Father next to representatives of the Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist and Hindu religions: in the 1.10 euro value with the Chief Rabbi of Rome, Riccardo Shemuel Di Segni, during a visit to the Synagogue of Rome (17.01.2016); in the 1.15 euro value with the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Aḡmad al-ğayyib, on the occasion of his apostolic journey to the United Arab Emirates (02.04.2019); in the 2.40 euro value with the Supreme Patriarch of Buddhists, Somdet Phra Ariyavong-sagatanana IX, on the occasion of the apostolic trip to Thailand (21.11.2019); finally, in the 3.00 euro value with the Hindu leader Ndu-Kurukkal SivaSri T. Mahadeva, during the trip to Sri Lanka (13.01.2015).

Printing shop: Cartor
Press: 4 color offset
Paper: white, rubberized, 110 g/m²
Stamp format: 40 x 30mm
Perforation: 13 x 13¼
Sheet format: 104 x 174
Sheets from: 10 copies
Circulation: 60,000 complete sets

Cancellation

Graphics: reproduces the "cross of friendship".
The cancellation is completed by the words «FRANCISCVS PP. MMXXI - DIE EMISSIONIS 02.22.2021" and "VATICAN POST".

Format: circular
Diameter: 38mm

On 22 and 23 February 2021 the post office called "*Arco delle Campane*" (Carlo branch Magno) will use the special cancellation in question.

Alternatively, the obliteration of the philatelic material, duly stamped by the applicants with the stamps to which the cancellation refers, can request it from the Obliterations Sector of the Post and Philately Service until 27 March 2021.



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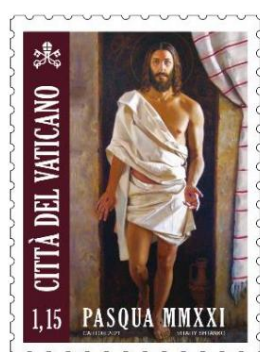
Vatican City, 28 January 2021

Press release 6/2021

Special postage stamp and postmark for emissions
Easter of Resurrection MMXXI

The stamp dedicated to Easter 2021 reproduces a work by Vitaliy Shtanko. The Ukrainian artist wanted to represent the moment in which the Risen Lord, on Easter evening, appeared to the eleven apostles who, frightened, were closed in the cenacle, and showing them his hands, feet and side pierced during the passion he asked, "Why do doubts arise in your heart?" (*Luke 24.38*).

This is the question that the Lord also asks us, especially in this time of pandemic, and to us too, like the apostles, He shows His wounds, a sign of God's love. Because as Pope Francis teaches, it is the faithful love of God that helps us to overcome doubts: "Therefore, the deepest teaching that we are called to transmit and the surest certainty to overcome doubts is the love of God with which we have been loved (cf. *1 John 4:10*). A great love, free and given forever" (General Audience of 23 November 2016, Catechesis on the spiritual works of mercy: advising the doubtful).



Stamp

Issuing date:

February 22, 2021

Value:

1.15 euros

Cartoon:

It depicts the Risen Lord at the moment in which, on Easter evening, he appears to the Apostles gathered in the cenacle.

<i>Artist:</i>	Vitaliy Shtanko
<i>Printing shop:</i>	Cartor
<i>Press:</i>	4 color offset
<i>Paper:</i>	white, rubberized, 110 g/m ²
<i>Stamp format:</i>	33 x 45 mm
<i>Perforation:</i>	14 x 13 $\frac{3}{4}$
<i>Sheet format:</i>	189 x 114mm
<i>Sheet from:</i>	10 copies
<i>Circulation:</i>	55,000 stamps

Cancellation

<i>Graphics:</i>	reproduces the Angel announcing the Resurrection of Christ from the death. The cancellation is completed by the words «PASQUA DI RESURRECTION MMXXI», «POSTE VATICANE», «DIE EMISSIONIS 22.02.2021» and «SURREXIT DOMINUS VERE ALLELUJA».
<i>Format:</i>	circular
<i>Diameter:</i>	38mm

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Vatican City, 28 January 2021

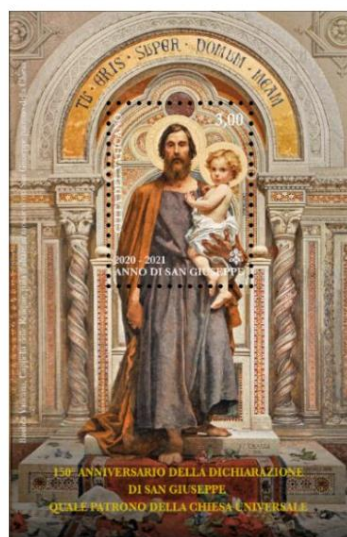
Press release 7/2021

Special postal note and postmark for issues

Year of Saint Joseph

On 8 December 2020, Pope Francis proclaimed *the Year of Saint Joseph*, which will end on 8 December 2021. With this particular jubilee, the Holy Father wants to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the universal Church and to grow "love towards this great Saint, to be encouraged to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his enthusiasm" (Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde*).

Vatican philately also humbly wishes with the issue of this philatelic leaflet contribute to the realization of this goal.



Leaflet

Issuing date:

February 22, 2021

Value:

3.00 euros

Graphics:

reproduces the mosaic of Saint Joseph, patron saint of the Church, kept in the chapel of the Relics of the Vatican Basilica, where unfortunately its iconographic beauty is not accessible to most people.

The mosaic, although it had already been promoted by Blessed Pius IX, who in 1870 proclaimed Saint Joseph the Patron Saint of the universal Church, bears the date of 1892 and was created by the master mosaicist FL

Bell towers designed by the painter F. Grandi. The universal patronage of Saint Joseph, in the mosaic, is remembered by the phrase placed on the marble chair depicted in the background "*Tu eris super domum meam*"

[Vulgate, Gen 41,40] (You will be over my house).

<i>Printing shop:</i>	Cartor
<i>Press:</i>	CMYK offset + hot gold
<i>Paper:</i>	white, rubberized, 110 g/m ²
<i>Stamp format:</i>	33 x 45 mm
<i>Perforation:</i>	14 x 13 $\frac{3}{4}$
<i>Sheet size:</i>	84 x 130mm
<i>Circulation:</i>	45,000 sheets

Cancellation

Graphics: reproduces a graphic representation representing the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the universal Church.

The cancellation is completed by the words: «DIE EMISSIONIS 22.02.2021», «PO-STE VATICANE», «YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH» and «ECCLESIAE PA-TRONUS».

<i>Format:</i>	circular
<i>Diameter:</i>	38mm

On 22 and 23 February 2021 the post office called "*Arco delle Campane*" (Carlo branch Magno) will use the special cancellation in question.

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00594/2021

Vatican City, 28 January 2021

Press release 8/2021

Special postal note and postmark for issues
90th anniversary of the foundation of Vatican Radio
and 160th anniversary of the foundation of "L'Osservatore Romano"

Five years after the establishment of the new Dicastery for Communication, which brought together all the bodies dealing with communication, on the 90th anniversary of the foundation of Vatican Radio and on the 160th anniversary of the foundation of "L'Osservatore Romano", the issuing of a philatelic leaflet gives us the opportunity to reiterate the considerations that the Holy Father expressed in the speech to the Roman Curia for Christmas greetings, on 21 December 2019: "The new culture, marked by factors of convergence and multimedia, needs an adequate response from the Apostolic See in the field of communication. Today, compared to diversified services, the multimedia form prevails, and this also marks the way of conceiving, thinking about and implementing them".



Leaflet

Issuing date:

February 22, 2021

Value:

3.55 euros (stamps: 1.15 - 2.40 euros)

Graphics:

The leaflet reproduces on the left side the statue of the Archangel Gabriel, proclaimed in 1951 by Pius XII as the patron saint of communication and

Vatican Radio, as a symbol of those who spread the good news of the Gospel through the media. The world map in the background symbolizes the diffusion of the Christian message by the Church, faithful to the Lord's mandate "go into all the world" (Mk 16.15).

The stamps reproduce the first microphone of Vatican Radio (1.15 euros) and the first page of the first issue of "L'Osservatore Romano" (2.40 euros).

Printing shop:

Cartor

Press:

4 color offset

Paper:

white, rubberized, 110 g/m²

Stamp format:

40 x 30mm

Perforation:

13 x 13¼

Sheet size:

138 x 103mm

Circulation:

45,000 sheets

Cancellation

Sketch:

reproduces the first microphone of Vatican Radio and the first page of the first issue of "L'Osservatore Romano".

The cancellation is completed by the words «90° DELLA RADIO VATICANA E 160° DE L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO», «POSTE VATICANE» and «DIE EMISSIONIS 22.02.2021».

Format:

circular

Diameter:

38mm

On 22 and 23 February 2021 the post office called "Arco delle Campanie" (Carlo branch Magno) will use the special cancellation in question.

Alternatively, the obliteration of the philatelic material, duly stamped by the applicants with the stamps to which the cancellation refers, can request it from the Obliterations Sector of the Post and Philately Service until 27 March 2021.



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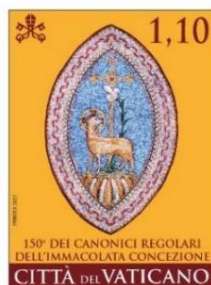
Vatican City, 28 January 2021

Press release 9/2021

Special postage stamp and postmark for emissions

150th anniversary of the Congregation of Canons Regular of the Immaculate Conception

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Congregation of Canons Regular of the Immaculate Conception. The founder Dom Gréa (1828-1917) in 1908 remembered this anniversary as a "celebration" for the Church and in the Church: "Today my poor old heart is experiencing a double and triple celebration. I'm sure that overseas you too are partying with me. Feast of our Mother; feast of his humble servant whom the martyr Saint Hadrian dresses with his purple, with his red robe [...] Anniversary also of the definitive foundation of our Congregation with the perpetual profession of its first religious" (Letter from Gréa to Cyprien Casimir and brothers of Callao, 8 September 1908).



Stamp

Issuing date:

February 22, 2021

Value:

1.10 euros

Cartoon:

reproduces the coat of arms of the Canons Regular of the Immaculate Conception: the lamb, symbolizing Christ, rests its paws on a rock (the Church) from which four springs flow representing the four evangelists and their doctrine which waters the world. Lily, symbol of purity, which also rises from the rock, is a clear reference to the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary.

Printing shop:

Printex

<i>Press:</i>	4 color offset
<i>Paper:</i>	white, rubberized, 110 g/m ²
<i>Stamp format:</i>	30.5 x 41mm
<i>Perforation:</i>	13.77 x 13.66
<i>Sheet format:</i>	177 x 107mm
<i>Sheet from:</i>	10 copies
<i>Circulation:</i>	46,000 stamps

Cancellation

<i>Graphics:</i>	reproduces the reference Marian image of the order of Canons Regular of the Immaculate Conception. The cancellation is completed by the words «150th OF THE CONGREGATION OF CANONS REGULAR OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION», «DIE EMISSIONIS 02.22.2021» and «VATICAN POST».
<i>Format:</i>	circular
<i>Diameter:</i>	38mm

On 22 and 23 February 2021 the post office called "*Arco delle Campane*" (Carlo branch Magno) will use the special cancellation in question.

