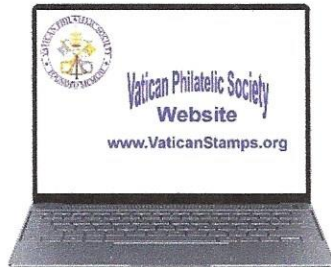


VPS Website Features: Part 5

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How to Access the VPS Chat Room, Member Uploads, Member Postings



The Vatican Philatelic Society Website (www.VaticanStamps.org) offers members of the VPS total access to all the features the site has to offer. We believe that our website has the most complete source of information about Vatican Philately anywhere. Go to the VPS Website Home Page titled 'VPS Website Features' to learn how to access all the features available to you.

VPS Chat Room

The **VPS Chat Room** allows you to share information with the membership. Share your thoughts on any philatelic topic you believe will be of interest to the members.

Fig 1

A screenshot of the "VPS Chat Room" posting form. It includes a text input field for "Enter a posting:", a larger text area for "Enter Message Text:", a text input field for "Photo Name (i.e. myphoto.jpg - no path):", a text input field for "Photo Caption:->", a text input field for "Optional Link (for additional information):", and a text input field for "Your Initials (please):". At the bottom, there are three blue buttons: "SUBMIT POSTING", "UPLOAD PHOTO", and "RETURN TO POSTINGS".

Fig 2

A screenshot of the "VPS Chat Room" image upload form. It features a text input field for "Image Upload", a text area with instructions: "Browse your system for a file to upload, then after selecting your photo click on the upload button.", a "Choose Image:" label, a file selection input field, a "Browse..." button, and an "UPLOAD" button. At the bottom, there are two blue buttons: "ENTER NEW POSTING" and "RETURN TO POSTINGS".


Fig 3

1. 'Click VPS Chat Room' (Fig 1).
2. You are now able to view all member postings currently listed in the VPS Chat Room.
3. 'Click Enter New Posting' in the upper center to enter a posting and Fig 2 will display.
4. Enter your posting information onto Fig 2. Remember to include your initials.
5. 'Click Submit Posting' (Fig 2).
6. You can submit text with or without a photo. If you have no photos to upload, Go to Step 9.
7. To upload photos with your Chat Room entry, 'Click Upload Photo' (Fig 2) and Fig 3 will display.
8. 'Click Browse' (Fig 3) to select images from your file directory. (The images are recommended to be in 600dpi JPG format.) 'Click Upload' (Fig 3). Repeat Step 8 for each photo you care to upload.
9. 'Click Return to Postings' (Fig 3) and Fig 2 will display. If you have another posting to enter, repeat Steps 1-8; otherwise 'Click Home'.

Member Uploads

Member Uploads allows you to upload images to the VPS website. See the ***** WANTED ***** section at the end of this article for examples of images you can upload.

1. 'Click Member Uploads' (Fig 1) and Fig 4 will display.
2. 'Click Browse' (Fig 4) to select images from your file directory. (The photos are recommended to be in 600dpi JPG format.) 'Click Upload' (Fig 4). Repeat Step 2 for each photo you care to upload; otherwise 'Click Member in the Upper Right' to return to the Member Screen.
3. 'Click Contact on the Gold Bar' on the Member Screen. Complete the comments section describing what you have uploaded for the VPS website. 'Click Submit' and you will be contacted if more detail is required to process your upload.



The screenshot shows a web form titled "VPS Member Image Upload". It includes the text "file size limit around 10mb" and "Browse your system for a file to upload, then after selecting your photo click on the upload button." At the bottom, there is a "Choose Image:" label, a "Browse..." button, and an "UPLOAD" button.

Fig 4

Member Postings

Member Postings allows members to create postings that will be sent to other VPS members through the Daily Email System. You can share something from your collection or to tell us something you know about Vatican or Roman States stamps.

1. 'Click Member Postings' (Fig 1) and Fig 5 will display.
2. All text information **MUST** be submitted prior to uploading images.
3. Enter all text information required in Fig 5. (You will notice that below the Fig 5 page on your computer screen is a description of all the fields required for entering text. There is also an example of a completed text page.
4. After entering all required text information, 'Click Submit Text' (Fig 5).
5. 'Click Upload Image' (Fig 5) to upload your images and Fig 4 will display.
6. 'Click Browse' (Fig 4) to select images from your file directory. (The images are recommended to be in 600dpi JPG format.) 'Click Upload.' (Fig 4). Repeat Step 6 for each photo you care to upload; otherwise 'Click Member in the Upper Right' to return to the Member Screen.



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Create A VPS Posting Record". It includes the text "From this page member can create postings that will be sent to other VPS members through the daily email system. We want you to share something from your collection or to tell us something you know about Vatican or Roman States stamps." The form has several input fields: "Posting Title:" with a label "title", "Author - Email:" with a label "Author - Email", "Posting Date:" with a label "posting date" and "(MM/DD)", "Posting Text:" with a label "posting text", and "PhilatelicLinks:" with a label "Enter related stamps and links". At the bottom, there are three green buttons: "SUBMIT TEXT", "UPLOAD IMAGE", and "MEMBER SCREEN". Below the buttons is the text "Submit text before uploading images."

Fig 5

**** Wanted ****

1. First Day Covers to add to our website... 2008 to present.
2. Share your favorite Vatican covers plus anything unusual in your Vatican collection.
3. Share anything Vatican that you believe will be of interest to the members
4. Share copies from your Vatican postmark collection.

Let us know what you have to share by clicking the 'Contact' tab on the gold bar on the member screen. You will be sent an email instructing you how to upload the information for the website.