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SERVIZIO POSTE E FILATELIA

00597/2021

Vatican City, 28 January 2021

Press release 10/2021

Postal stationery and special cancellation on issues

Philatelic envelope 2021

The philatelic envelope issued by the Post and Philately Service of the Vatican City for 2021 aims to draw the attention of the philatelic world to the second and third Encyclicals of Pope Francis: *Laudato Si'* and *Fratelli tutti*.



Postal stationery

Issuing date:

February 22, 2021

Value:

3.00 euros

Graphics:

the Pope smiling while holding a sparrow in his hand, illustrated on the left side of the envelope, is intended to represent number 85 of *Laudato Si'*, in which the Holy Father, making the declarations of the bishops his own of Japan, states: «To perceive every creature singing the hymn of its existence is to live with joy in the love of God and in hope».

The imprint of value represents the meeting between Saint Francis, the poor man of Assisi, and the sultan Malik-al-Kamil, which took place in Egypt in 1219, chosen as the icon of the Encyclical *Fratelli tutti*, since it synthesizes the attitudes that underlie fraternal relationships:

«Without ignoring the difficulties and dangers, Saint Francis went to meet the Sultan with the same attitude that he demanded from his disciples: that, without denying their own identity, finding themselves "among the Saracens or other infidels [...], they do not quarrels or disputes, but are subject to every human creature for the love of God" (FT 3).

Sketchist: Patrick Daniel
Printing shop: Vatican typography
Press: 4 color offset in white
Imprint format: 30 x 40 mm
Dimensions: 215 x 105mm
Circulation: 16,000 envelopes

Cancellation

Graphics: reproduces the illustration on the left of the envelope.
The cancellation is completed by the words «DIE EMISSIONIS», «BUSTA FILATE-LICA», «22 FEBRUARY 2021» and «POSTE VATICANE».

Format: circular
Diameter: 38mm

On 22 and 23 February 2021 the post office called "*Arco delle Campane*" (Carlo branch Magno) will use the special cancellation in question.

Alternatively, the obliteration of postal stationery can be requested from the Obliteration Sector of the Post and Philately Service until 27 March 2021.



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SERVIZIO POSTE E FILATELIA

01347/2021

Vatican City, 4 March 2021

Press release 11/2021

Special postal cancellation

Apostolic Journey of His Holiness Francis to Iraq

On the occasion of the *apostolic trip of His Holiness Francis to Iraq*, which will take place from 5 to 8 March 2021, the Post and Philately Service will put into use a special postmark of which the imprint is reproduced:



Date: **March 5-8, 2021**

Sketch: reproduces a graphic composition made up of some elements taken from the official logo prepared for Pope Francis' trip to Iraq.

The cancellation is completed by the words «POPE FRANCIS IN IRAQ», «5 - 8 MARCH 2021» and «VATICAN POSTE».

Format: circular

Diameter: 38mm

The philatelic material to be stamped, duly stamped by the applicants, must be come to the Obliteration Sector of the Post and Philately Service by 10 April 2021.



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SERVIZIO POSTE E FILATELIA

01348/2021

Vatican City, 25 March 2021

Press release 12/2021

Souvenir envelope and special postal cancellation

The Divine Comedy: Inferno

On the occasion of the issue by the Vatican Telephone Service of a series of telephone cards dedicated to Dante Alighieri's Divine Comedy, the Post and Philately Service will issue a souvenir envelope.



Souvenir envelope

Date:

March 25, 2021

Cartoon:

reproduces the miniature *Inferno, Canto III*, folio 6v of the Latin Urbinat Codex 365. The work is preserved in the Vatican Apostolic Library.

Stamp: 0.60 euro value from the *Italian Language Day* series issued on 21 October 2009.

Dimensions: 16.5 x 9.5 cm

Identification code: PV/112

Price: 2.50

Cancellation

Sketch: reproduces a detail - depicting Dante and Virgil - from the frontispiece of *the Inferno*, sheet 1r of the Latin Urbinat Codex 365.

The cancellation is completed by the words «THE DIVINE COMEDY • IN-FERNO» and «POSTE VATICANE • 25 MARCH 2021».

Format: circular

Diameter: 3.80 cm

For subscribers, the envelope will be sent with the next folder shipment without any increase in shipping costs. For the remaining customers, the contribution for the shipping costs of the item, which will take place via registered mail, is 1.50 euros.

Purchase orders must be accompanied by the relevant amount paid by:

- "Non-Transferable" bank check to the order of: Post and Philately – Governorate – 00120 Vatican CITY;
- bank transfer to: Governorate of the Vatican City State
(IBAN IT84 X020 0805 0080 0010 3184 313 – SWIFT UNCRITM1B88).



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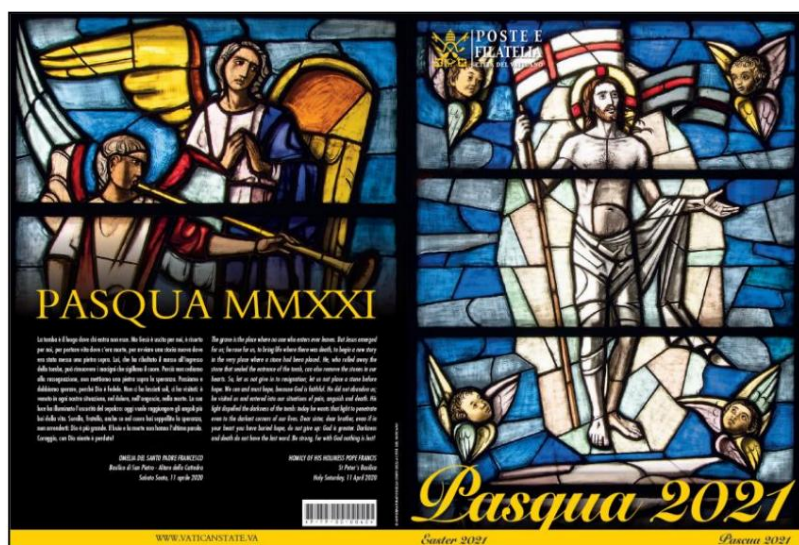
01748/2021

Vatican City, 25 March 2021

Press release 13/2021

Souvenir envelopes, special postmark and folder *Easter 2021*

On the occasion of the solemnity of Easter 2021, the Post and Philately Service will issue a pair of souvenir envelopes, also available in the dedicated limited edition folder.



Date: **April 4, 2021**

Envelope PV/112A

Cartoon: reproduces the detail depicting the Risen Christ from the work *Resurrection* by Luigi Filocamo (1906-1988), the stained glass window covering the private chapel of the Holy Father.

Stamp: value of 1.15 euro *Easter of Resurrection MMXXI* issued on 22 February 2021.

Dimensions: 16.5 x 9.5 cm

Envelope PV/112B

Cartoon: reproduces the detail depicting the empty tomb with the mirrophores and the angel announcing the Resurrection from the same work by Philo-camo.

Stamp: 1.00 euro value from the *Easter 2016* series issued on 1 February 2016.

Dimensions: 16.5 x 9.5 cm

Cancellation

Sketch: reproduces the detail depicting one of the angels announcing the Resurrection from the same work used for the two envelopes.

The cancellation is completed by the words «SURREXIT CHRISTUS ALLELUIA - 04.04.2021», «VATICAN POST» and the verse of the sequence *Victimae Paschali Laudes* «GLÓRIAM VÍDI RESURGÉNTIS» («I saw the glory of the Risen Christ»).

Format: circular

Diameter: 3.80 cm

Folder

Content: a pair of souvenir envelopes

Format: 20 x 27 cm, vertical, 2 doors

The cost of the pair of souvenir envelopes is 5.00 euros or 10.00 euros if purchased in the illustrated folder layer.

The contribution for the shipping costs of the item, which will take place via registered mail, is 1.50 euros for the envelopes or 2.50 euros for the folder.

Purchase orders must be accompanied by the relevant amount paid by:

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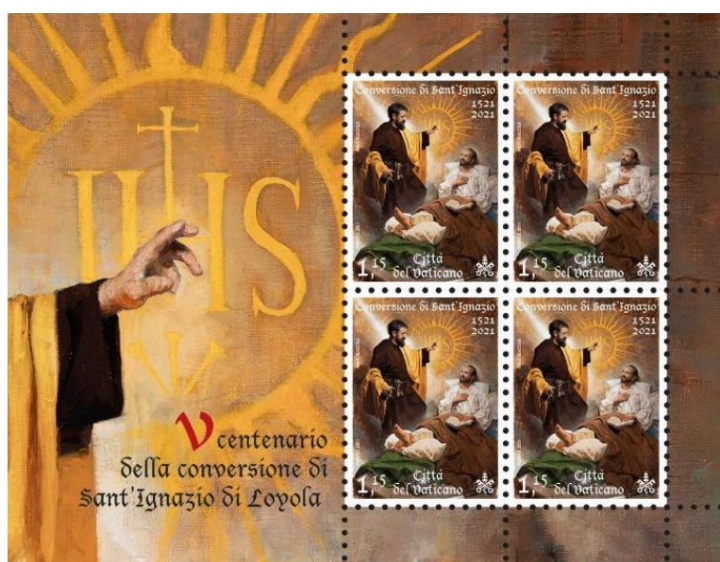
Vatican City, 28 April 2021
Press release 14/2021

02248/2021

Special postage stamp and postmark for emissions
V centenary of the conversion of Saint Ignatius of Loyola

The special Ignatian jubilee announced for the year 2021 wants to celebrate the 500 years of the conversion of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, an event that marked his life and opened a path to holiness. Iñigo, as the lord of Loyola was called, after the siege of Pamplona, was taken to his hometown to treat the leg wound suffered in the fight. During his convalescence, the future founder of the Society of Jesus entrusts himself to Saint Peter so that he can heal and resume his life following the glory and honors of chivalry.

On the eve of June 29, the apostle's feast day, his condition improved. In this period he asks to be able to read novels of chivalry but in the house there are only the *Vita Christi* of the Carthusian Ludolph of Saxony and a Spanish translation of the *Golden Legend* on the lives of the saints by Giacomo da Varazze. Lacking anything else, Iñigo begins to read them and, gradually, becomes fascinated by the figure of Jesus and the exploits of those who spent their lives to follow him. Thus began his existential journey of conversion, self-taught, paying attention to the affections he felt in his heart: the consolations and desolations. This experience will become the foundation of the discernment of spirits and the principle of the Spiritual Exercises, composed by him.



Stamp

<i>Issuing date:</i>	May 25, 2021
<i>Value:</i>	1.15 euros
<i>Cartoon:</i>	depicts the moment of the conversion of the Jesuit Saint.
<i>Band:</i>	reproduces the IHS monogram "<i>Iesus Hominum Salvator</i>" , coat of arms of the Jesuits .
<i>Artist:</i>	Raúl Berzosa
<i>Printing shop:</i>	Printex
<i>Press:</i>	4 color offset
<i>Paper:</i>	white, gummed, 110 gsm
<i>Stamp format:</i>	30.5 x 41mm
<i>Perforation:</i>	13.77 x 13.66
<i>Sheetlet format:</i>	136 x 105 mm
<i>Sheetlet from:</i>	4 copies
<i>Circulation:</i>	102,000 stamps (25,500 miniature sheets)

Cancellation

<i>Graphics:</i>	reproduces a depiction of the intervention of Saint Peter during the convalescence of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, the moment in which the process of his conversion begins.
<i>Format:</i>	circular
<i>Diameter:</i>	38mm

On 25 and 26 May 2021 the post office called "*Arco delle Campanie*" (Carlo branch Magno) will use the special cancellation in question.

Alternatively, the obliteration of philatelic material, duly stamped by the applicants with the stamp to which the cancellation refers, can be requested from the Obliteration Sector of the Post and Philately Service until 26 June 2021.



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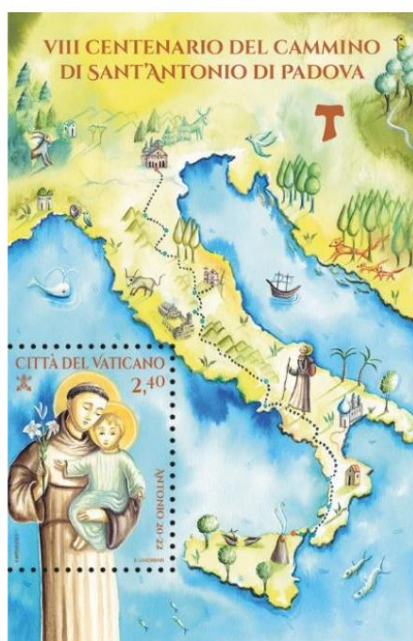
SERVIZIO POSTE E FILATELIA

02249/2021

Vatican City, 28 April 2021
Press release 15/2021

Special postal note and postmark for issues
VIII centenary of the Way of Saint Anthony of Padua

800 years have passed since Saint Anthony of Padua was shipwrecked on the coast of Sicily and since his first meeting with Saint Francis of Assisi. For Fernando Martins de Bulhões, the future Saint Anthony, the choice to become a friar arose from the meeting with some of the first Franciscans, five Italian missionaries leaving for Morocco where they suffered martyrdom. Inflamed by their example, he wanted to follow in their footsteps. He also immediately left for Morocco, but upon arriving in Africa he fell seriously ill. At this point he would have liked to return to Portugal, but in the spring of 1221 a furious storm forced his ship to change course and land in Sicily where he was welcomed by the friars of Messina, who made him regain his lost vigor and announced to him that Francis, the founder of the Order, had summoned them to Assisi for the great gathering of all the friars of the time, called the Chapter of the Masters. Antonio then left, traveling up Italy on foot until he reached Assisi, where he met Saint Francis for the first time. Since then, animated by the Spirit, he has made himself known and appreciated as a great man of the Gospel and charity, a friend of God and a friend of men, especially the poorest, so much so that he still remains in everyone's hearts today, known in every corner of the world. with the name of Saint Anthony of Padua.



Leaflet

<i>Issuing date:</i>	May 25, 2021
<i>Value:</i>	2.40 euros
<i>Graphics:</i>	in the value the Saint is depicted holding the Child Jesus in his arms; on the right is a stylization of Italy where the Saint's Way from Milazzo to Padua is traced.
<i>Artist:</i>	Baby Landmann
<i>Printing shop:</i>	Cartor
<i>Press:</i>	4 color offset
<i>Paper:</i>	white, rubberized, 110 g/m ²
<i>Stamp format:</i>	36 x 49 mm
<i>Perforation:</i>	13 ¼ x 13 ½
<i>Leaflet format:</i>	88 x 136 mm
<i>Circulation:</i>	30,000 sheets

Cancellation

<i>Graphics:</i>	reproduces a reworking of the logo prepared by the friars of the Basilica of Sant'Antonio di Padova for the eighth centenary of the Saint's Way.
<i>Format:</i>	circular
<i>Diameter:</i>	38mm

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Vatican City, 28 April 2021
Press release 16/2021

02250/2021

Stamps and special postal cancellation for issues
Europe 2021: National wildlife at risk of extinction

For the creation of the *Europa 2021* series, our attention focused on the Vatican Gardens, a natural habitat of 23 hectares located mainly on the Vatican hill, where the protection of the environment and landscape is observed to safeguard the local fauna and flora. Despite this, wild avifauna represents the most fragile class in this small ecosystem, as it is inserted in a larger environment, such as the city one, where non-native species have found a massive settlement to the detriment of the native ones.

Among these, the wren (*Troglodytes troglodytes*) is difficult to detect in the wooded area of the Vatican Gardens, where it is kept as if in a precious shrine in the cool and humid climate, finding safe shelter and food among the fountains and cavities eroded in the deposits of golden clays of the Vatican hill. This small ground-colored passerine, known as the "woodland elf", camouflages itself among the roots of trees by jumping suddenly in search of worms and insects. This species is increasingly sedentary in this small territory, not only due to the limited anthropic presence, but also due to the recent "biological conversion" of the Gardens, so much so that there is hope for its repopulation.

From the smallest exponent of wild avifauna we move on to the largest present, circling to the "Holy Spirit", the common kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*), which due to the urbanization of the countryside has moved to urban centres, finding in the City of Vatican an ideal eco-system. Unfortunately, its offspring are sometimes preyed upon and food resources, mainly small sparrows and rodents, are increasingly less available.



Stamps

<i>Issuing date:</i>	May 25, 2021
<i>Values:</i>	1.10 - 1.15 euros
<i>Cartoons:</i>	they depict the kestrel (<i>falco tinnunculus</i>) in the 1.10 euro value, and the wren (<i>troglodytes troglodytes</i>) in the 1.15 euro value.
<i>Printing shop:</i>	Cartor
<i>Press:</i>	4 color offset
<i>Paper:</i>	white, rubberized, 110 g/m ²
<i>Stamp format:</i>	30 x 40 mm
<i>Perforation:</i>	13 ¼ x 13
<i>Sheet format:</i>	174 x 104mm
<i>Sheet from:</i>	10 copies
<i>Circulation:</i>	33,000 complete sets (66,000 stamps)

Cancellation

<i>Graphics:</i>	reproduces a depiction of the wren (<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>) above the logo of the "Europa" stamp series.
<i>Format:</i>	circular
<i>Diameter:</i>	38mm

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Vatican City, 28 April 2021

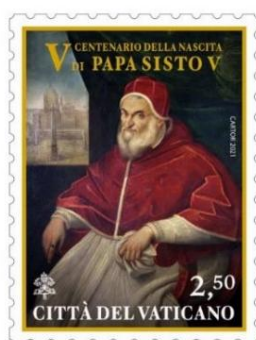
Press release 17/2021

02251/2021

Stamps and special postal cancellation for issues
V centenary of the birth of Pope Sixtus V

The Postal and Philately Service of the Vatican remembers, on the fifth centenary of his birth, Pope Sixtus V, born Felice Peretti, whose pontificate, despite its short duration (1585-1590) is considered among the most important of the sixteenth century, so strong was the the Pontiff's impulse towards the social, financial but above all urban reorganization of Rome.

With the collaboration of the architect Domenico Fontana, Sixtus V resumed and strengthened some projects started by his predecessors, intervening both on a structural, urban and architectural level. He completed the Dome of St. Peter's, designed by Michelangelo, and ordered the expansion of the Vatican Apostolic Library through the construction of the Sistine Hall. He had four grandiose obelisks erected in four different points of the city, thus symbolically uniting them: Piazza San Pietro, Piazza del Popolo, Piazza dell'Esquilino and Piazza San Giovanni in Laterano. Here, less than two months after his settlement, he began excavations for the construction of the new Apostolic Palace, completed in 1589, and had the Loggia of Blessings built.



Stamps

Issuing date:

May 25, 2021

Values:

2.00 – 2.50 euros

Cartoons:

the 2.00 euro value depicts the Pontiff's stone coat of arms placed above the balcony above the portal of the facade of the Lateran palace adjacent to the Loggia. The 2.50 euro value reproduces the *portrait of Sixtus V*, dating back to around 1590 and attributed to the painter Pietro Facchetti, preserved in the Vatican Museums.

<i>Printing shop:</i>	Cartor
<i>Press:</i>	4 color offset
<i>Paper:</i>	white, gummed, 110 gsm
<i>Stamp format:</i>	30 x 40 mm
<i>Perforation:</i>	13 ¼ x 13
<i>Sheet format:</i>	174 x 104mm
<i>Sheet from:</i>	10 copies
<i>Circulation:</i>	35,000 complete sets (70,000 stamps)

Cancellation

<i>Graphics:</i>	reproduces a close-up of Pope Sixtus V.
<i>Format:</i>	circular
<i>Diameter:</i>	38mm

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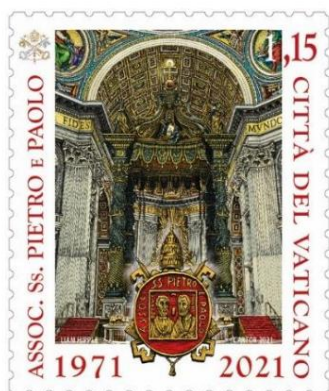
Vatican City, 28 April 2021

Press release 18/2021

02252/2021

Special postage stamp and postmark for emissions
50th anniversary of the Association of Saints Peter and Paul

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Association of Saints Peter and Paul, established in 1971 by the will of Saint Paul VI in order to collect the legacy of ideals of the Palatine Guard of Honor of His Holiness, dissolved by the will of the same Pontiff a year earlier together with the other pontifical military bodies. The members are Roman Catholics who wish to *"bear a particular testimony of Christian life, apostolate and fidelity to the Apostolic See"* (as stated in art. 1 of the Statute of the new Association) through cultural activities, works of Christian charity and the service carried out mainly in the Papal Basilica of St. Peter in the Vatican and on the occasion of pontifical liturgical celebrations. The motto *"Fide constamus avita"* (*"Let us persevere firmly in the faithfulness of our fathers"*), inherited from the Palatine Guard, expresses the purpose of always being united in loyalty to the Supreme Pontiff and in dedication to his service, inspired by the noble example of those who preceded.



Stamp

Issuing date:

May 25, 2021

Value:

1.15 euros

Cartoon:

represents the final portion of St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican, where most of the Association's activities and services are concentrated, with Bernini's Baldachin in the foreground and the apse wall in the background. The illustration is completed by the coat of arms of the Association depicting the two Holy Apostles, chosen by Paul VI on the basis of

a gilded votive glass dating back to the second half of the 4th century, currently preserved in the Vatican Museums.

<i>Artist:</i>	Liam Hipple
<i>Printing shop:</i>	Cartor
<i>Press:</i>	offset 4 colors
<i>Paper:</i>	white, rubberized, 110 gsm,
<i>Stamp format:</i>	40 x 48mm
<i>Perforation:</i>	13 x 13 ¼
<i>Sheet format:</i>	224 x 120mm
<i>Sheet from:</i>	10 copies
<i>Circulation:</i>	34,000 stamps

Cancellation

<i>Graphics:</i>	reproduces a representation of Saints Peter and Paul inspired by the aforementioned votive glass.
<i>Format:</i>	circular
<i>Diameter:</i>	38mm

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Postcards

<i>Issuing date:</i>	May 25, 2021
<i>Number of postcards:</i>	4
<i>Values:</i>	1.10 - 1.15 - 2.40 - 3.00 euros
<i>Illustrations:</i>	reproduce the most significant details of the Hall, while the case portrays a view from Largo di Porta Cavalleggeri.
<i>Imprint:</i>	reproduces the statue of Paul VI located near the entrance to the Chamber.
<i>Printing shop:</i>	Vatican Tipography 275
<i>Paper:</i>	gr/m ² glossy laminated
<i>Postcard format:</i>	100 x 150mm
<i>Imprint format:</i>	30 x 40 mm
<i>Circulation:</i>	8,200 series

Cancellation

<i>Sketch:</i>	reproduces a graphic work consisting of the dome of St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican, the profile of the Paul VI Hall, and a text that recalls its 50th anniversary.
<i>Format:</i>	rectangular
<i>Dimensions:</i>	41 x 35mm

On 25 and 26 May 2021 the post office called "*Arco delle Campanie*" (Carlo branch Magno) will use the special cancellation in question.

Alternatively, the cancellation of the postcards to which the cancellation refers can be requested from the Obliteration Sector of the Post and Philately Service until 26 June 2021.



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04145/2021

Vatican City, 28 July 2021

Press release 20/2021

Special postal cancellation
I World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

On the occasion of the *First World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly*, the Post and Philately Service has put into use a special cancellation whose imprint is reproduced:



Date: **July 25, 2021**

Sketch: reproduces a stylized image of the Holy Family with Saints Joachim and Anna, an image freely inspired by the theme chosen by Holy Father Francis (*"I am with you every day"*) for the celebration of the First World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, established by him and announced during the Angelus of 31 January 2021. The cancellation is completed by the words «WORLD GRANDPARENTS DAY "I AM WITH YOU EVERY DAY"», «POSTE VATICANE» and "25.07.2021".

Format: circular

Diameter: 38mm

The philatelic material to be stamped, duly stamped by the applicants, must be come to the Obliteration Sector of the Post and Philately Service by 4 September 2021.



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04146/2021

Vatican City, 28 July 2021

Press release 21/2021

Special postal cancellation
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2021

On the occasion of the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2021, the Post and Philately Service will put into use a special cancellation of which the imprint is reproduced:



Date: **August 15, 2021**

Sketch: reproduces a detail of the painting *Madonna and Child between San Domenico and Santa Caterina d'Alessandria* by Guido di Pietro known as Beato Angelico (1395-1455). The work, made in tempera and gold on wood, can be dated around 1435 and is preserved in the Vatican Art Gallery.
The cancellation is completed by the words «ASSUNTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY» and «VATICAN POST • 15-08-2021».

Format: circular

Diameter: 38mm

The philatelic material to be stamped, duly stamped by the applicants, must be come to the Obliteration Sector of the Post and Philately Service by 18 September 2021.



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04147/2021

Vatican City, 28 July 2021

Press release 22/2021

Souvenir envelopes and folders

The face of Mary 2021

(issue 3 of 4)

On the occasion of the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2021, the Post and Philately Service will issue, for the third consecutive year, a pair of souvenir envelopes, which can also be purchased in the dedicated limited edition folder.



Date: **August 15, 2021**

Envelope PV/114A

Cartoon: reproduces the painting *Madonna and Child between San Domenico and Santa Caterina d'Alessandria* by Guido Di Pietro known as Beato Angelico (1395-1455). The work, made in tempera and gold on wood, can be dated around 1435 and is preserved in the Vatican Art Gallery.

Stamp: 1.10 euro value from the *Pontificate of Pope Francis MMXX* series issued on February 14, 2020.

Cancellation: special postal cancellation prepared for the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2021.

Dimensions: 16.5 x 9.5 cm

Envelope PV/114B

Cartoon: reproduces the detail of the same work depicting the face of the Virgin Mary.

Stamp: 0.75 euro value from the *Raphael series: Sistine Madonna and Madonna di Foligno* issued on 1 March 2012.

Cancellation: special postal cancellation prepared for the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2021.

Dimensions: 16.5 x 9.5 cm

Folder

Content: a pair of souvenir envelopes

Format: 20 x 27 cm, vertical, 2 doors

The cost of the pair of souvenir envelopes is 5.00 euros or 10.00 euros if purchased in the illustrated folder layer.

The contribution for the shipping costs of the item, which will take place via registered mail, is 1.50 euros for the envelopes or 2.50 euros for the folder.

Purchase orders must be accompanied by the relevant amount paid by:

- "Non-Transferable" bank check to the order of: Post and Philately – Governorate – 00120 Vatican CITY;
- bank transfer to: Governorate of the Vatican City State
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Vatican City, 23 August 2021

Press release 23/2021

04544/2021

Series of postage stamps and special postmarks for the issues
52nd International Eucharistic Congress

This year, Budapest will host the 52nd International Eucharistic Congress from 7 to 12 September, initially scheduled for September 2020 and postponed due to the pandemic emergency.

During his speech to the Plenary of the Pontifical Committee for International Eucharistic Congresses, on 10 November 2018, Pope Francis explained that celebrating a Eucharistic Congress in a large and modern European city like Budapest "in which the Gospel and the forms of belonging religious have become marginal, it means collaborating with the grace of God to spread, through prayer and action, a Eucharistic culture, that is, a way of thinking and operating based on the Sacrament but perceptible even beyond ecclesial belonging".

The logo created for the Congress, a representation of the theme chosen for the Congress itself inspired by Psalm 87 "All my sources are in you" recurs in both stamps making up the series. The spring that flows from the representation of the Eucharist is divided into four branches, symbolizing the four rivers of Eden and the spread of the Good News throughout the world through the four evangelists. Its water flows into the river, depicted as a wave to recall the incessant evangelizing activity of the Church. Just as the Danube crosses different countries and peoples during its journey, connecting them, so the Eucharist unites Christians of different cultures and languages of the European continent, in the brotherhood of the children of God.



Stamps

Issuing date:

September 8, 2021

Values:

1.10 - 1.15 euros

<i>Cartoons:</i>	reproduce the logo of the Congress: in the 1.10 euro value it is inserted in a line of continuity with the profile of the Parliament Building in Budapest, which will host some celebrations of the Congress, then flowing into the Danube, whose Delta represents the paradise on earth in Romania. In the 1.15 euro value it is reproduced together with the stylized map of Hungary.
<i>Printing shop:</i>	Cartor
<i>Press:</i>	4 color offset
<i>Paper:</i>	white, gummed, 110 gsm
<i>Stamp format:</i>	40 x 30mm and 30 x 40mm
<i>Perforation:</i>	13 ¼ x 13
<i>Sheet format:</i>	104 x 174mm and 174 x 104mm
<i>Sheets from:</i>	10 copies
<i>Circulation:</i>	36,000 complete sets (72,000 stamps)

Cancellation

<i>Graphics:</i>	reproduces a graphic representation consisting of the Congress logo and the stylized map of Hungary. The cancellation is completed by the words «52nd INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS - BUDAPEST», «POSTE VATICANE», «DIE EMIS-SIONIS» and «08.09.2021».
<i>Format:</i>	circular
<i>Diameter:</i>	38mm

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Vatican City, 23 August 2021
Press release 24/2021

04545/2021

Special postage stamp and postmark for emissions *VII centenary of the death of Dante Alighieri*

On the occasion of the seventh centenary of the death of the great poet, Vatican philately, following the example of the Holy Father, joins the large chorus of those who want to honor his memory, with a special philatelic issue.



Dante Alighieri, through his most famous poem, showed himself to be a "prophet of hope and witness to the thirst for the infinite inherent in the heart of man", who "much better than many others was able to express, with the beauty of poetry, the depth of mystery of God and love". Thus in the Apostolic Letter *Candor Lucis eternae* Pope Francis, referring to the Divine Comedy, pays homage to Dante, inviting us to grasp the relevance and universality of his testimony of faith, to retrace with him the stages of that long journey of discovery and experimentation of our humanity, from overcoming the dark forests that cloud the causal senses

sando bewilderment, until the revelation of the divine.

The Vatican miniature sheet created for the occasion by the artist Gabriele Dell'Otto is inspired by canto XXIV of Paradise in which the poet is subjected by Saint Peter to the examination of faith which he describes as a "*spark, which expands into a flame then lively and like a star in the sky it sparkles within me*" (145-147). This image of Dante's Paradise is also evoked by Pope Francis in number 4 of his first Encyclical *Lumen Fidei*: "I would like to speak to you precisely about this light of faith, so that it grows to illuminate the present until it becomes a star that shows the horizons of our I walk in a time in which man is particularly in need of light."

Stamp

<i>Issuing date:</i>	September 8, 2021
<i>Value:</i>	1.15 euros
<i>Cartoon:</i>	reproduces the moment in which Dante tries to explain the fundamental truths of faith to the Prince of the Apostles.
<i>Band:</i>	depicts the great poet in the foreground, whose transparency allows us to glimpse the spark of faith that expands from the heart to become a burning flame that like a sparkling star illuminates the night sky.
<i>Artist:</i>	Gabriele Dell'Otto
<i>Printing shop:</i>	Cartor
<i>Press:</i>	4 color offset
<i>Paper:</i>	white, gummed, 110 gsm
<i>Stamp format:</i>	40.6 x 29.8mm
<i>Perforation:</i>	14 ¼ x 14
<i>Sheetlet format:</i>	106 x 176mm
<i>Sheetlet from:</i>	4 copies
<i>Circulation:</i>	26,000 miniature sheets (104,000 stamps)

Cancellation

<i>Graphics:</i>	reproduces, in a stylized form, the famous <i>Portrait of Dante</i> by Sandro Botticelli. The cancellation is completed by the words «VII CENTENARY OF THE DEATH OF DANTE ALIGHIERI - 08.09.2021» and «POSTE VATICANE».
<i>Format:</i>	circular
<i>Diameter:</i>	38mm

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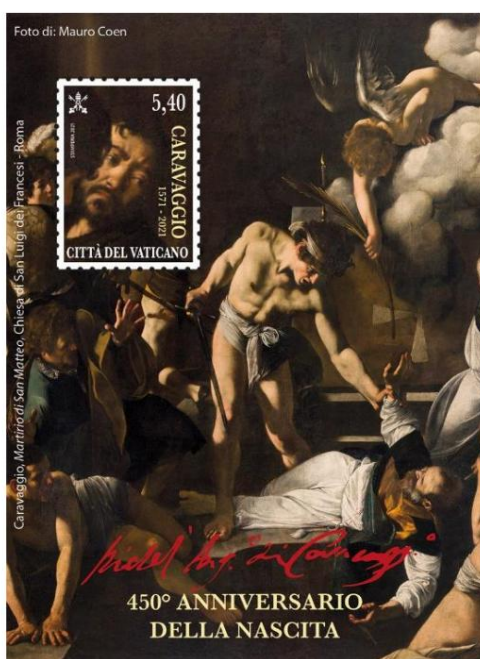
04547/2021

Vatican City, 23 August 2021
Press release 25/2021

Special postal note and postmark for issues
450th anniversary of Caravaggio's birth

In 1571, Michelangelo Merisi, known as Caravaggio, was born in Milan, a brilliant artist with a restless and tormented personality characterized, like his painting, by contrasts of light and shadow. His troubled life, made up of dark and gloomy hues, never compromised his pictorial genius, which indeed drew strength and nourishment from it. Although soon famous and contested by the most powerful men in Italy, Caravaggio drew his inspiration from the slums and margins of society. In the artist's works the religious theme is combined with the social one since the divine is revealed by the poor.

The Vatican leaflet celebrating the anniversary reproduces the *Martyrdom of Saint Matthew* created between 1600 and 1601 and kept in the Contarelli chapel in the Church of San Luigi dei Francesi in Rome. Caravaggio signs this work by portraying himself in the background of the dramatic representation, as if protruding from a wing of a theater scene. In this dramatization the executioner is placed in the center of the picture in the act of killing the Holy Evangelist, who is lying beneath him with his gaze turned towards the sky in the direction of the angel who offers him the palm, a sign of the prize that awaits him in heaven. This composition in chiasmus shows how "God's weakness is stronger than men" (1 Cor 1:25).



Leaflet

<i>Issuing date:</i>	September 8, 2021
<i>Value:</i>	5.40 euros
<i>Graphics:</i>	reproduces the painting <i>Martyrdom of Saint Matthew</i> . The value highlights Caravaggio's self-portrait who, as a witness, guarantees the veracity of the martyrdom. The artist's handwritten signature stands out at the bottom.
<i>Picture of:</i>	Mauro Coen
<i>Printing shop:</i>	Printex
<i>Press:</i>	4 color offset
<i>Paper:</i>	white, gummed, 110 gsm
<i>Stamp format:</i>	30.5 x 41mm
<i>Perforation:</i>	13.77 x 13.66
<i>Leaflet format:</i>	96 x 138mm
<i>Circulation:</i>	35,000 sheets

Cancellation

<i>Graphics:</i>	reproduces, in a stylized form, the famous <i>Portrait of Caravaggio</i> by Ottavio Leoni. The cancellation is completed by the words «450TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF CARAVAGGIO», «POSTE VATICANE», «DIE EMISSIO-NIS» and «08.09.2021».
<i>Format:</i>	circular
<i>Diameter:</i>	38mm

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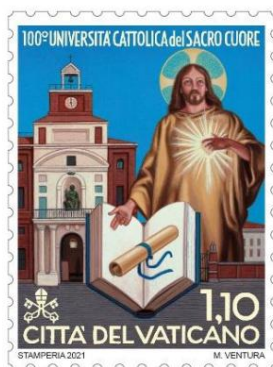
Vatican City, 23 August 2021
Press release 26/2021

04548/2021

Special postage stamp and postmark for emissions
Centenary of the foundation of the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart

The hundredth academic year of the University of Rome formally began on November 1, 2020

Italian Catholics, founded in 1921 by Father Agostino Gemelli. "A century of history ahead of us" is the motto chosen to accompany this important anniversary. It is not only the largest Catholic university in Europe but also the only Italian university that boasts a national dimension thanks to the five campuses of Milan, Piacenza, Cremona, Brescia and Rome, where there is also the University Hospital "A. Twins". With an educational proposal focused on the integral formation of the person, the University fits into the European tradition as a place of cultural development capable of reading and interpreting the complexity of the current reality.



Stamp

Issuing date:

September 8, 2021

Value:

1.10 euros

Cartoon:

reproduces, on the left side, the facade of the ancient Monastery of Sant'Ambrogio designed by Bramante, acquired by the University in 1927 and which became the University's headquarters in 1932. On the right it is

represented is the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus inspired by the painting located in the center of the University Chapel which, in 1924, Father Gemelli commissioned from the artist Lodovico Pogliaghi. A reproduction of the work is given to all students on the day they graduate.

The design is completed by a book, which represents knowledge illuminated by faith, and the parchment, symbol of the academic degree achieved.

Artist: Marco Ventura
Printing shop: Cartor
Press: 4 color offset
Paper: white, gummed, 110 gsm
Stamp format: 30 x 40 mm
Perforation: 13 ¼ x 13
Sheet format: 174 x 104mm
Sheet from: 10 copies
Circulation: 41,000 stamps

Cancellation

Graphics: reproduces - in a stylized form - the facade of the Monastery of Sant'Ambrogio in Milan.
The cancellation is completed by the words «CENTENARY OF THE UNIVERSITY CATTOLICA DEL S. CUORE», «POSTE VATICANE - 08.09.2021» and «DIE EMISSIONIS».

Format: circular
Diameter: 38mm

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Vatican City, 23 August 2021
Press release 27/2021

04549/2021

Special postage stamp and postmark for emissions
III centenary of the Congregation of Passionists

The Congregation of barefoot regular clerics of the Passion celebrates the third centenary of its foundation, which took place in 1720 by Saint Paul of the Cross, who in the following year, 1721, wrote the rule in Castellazzo (AL). Born in 1694 to a wealthy religious family, animated by great ideals and a strong character, the founder of the Passionists rejected the prospect of a promising future to don the black habit at the age of 26 and begin a life of prayer and penance in solitude of Monte Argentario. Ordained a priest in 1727, he undertook very intense missionary activity and in 1737 he inaugurated the first Passionist convent on Monte Argentario. In 1741 Benedict



Stamp

Issuing date:

Values:

Cartoon:

September 8, 2021

1.10 euros

reproduces the painting depicting Saint Paul of the Cross in the act of writing the rule of the Congregation, preserved in the cell of the church of San Carlo in Castellazzo Bormida (AL) owned by the Institute.

everything.

At the top left stands the coat of arms of the Passionists composed of a heart surmounted by a cross, with the writing "JESU XPI PASSIO" (the Passion of Jesus Christ) to remember the mandate of Saint Paul of

Cross: to remember the sufferings of Jesus and promote among people a true devotion to his Passion, which as he himself stated "it is the greatest stupendous work of Divine Love".

Printing shop: Cartor
Press: 4 color offset
Paper: white, gummed, 110 gsm
Stamp format: 30 x 40 mm
Perforation: 13 ¼ x 13
Sheet format: 174 x 104mm
Sheet from: 10 copies
Circulation: 36,000 stamps

Cancellation

Graphics: reproduces the book of rules of the Passionists carved in the hands of the angel placed at the foot of the statue of Saint Paul of the Cross in Saint Peter's Basilica in the Vatican.

The cancellation is completed by the words «III CENTENARY OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE PASSIONISTS», «POSTE VATICANE», «DIE EMIS-SIONIS» and «08.09.2021».

Format: circular
Diameter: 38mm

From 8 to 10 September 2021 the post office called "*Arco delle Campane*" (Carlo branch Magno) will use the special cancellation in question.

Alternatively, the obliteration of philatelic material, duly stamped by the applicants with the stamp to which the cancellation refers, can be requested from the Obliteration Sector of the Post and Philately Service until 9 October 2021.



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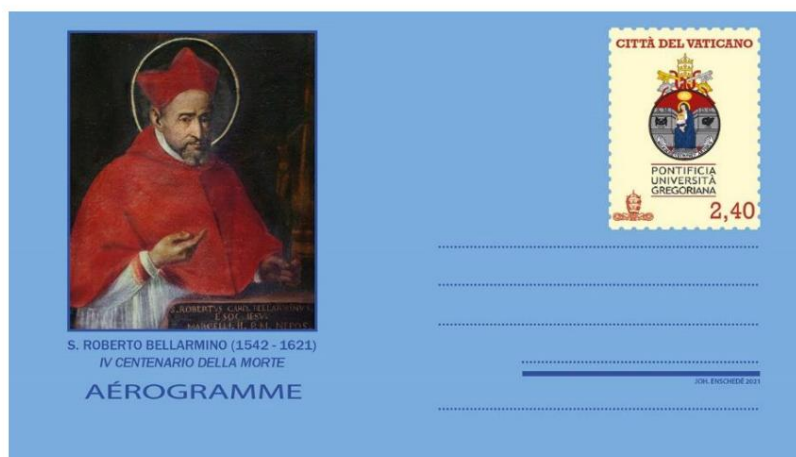
Vatican City, 23 August 2021

Press release 28/2021

**Aerogram and special postal cancellation for issues
IV centenary of the death of Saint Robert Bellarmine**

The Vatican aerogram celebrates this year the fourth centenary of the death of San Roberto Belarmino, Jesuit theologian, writer, professor and rector of the Roman College, of which the Pontifical Gregorian University is the successor. Grandson of Pope Marcellus II, he showed a strong religious inclination since he was a child, attracted more by the things of God than by the vanities of life. He received an excellent humanistic education and was welcomed into the Society of Jesus in 1560. Ordained a priest in 1570, he was called as professor at the Roman College for the Chair of "Apologetics".

Despite the burdensome offices carried out with zeal and competence, including those of consultor of the Holy Office and rector of the College of Penitentiaries of St. Peter's Basilica, St. Robert always continued to dedicate himself to preaching and catechesis with the typical passion and essentiality of Ignatian education.



Aerogram

Issuing date:

September 8, 2021

Value:

2.40 euros

Cartoon:

reproduces the painting of the Saint placed on the altar dedicated to him in the Church of Sant'Ignazio di Loyola in Rome.

Imprint:

it bears the coat of arms of the Gregorian University, with the Madonna "Sedes Sapientiae", patroness of studies, above the inscription "Religioni et bonis artibus", which indicates the subjects of study of the University.

On the sides the letters "AM" and "DG" are depicted, which are the acronym of the Jesuit motto: *"Ad maiorem Dei Gloriam"*.

The heraldic elements present are: on the left, that of the Loyola family, with the year 1553, indicating the beginning of the Philosophy and Theology courses in the Roman College; on the right, that of Pope Gregory XIII, associated with the date of inauguration of the new headquarters of the Roman College which he had built and of which Bellarmino was the first rector.

<i>Printing shop:</i>	John. Enschedé Stamps BV
<i>Press:</i>	4 color offset
<i>Paper:</i>	80 g planoscript FSC
<i>Dimensions:</i>	293 x 189 mm (open)
<i>Imprint format:</i>	30 x 40 mm
<i>Circulation:</i>	11,000 aerograms

Cancellation

Sketch: graphic work consisting of a stylized reproduction of the portrait of San Roberto Bellarmino flanked by the coat of arms of the Society of Jesus.

The cancellation is completed by the words «IV CENTENARY OF THE DEATH OF SAN ROBERTO BELLARMINO», «POSTE VATICANE», «DIE EMIS-SIONIS» and «08.09.2021».

<i>Format:</i>	circular
<i>Diameter:</i>	38mm

From 8 to 10 September 2021 the post office called *"Arco delle Campanie"* (Carlo branch Magno) will use the special cancellation in question.

Alternatively, the obliteration of the aerograms to which the cancellation refers may be requested to the Obliterations Sector of the Post and Philately Service until 9 October 2021.



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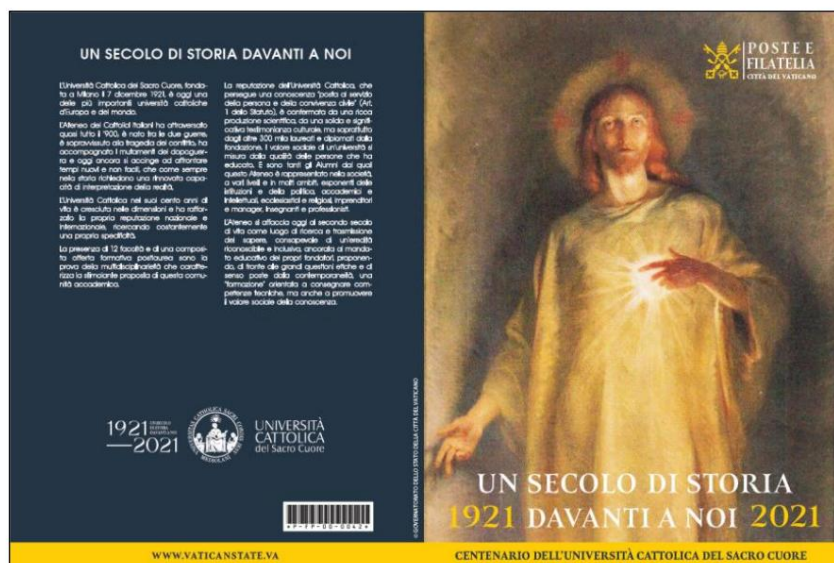
04595/2021

Vatican City, 30 August 2021
Press release 29/2021

Folder and souvenir envelope

Centenary of the foundation of the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart

On the occasion of the *centenary of the foundation of the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart*, the Post and Philately Service will issue a souvenir envelope, which can also be purchased in the dedicated limited edition folder.



Date: September 8, 2021

Souvenir envelope

Cartoon: reproduces the fresco *Wedding at Cana* by Callisto Piazza (1500-1561), located on the head wall of the Aula Magna of the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart of Milan.

Stamp: value of 1.10 euro *Centenary of the foundation of the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart* which will be issued on 8 September 2021.

Cancellation: special postal cancellation *for issues: Centenary of the foundation of the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart*

Dimensions: 16.5 x 9.5 cm

Identification code: PV/115

Price: 2.50 euros

Folder

Content: a souvenir envelope and an uncanceled stamp *Centenary of the foundation of the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart*.

Format: 20 x 27 cm, vertical, 2 doors

Price: 10.00 euros

The contribution for the shipping costs of the item, which will take place via registered mail, is 1.50 euros for the envelopes or 2.50 euros for the folder.

Purchase orders must be accompanied by the relevant amount paid by:

- "Non-Transferable" bank check to the order of: Post and Philately – Governorate – 00120 Vatican CITY;
- bank transfer to: Governorate of the Vatican City State
(IBAN IT84

The voucher, which bears the name of the location where the XXVII Universal Postal Congress has just concluded, is dedicated to the theme "*Preserving the ecosystem - Protecting the climate*". The winning entry in the specific competition organized by the *International Bureau* of the Universal Postal Union, open to all member countries, was the one presented by Belarus.

The new «*Abidjan*» model voucher can be converted in all countries of the Universal Postal Union until 31 December 2025 into a stamp equivalent to the minimum amount of an unregistered priority item destined for abroad.

Coupon-response

Date:	1 September 2021 - 31 December 2025
Graphics:	reproduces the design of a tree made up of two hands that open towards the sky becoming safe branches for the shelter of birds. The roots of the tree form the meridians and parallels of the terrestrial globe.
Artist:	Valeria Tsimakhavets (14-year-old Belarusian artist).
Customization:	On the Vatican voucher, in addition to the UPU (Union Postal Universelle) logo, the theme to which it is dedicated: « <i>Préserver l'écosystème – Protéger le climat</i> » and the service information, the following are indicated: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- the name, international acronym and flag of the Vatican State;- the cost of the voucher.
Format:	148 x 102mm
Convertible until:	December 31, 2025
Circulation:	1,000 Vatican coupons
Serial:	from n. VA 20210722 20251231 0000001 074 AA at no. VA 20210722 20251231 0001000 074 AA
Price:	1.50 euros

Cancellation

Graphics:	reproduces a detail of the design used for the « <i>Abidjan</i> » model response voucher . The cancellation is completed by the words «INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE COUPON «ABIDJAN» MODEL • VATICAN POST • 1ST SEPTEMBER 2021».
Format:	circular
Diameter:	35mm

The new reply vouchers are available at all post offices of the Post and Fila Service. telia and, at the time of their sale, they are usually stamped with a date stamp.

In order to meet the needs of collectors, mail order sales are also envisaged. Response vouchers can be ordered, in minimum batches of ten pieces, by writing to the address below.

The contribution for the shipping costs of the item, which will be sent via registered mail, is 2.50 euros.

Purchase orders must be accompanied by the relevant amount paid by:

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- bank transfer to: Governorate of the Vatican City State
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Vatican City, 30 August 2021

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Special postal cancellations

Apostolic Journey of His Holiness Francis to Budapest and Slovakia

On the occasion of the apostolic journey of His Holiness Francis to Budapest (on the occasion of the final Holy Mass of the 52nd International Eucharistic Congress) and to Slovakia, which will take place from 12 to 15 September 2021, the Post and Philately Service will put two special postmarks into use whose footprints are reproduced.

Pope Francis in Budapest

Date:

September 12, 2021

Sketch:

reproduces a detail of the 52nd logo

International Eucharistic Congress over which the writing «MINE ARE IN YOU

SOURCES", theme chosen for the Congress inspired by Psalm 87.

The cancellation is completed by the words «POPE FRANCIS IN BUDAPEST 12 SEPTEMBER 2021»,

«POSTE VATICANE» and «52nd INTERNATIONAL EUCARIST CONGRESS

TIONAL".

Format:

circular

Diameter:

38mm



Pope Francis in Slovakia

Date: **12-15 September 2021**

Sketch:

reproduces the official logo of Pope Francis' apostolic trip to Slovakia.

The cancellation is completed by the words «POPE FRANCIS IN SLOVAKIA 12-15 SEPTEMBER 2021» and «POSTE VATICANE».

Format:

circular

Diameter:

38mm



The philatelic material to be stamped, duly stamped by the applicants, must be come to the Obliteration Sector of the Post and Philately Service by 16 October 2021.



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Vatican City, 29 September 2021

Press release 32/2021

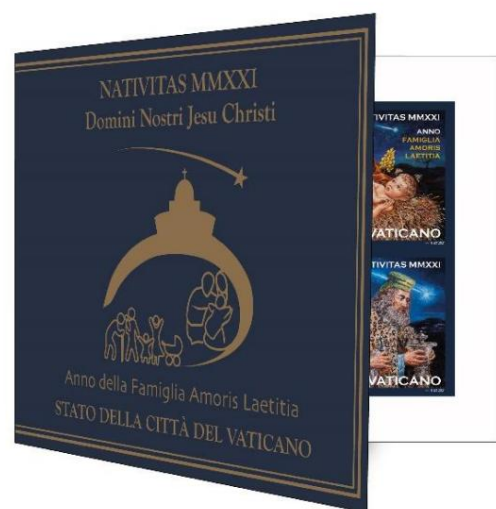
05444/2021

**Set of stamps, booklet and special postal cancellation for the issues
*Christmas MMXXI***

Christmas 2021 is at the center of the special *Amoris Laetitia* Family year, which began on 19 March 2021 and ends with the X World Meeting of Families which will take place in Rome from 22 to 26 June 2022.

Speaking about Christmas in *Amoris Laetitia*, at number 65, Pope Francis writes: "This is the mystery of Christmas and the secret of Nazareth, full of the scent of family! It is the mystery that so fascinated Francis of Assisi, Teresa of the Child Jesus and Charles de Foucauld, and to which Christian families also reflect to renew their hope and joy."

The stamps prepared for this issue are influenced by this ecclesial climate. The author of the two paintings is Adam Piekarski, a young Polish painter without a fixed abode who frequents the showers that Pope Francis had opened near the colonnade of St. Peter so that all pilgrims entering the Basilica can come across this new service. To portray the Magi, the author took inspiration from his companions in misfortune. Two are more or less recognisable, the third is not, since it represents them all. With this small initiative, Vatican philately wanted to make the Lord's Christmas more concrete by promoting the redemption of these disadvantaged brothers of ours.



Stamps

<i>Issuing date:</i>	November 9, 2021
<i>Values:</i>	1.10 – 1.15 euros
<i>Cartoons:</i>	the 1.10 euro value represents the Magi who came to Bethlehem to adore the divine Child. In the second value, from the port of 1.15 euros, depicts Baby Jesus, the Madonna and Saint Joseph, who holds a stick at the top of which a spikenard flower has blossomed, a symbol chosen by Pope Francis to represent the Holy Patriarch in his coat of arms.
<i>Artist:</i>	Adam Piekarski
<i>Printing shop:</i>	Printex
<i>Press:</i>	4 color offset
<i>Paper:</i>	white, gummed, 110 gsm
<i>Stamp format:</i>	41 x 30.5mm
<i>Perforation:</i>	13.66 x 13.77
<i>Sheet format:</i>	106 x 177 mm
<i>Sheet from:</i>	10 copies
<i>Circulation:</i>	55,000 sets (110,000 stamps)

Booklet

<i>Issuing date:</i>	November 9, 2021
<i>Value:</i>	4.50 euros (stamps: 2 of 1.10 euros - 2 of 1.15 euros)
<i>Cover:</i>	reproduces a reworking of the logo created for the special year <i>Amoris Laetitia</i> Family, inspired by that of the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life.
<i>Printing shop:</i>	Printex
<i>Press:</i>	5 color offset (CMYK + gold)
<i>Paper:</i>	275gsm
<i>Stamp format:</i>	41 x 30.5mm
<i>Booklet format:</i>	101 x 81 mm closed – 202 x 81 mm open
<i>Circulation:</i>	22,000 booklets

Cancellation

<i>Graphics:</i>	reproduces some details of the cover of the philatelic booklet. The cancellation is completed by the words «SANTO NATALE MMXXI - DIE EMISSIONIS 09.11.2021» and «POSTE VATICANE».
<i>Format:</i>	circular
<i>Diameter:</i>	38mm

On 9 and 10 November 2021 the post office called "*Arco delle Campane*" (Carlo branch Magno) will use the special cancellation in question.

Alternatively, the obliteration of philatelic material, duly stamped by the applicants with the stamps to which the cancellation refers, can be requested from the Obliteration Sector of the Post and Philately Service until 11 December 2021.



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Vatican City, 29 September 2021

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05445/2021

Special postage stamp and postmark for emissions
The travels of Pope Francis – year 2020

This year the traditional issue which celebrates the missionary activity of the Holy Father, due to the pandemic which prevented travel between nations, has as its object the only trip made by the Pontiff to Bari on 23 February 2020, on the occasion of the meeting of reflection and spirituality "Mediterranean: frontier of peace". Here the Holy Father, although not reaching foreign countries, was able to meet the bishops of twenty countries bordering the Mediterranean.

In the speech given for the occasion, Pope Francis presented the mission of Jesus around Lake Tiberias as a model for the Christians of the Mediterranean basin: «And just as Jesus operated in a heterogeneous context of cultures and beliefs, so we place ourselves in a framework multifaceted and multi-form, torn by divisions and inequalities, which increase its instability. In this epicenter of profound fault lines and economic, religious, confessional and political conflicts, we are called to offer our testimony of unity and peace. We do this starting from our faith and belonging to the Church, asking ourselves what contribution we, as disciples of the Lord, can offer to all the men and women of the Mediterranean area."



Stamp

Issuing date:

November 9, 2021

Value:

2.40 euros

Cartoon:

proposes the official logo of the meeting prepared by the Italian Episcopal Conference and created by Gian Carlo Olcuire, with the map of the Mediterranean in the background.

Printing shop:

Cartor

<i>Press:</i>	4 color offset
<i>Paper:</i>	white, gummed, 110 gsm
<i>Stamp format:</i>	40 x 30mm
<i>Perforation:</i>	13 x 13 ¼
<i>Sheet format:</i>	104 x 174 mm
<i>Sheet from:</i>	10 copies
<i>Circulation:</i>	35,000 stamps

Cancellation

Graphics: reproduces a detail of the official logo of the meeting with the words "Mediterranean Frontier of Peace" and a boat at the mercy of the waves, symbolizing the journey undertaken by the refugees.

The cancellation is completed by the words «MEETING OF POPE FRANCIS WITH THE BISHOPS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN - DIE EMISSIONIS 09.11.2021» and «POSTE VATICANE». circular

Format:

Diameter: 38mm

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Vatican City, 29 September 2021

Press release 34/2021

05447/2021

Series of postage stamps and special postmarks for the issues
V World Day of the Poor

One of the fruits of the Jubilee of Mercy (11 April 2015 – 20 November 2016) announced by Pope Francis is the Day of the Poor: «In light of the "Jubilee of socially excluded people", while in all the cathedrals and sanctuaries of the world the Doors of Mercy, I understood that, as a further concrete sign of this extraordinary Holy Year, the *World Day of the Poor* should be celebrated throughout the Church on the occasion of the XXXIII Sunday of Ordinary Time " (*Misericordia et misera*, n. 21) . This year marks its fifth edition.

Taking inspiration from the Holy Father's Message for the Day of the Poor 2021 "*You always have the poor with you*" (Mk 14.7), the Post and Philately Service of the Vatican City dedicates a leaflet composed of three series to the occasion of two stamps that highlight the two key moments of this day: the celebration of Mass and the lunch shared with the poor.



Stamps

Issuing date:

November 9, 2021

Values:

1.10 - 1.15 euros

<i>Cartoons:</i>	the 1.10 euro value reproduces a convivial moment of the lunch organized for the occasion, in which Pope Francis converses familiarly with the guests at his table (18 November 2018); in the other value, from the value of 1.15 euros, the Holy Father can be seen among the volunteer brothers during the celebration of the Eucharist (15 November 2020).
<i>Band:</i>	reproduces a photocomposition by Riccardo Rossi with shots taken on the occasion of the Second World Day of the Poor which shows the Pope welcoming two poor people (18 November 2018).
<i>Printing shop:</i>	Printex
<i>Press:</i>	4 color offset
<i>Paper:</i>	white, gummed, 110 gsm
<i>Stamp format:</i>	30.5 x 41mm
<i>Perforation:</i>	13.66 x 13.77
<i>Sheetlet format:</i>	177 x 106mm
<i>Sheetlet from:</i>	6 specimens
<i>Circulation:</i>	28,500 miniature sheets (171,000 stamps)

Cancellation

<i>Graphics:</i>	reproduces the writing "You always have the poor with you" (Mk 14.7), title from the Holy Father's message for the Day of the Poor 2021. The cancellation is completed by the words «V WORLD DAY OF THE POOR - DIE EMISSIONIS 09.11.2021» and «POSTE VATICANE».
<i>Format:</i>	circular
<i>Diameter:</i>	38mm

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Vatican City, 29 September 2021

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05452/2021

Special postage stamp and postmark for emissions
IX centenary of the foundation of the Abbey of Prémontré

Christmas night in the year 1121 marks the foundation of the Abbey of Prémontré, which took place with the solemn profession of Saint Norbert and his 40 companions.

According to Latin patrology, the place where to build the abbey was indicated by God himself. Wanting to find land where Norbert could carry out his reform project, the bishop of Laon, Barthélemy de Jur, took the founding saint to the southern part of the diocese, in the Saint-Gobain massif, where there was a small church dedicated to Saint John the Baptist, the only witness of an ancient community of hermits. After spending a night in prayer, Norbert said to the bishop: "My Lord and Father, I want to stay here. I have identified the place that the Lord has destined for me. Here will be my home and my rest. Many men will find salvation there. However, this chapel will not be the center, but the building will be built on the other side of the valley. This night a group of men dressed in white appeared in a dream and were processionally going around the valley, carrying silver crosses, candelabras and censers." Thus originated the order of Premonstratensian Canons Regular, whose rule was approved by Pope Honorius II in 1126.



Stamp

Issuing date:

November 9, 2021

Value:

1.15 euros

Cartoon:

reproduces an anonymous painting dating back to 1656, preserved at the Premonstratensian abbey of Wilten (Innsbruck), in turn inspired by an engraving by Louis Barbaran, canon of Saint-Martin de Laon (†)

1690). It presents an overall view of the Archicenobium of Pré-montr  which shows the medieval structure of the abbey complex, subsequently transformed until it took on elegant baroque features in the 18th century.

<i>Printing shop:</i>	Cartor
<i>Press:</i>	4 color offset
<i>Paper:</i>	white, gummed, 110 gsm
<i>Stamp format:</i>	45 x 33mm
<i>Perforation:</i>	13 x 13 �
<i>Sheet format:</i>	114 x 189 mm
<i>Sheet from:</i>	10 copies
<i>Circulation:</i>	36,000 stamps

Cancellation

<i>Graphics:</i>	reproduces the facade of the Pr�montr� Abbey. The cancellation is completed by the words «IX CENTENARY OF THE ABBEY OF PREMONTR� - DIE EMISSIONIS 09.11.2021» and «POSTE VATI-CANE».
<i>Format:</i>	circular
<i>Diameter:</i>	38mm

On 9 and 10 November 2021 the post office called "*Arco delle Campan *" (Carlo branch Magno) will use the special cancellation in question.

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05453/2021

Special postal note and postmark for issues

An ideal pilgrimage around the Earth on the way towards the Jubilee 2025: Oceania

The twentieth anniversary of the post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Ecclesia in Oceania* of the Holy Father John Paul II, on Jesus Christ and the peoples of Oceania, "*following his way, proclaiming his truth, living his life*", donates to Vatican philately the opportunity to begin an ideal pilgrimage around the earth in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee.

The pilgrimage will start from Oceania and cross the five continents. This itinerary will be marked by the six-monthly issue of a leaflet for each geographical area, to conclude in the second issue of 2024. In the philatelic leaflet the representation of a people on their way to meet Christ will mark the continuity of the issues, while the stamp, a characteristic element, will specify the continent of reference.

The first issue is therefore dedicated to Oceania. The stamp reproduces this geographical area alongside one of the Marian images that testify to its popular piety, Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Help of Christians, whose sanctuary is located in the center of Sydney. The image bears the title: "Our Lady of the Southern Cross" as it refers to the Constellation which can only be seen from the southern hemisphere, to which Oceania belongs, carrying out the same function that the constellation has in the northern hemisphere. North Star. This association makes the Virgin Mary the star that directs our steps to Christ, the true goal of the Jubilee.



Leaflet

Issuing date: **November 9, 2021**

Value: 3.00 euros

Graphics: the leaflet reproduces a people on their way to meet Christ. The stamp depicts Oceania and the icon of Our Lady of the Southern Cross.

Artist: Patrick Daniel

Printing shop: Cartor

Press: 4 color offset

Paper: white, gummed, 110 gsm

Stamp format: 46 x 34mm

Perforation: 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 14 $\frac{3}{4}$

Leaflet format: 136 x 88mm

Circulation: 33,000 sheets

Cancellation

Graphics: reproduces the globe with the image of Oceania and Christ with his arm stretched out towards St. Peter's Square, the last stop on this pilgrimage.
The cancellation is completed by the words: «TOWARDS THE JUBILEE OF 2025 - OCEANIA" and "VATICAN POST - DIE EMISSIONIS 09.11.2021".

Format: circular

Diameter: 38mm

On 9 and 10 November 2021 the post office called "*Arco delle Campanie*" (Carlo branch Magno) will use the special cancellation in question.

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05533/2021

Vatican City, 29 September 2021

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Special postal cancellation

Pope Francis at the Pontifical Lateran University

On the occasion of the visit of the Holy Father Francis to the Pontifical Lateran University, which will be held on 7 October 2021 and during which he will inaugurate the Study Cycle in *Care of the Common Home and Protection of Creation*, the Post and Philately Service will put into use a special postmark whose imprint is reproduced:



Date:

October 7, 2021

Sketch:

reproduces, together with the coat of arms of the Holy Father Francis, the emblems of the other organizations that collaborated in the definition and establishment of the course of studies on ecology and the environment strongly desired by the Holy Father: the Pontifical Lateran University, the Patriarchate Ecumenical Council of Constantinople and UNESCO.

The cancellation is completed by the words «PAPA FRANCESCO ALLA PUL», «INAUGURATION OF STUDIES IN ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT», «POST VATICAN» and "7 OCTOBER 2021".

Format:

square

Side:

42mm

The philatelic material to be stamped, duly stamped by the applicants, must be come to the Obliteration Sector of the Post and Philately Service by 13 November 2021.



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06729/2021

Vatican City, 25 November 2021

Press release 38/2021

Special postal cancellation
Appeal from Pope Francis and religious leaders to COP26

In view of the 26th edition of the United Nations conference on climate change, called the "Conference of the Parties", which was held in Glasgow (United Kingdom) from 31 October to 12 November 2021, the Holy Father Francis, on 4 October 2021, of the first anniversary of the Encyclical *Fratelli tutti* dedicated to human brotherhood, brought together in the Hall of Blessing scientists, experts and religious leaders (among these, the great imam of al-Azhar, Ahmad al-Tayyeb, and the patriarch of Constantinople, Bartolomeo I) for the meeting "*Faith and Science. Towards Cop 26*".

During the meeting, a joint appeal was signed for the Conference to provide effective responses and push for the adoption of behaviors and actions modeled on "interdependence" and "co-responsibility" to counteract the "seeds of conflicts" that cause wounds in environment and in the human person.

The Post and Philately Service intends to underline this appeal by putting into use a special cancellation whose imprint is reproduced:



Date: **31 October – 12 November 2021**

Sketch: reproduces the official logo of the 26th edition of the United Nations "Conference of the Parties" on climate change (COP26).

The cancellation is completed by the words «APPEAL OF POPE FRANCIS AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS TO COP26», «VATICAN POST», «GLASGOW» and «31.10-12.11.2021».

Format: circular

Diameter: 38mm

The philatelic material to be stamped, duly stamped by the applicants, must be come to the Obliterations Sector of the Post and Philately Service by 30 December 2021.



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SERVIZIO POSTE E FILATELIA

06731/2021

Vatican City, 25 November 2021

Press release 39/2021

Special postal cancellation

Pope Francis in Assisi for the Day of the Poor

On the occasion of the visit of the Holy Father Francis to Assisi, which took place on 12 November 2021 in view of the World Day of the Poor 2021, the Post and Philately Service put into use a special postmark of which the imprint is reproduced:



Date:

November 12, 2021

Sketch:

reproduces the small church dedicated to Santa Maria degli Angeli, better known as *Porziuncola*, the place where San Francesco founded the Order of Friars Minor in 1209. Inserted in the graphics we find the logo prepared by the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization for the World Day of the Poor.

The cancellation is completed by the words «POPE FRANCIS IN ASSISI FOR THE DAY OF THE POOR» and «POSTE VATICANE 12.11.2021».

Format:

circular

Diameter:

38mm

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06733/2021

Vatican City, 25 November 2021

Press release 40/2021

Special postal cancellation
XXXVI World Youth Day

On the occasion of the XXXVI World Youth Day, which was celebrated at diocesan level healthy on 21 November 2021, for the first time on Christ the King Sunday, the Post and Philately Service put into use a special cancellation of which the imprint is reproduced:



Date: **November 21, 2021**

Sketch: graphically and textually represents the theme of Pope Francis' message for the diocesan celebration of World Youth Day 2021: *"Stand up! I make you a witness to what you saw!"* (Acts 26:16).

The cancellation is completed by the words «DIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF WYD» and «VATICAN POSTAGE - 21.11.2021».

Format: circular

Diameter: 38mm

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06735/2021

Vatican City, 25 November 2021

Press release 41/2021

Souvenir envelope and special postal cancellation

The Divine Comedy: Purgatory

On the occasion of the issue by the Vatican Telephone Service of a series of telephone cards dedicated to Dante Alighieri's *Divine Comedy* (*Purgatory*), the Post and Philately Service will issue a souvenir envelope.



Souvenir envelope

Date:

November 26, 2021

Cartoon:

reproduces the miniature *Purgatorio, Canto XIX*, folio 151r of the Latin Urbinatense Codex 365. The work is preserved in the Vatican Apostolic Library.

Stamp:

value of 1.15 euros *VII centenary of the death of Dante Alighieri* issued on September 8, 2021.

Dimensions: 16.5 x 9.5 cm
Identification code: PV/116
Price: 2.50 euros

Cancellation



Sketch: reproduces a detail - depicting the meeting between Dante, Virgil and Manfred (son of Emperor Frederick II) - from *Canto III*, folio 103r of the Latin Urbinat Codex 365.

The cancellation is completed by the words «THE DIVINE COMEDY • PURGATORIO» and «VATICAN POSTAGE • 26 NOVEMBER 2021».

Format: circular
Diameter: 3.80 cm

For subscribers, the envelope will be sent with the next folder shipment without any increase in shipping costs. For the remaining customers, the contribution for the shipping costs of the item, which will take place via registered mail, is 1.50 euros.

Purchase orders must be accompanied by the relevant amount paid by:

- "Non-Transferable" bank check to the order of: Post and Philately – Governorate – 00120 Vatican CITY;
- bank transfer to: Governorate of the Vatican City State

(IBAN IT84 X020 0805 0080 0010 3184 313 – SWIFT UNCRITM1B88), inserting "Post and Philately".



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Vatican City, 25 November 2021

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Special postal cancellation

IV centenary of the death of Saint John Berchmans

On the occasion of the fourth centenary of the death of Saint John Berchmans, to which the Church of Sant'Ignazio di Loyola - where the Jesuit saint is venerated - will dedicate a year which will end with the liturgical celebration of 26 November 2022, the Post and Philately Service will put into use a special postmark of which the imprint is reproduced:



Date:

November 26, 2021

Sketch:

it depicts the Jesuit proclaimed saint by Pope Leo XIII in 1888 who, together with Luigi Gonzaga and Stanislao Kostka, is the patron saint of student youth.

The cancellation is completed by the words «IV CENTENARY OF THE DEATH OF ST. JOHN BERCHEMANS», «POSTE VATICANE - 26.XI.2021» and «1621-2021».

Format:

circular

Diameter:

38mm

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06742/2021

Vatican City, 25 November 2021

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Ordinary postal cancellations
Christus natus est Alleluia

From 29 November 2021 to 8 January 2022, ordinary postal cancellations dedicated to the Christmas period, the imprints of which are reproduced below, will be used in the various sectors of the Post and Philately Service to stamp all correspondence.



Date: 29 November 2021 – 8 January 2022
Format: circular
Diameter: 28mm



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Vatican City, 25 November 2021

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Special postal cancellations

Apostolic Journey of His Holiness Francis to Cyprus and Greece

On the occasion of the apostolic journey of His Holiness Francis to Cyprus and Greece, which will take place from 2 to 6 December 2021, the Post and Philately Service will put into use two special cancellations of which footprints are reproduced.

Pope Francis in Cyprus

Date:

2 – 4 December 2021

Sketch:

reproduces an elaborate graphic consisting of the depiction of Saint Barnabas (originally called Joseph of Cyprus), evangelizer of the island of Cyprus; the text "S. BARNABA", the flag of Cyprus and the coat of arms of the Holy Father Francis.

The cancellation is completed by the words «POPE FRANCIS IN CYPRUS», «POSTE VATICANE» and «2 - 4 DECEMBER 2021».

Format:

circular

Diameter:

38mm



Pope Francis in Greece

Date:

4 – 6 December 2021

Sketch:

reproduces a graphic work consisting of the depiction of Saint Paul, evangelizer of Greece; the text "S. PAUL", the flag of Greece and the coat of arms of

Holy Father Francis.

The cancellation is completed by the words «POPE FRANCIS IN GREECE», «VA-TICAN POST» and «4 - 6 DECEMBER 2021».

Format:

circular

Diameter:

38mm



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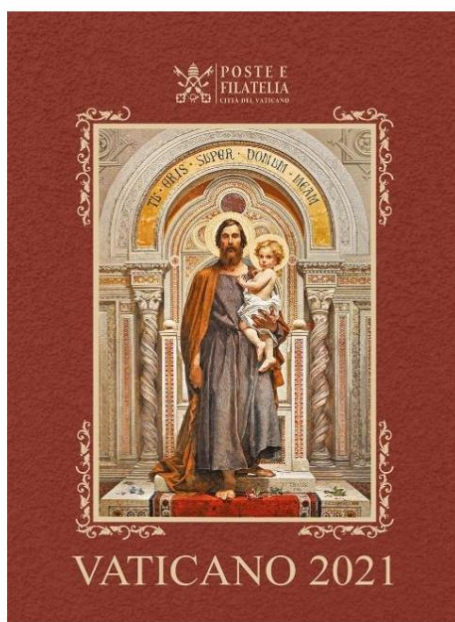
Vatican City, 25 November 2021

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Philatelic volume

Vatican 2021

The Post and Philately Service is pleased to offer collectors the traditional annual volume which collects all the Vatican philatelic production and the cancellations put into use in 2021. The volume is published in four languages: Italian, French, English and German.



<i>Date:</i>	December 6, 2021
<i>Dimensions:</i>	240 x 320 mm
<i>Cover:</i>	reproduces the mosaic of Saint Joseph, patron saint of the Church, kept in the chapel of the relics of Saint Peter's Basilica in the Vatican.
<i>Cover print:</i>	4 color offset with screen printing
<i>Print text:</i>	4 color offset in white and reverse
<i>Printing shop:</i>	Vatican typography
<i>Price:</i>	89.00 euros
<i>Circulation:</i>	2,450 copies



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06745/2021

Vatican City, 25 November 2021

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Souvenir envelopes, special postmark and folder
Christmas 2021

On the occasion of the solemnity of Holy Christmas 2021, the Post and Philately Service will issue a pair of souvenir envelopes, also available in the dedicated limited edition folder.



Date: December 25, 2021

Envelope PV/117A

Cartoon: reproduces a detail - depicting the nativity - of the work *Adoration of the Shepherds*, oil painting on canvas dating back to the 17th century (Roman School Area) preserved in the Lateran Museum - House of the Bishop of Rome.

Stamp: 1.15 euro value from the *Christmas MMXXI* series issued on 9 November 2021.

Dimensions: 16.5 x 9.5 cm

Envelope PV/117B

Cartoon: reproduces the detail depicting the shepherds from the same work.

Stamp: 1.10 euro value from the *Christmas MMXXI* series issued on 9 November 2021.

Dimensions: 16.5 x 9.5 cm

Cancellation



Sketch: reproduces a graphic design that recalls the Mystery of Christmas.
The cancellation is completed by the words «CHRISTUS NATUS EST ALLELUIA» and «VATICAN POST - 25.12.2021».

Format: circular

Diameter: 3.80 cm

Folder

Content: a pair of souvenir envelopes

Format: 20 x 27 cm, vertical, 2 doors

The cost of the pair of envelopes is 5.00 euros or 10.00 euros if purchased in the illustrated folder.

The contribution for the shipping costs of the item, which will take place via registered mail, is 1.50 euros for the envelopes or 2.50 euros for the folder.

Purchase orders must be accompanied by the relevant amount paid by:

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06746/2021

Vatican City, 25 November 2021

Press release 47/2021

Philatelic program 2022

The Post and Philately Service of the Vatican City is pleased to present to collectors the program of philatelic issues planned for the year 2022:

Issues linked to the theme of the year: Amoris Laetitia Family • Pontificate

of Pope Francis MMXXII • Easter of Resurrection
MMXXII • X World Meeting of Families •
Philatelic cover 2022

Annual emissions

• Decade for the restoration of the ecosystem in the wake of *Laudato Si'* – Year I • Europe 2022:
"Stories and myths" • An ideal
pilgrimage around the Earth on the way to the Jubilee 2025: Asia • Pope Francis' travels around the world –
year 2021 • Christmas MMXXII

Celebratory emissions •

II anniversary of the *Statio Orbis* • Bicentenary
of the birth of Giovanni Battista de Rossi
• 1900th anniversary of the martyrdom of San Marziano
• V centenary of the election of Pope Adrian VI • Centenary of
the Pediatric Dispensary of Santa Marta • 150th anniversary of the birth
and 70th anniversary of the death of Blessed Father Paolo Manna • III centenary of the proclamation of Saint Isidore of
Seville as Doctor of the Church • Postcards: II centenary of the death of Antonio Canova • Aerogram: IV
centenary of the first collective canonization (1622-2022)

Joint issues • 150th

anniversary of the birth of Saint Louis Orion (*joint with Italy and Argentina*) • Centenary of the Concordat between
the Holy See and Latvia (*joint with Latvia*) • 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the Holy See
Headquarters and Mongolia (*joint with
Mongolia*)

Annual philatelic volume «Vatican 2022»

Please note that the program may be subject to changes.

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