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DUES AND ELECTIONS

EXCERPTS FROM THE BY-LAWS OF THE VATICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY:

Re: DUES: All members shall pay annual dues of two dollars ($2.00)
Dues are payable on or before July 1st each year. All members who fail to remit their dues for the current year shall be notified that they are in arrears. Members so notified who have not paid their dues by September 30th shall be dropped from the membership list.

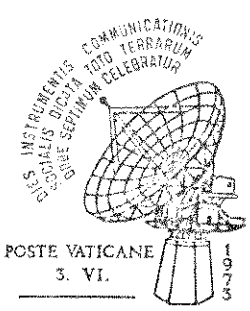
ENCLOSED WITH THIS NUMBER OF THE VATICAN NOTES IS A DUES ENVELOPE. PLEASE REMIT BY JULY 1, BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER. DO NOT MAIL CASH.

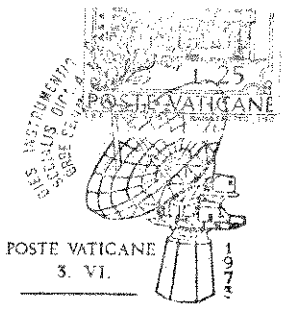
Re: ELECTIONS: A ballot shall be prepared by the Editor of the Official Organ listing the names of the nominees which were received in the prescribed manner, without provision for write-in votes. Said ballot shall be mailed with the May-June issue of the Official Organ in each even numbered year and shall be returned to the Secretary.
All ballots must be in the hands of the Secretary by July 20th in each even numbered year to be valid.

AT THE APRIL MEETING OF CHAPTER NO. 1 NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE INTERIM EDITOR IN THE PRESCRIBED MANNER. A BALLOT IS PRINTED ON THE LAST PAGE OF THE VATICAN NOTES. SINCE THE BALLOT IS TO BE RETURNED TO THE SECRETARY, AS ARE THE DUES, YOU MAY REMIT BOTH TOGETHER IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED IF YOU WISH. IF NOT, YOU MAY RETURN THEM SEPARATELY.

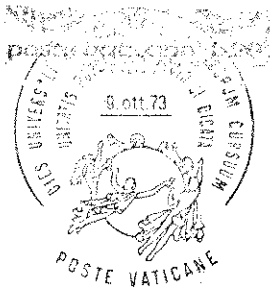
SPECIAL VATICAN CANCELLATIONS

Frederick J. Levitsky

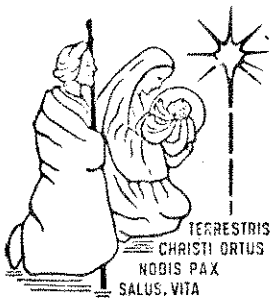




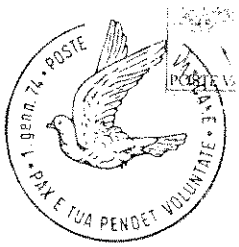
Cancellation marking the Seventh World's Social Communication Media Day, June 3, 1973. The cancellation reads: "Throughout the world there is celebrated for the seventh time a day dedicated to the instruments of social communication."



Cancellation marking the Universal Postal Union Day. The cancellation reads: "The day of the Universal Association of Postal Services - dedicated to the promotion of the unity of all people."



Cancellation honoring Christmas. The cancellation reads: "The birth of Christ on earth brings us peace, salvation, life."



Cancellation marking the Seventh World's Day for Peace. The cancellation reads: "Peace is dependent on your good will."

HOLY YEAR 1975

The Holy Year, suggested by Pope Paul to encourage "reconciliation" in the world, will officially be opened at Christmas-time this year. It will be at about that time that the Vatican will issue a set of stamps to commemorate this, the 26th Holy Year.

In 1933 a set, Scott Numbers B1-4, was issued depicting a globe which was surmounted by a holy cross. This issue commemorated an extraordinary Holy Year in 1933, marking the 1,900 anniversary of the death of Christ.

In March of 1949 a set of Regular Issues, the "Basilicas' Issue" was a preliminary to the 25th Holy Year Issue of 1950. On December 21, 1949 a set of eight values, with four designs, was issued.

Since this is a relatively rare occasion, The Vatican Notes will carry a series on "Holy Year 1975" combining the philatelic, historical and religious significance. The Interim Editor is anxious to receive contributions for publication on this particular subject.

The term, Holy Year, used by Pope Paul in this year's announcement of 1975's jubilee of reconciliation, is hardly a household phrase, even in those Catholic households normally considered well versed in the knowledge of the faith. Occuring as they do every 25 years, the average adult Catholic might remember two such occasions in his lifetime, at most perhaps three.

A Holy Year is an intensive spiritual program with a distinct emphasis, somewhat as Lent is a time of spiritual emphasis each year. A Holy Year is marked by great celebrations in the Eternal City - Rome - and by smaller, although no less significant celebrations, in every diocese in the world, paralleling those that center about the Holy Father.

Although the first Holy Year was proclaimed by Pope Boniface VIII in December 1300, the custom was based upon ancient jubilee years of the Jews when every 50th year all debts were cancelled and slaves were set free as penitential acts.

Pope Boniface called for celebrations every 100 years and during that annual period a solemn plenary indulgence was granted to all and special privileges were given confessors so that they shared more fully in the papal authority regarding Penance.

Later Popes reduced the time interval until, in 1470, Pope Paul II set the 25-year span that remains to this day. On this occasion, however, Pope Paul VI has announced a unique departure from tradition by calling for a year of preparation during 1974 in the local churches throughout the world.

Non-Catholic Christian churches have shown a great interest in the 1975 Holy Year. Indeed, the Holy Year shares three fundamental themes close to the heart of ecumenists: conversion of heart, Church renewal and reconciliation. Future articles will explore The Holy Year, its origins in the Jewish Jubilee Year, and its Ecumenical implications.

Plating the 5 Bajocchi

73. 6-26-58. a. A of FRANCO sometimes thick on rt. side;
    b. Rt. vine broken.
74. 2-5-61. a. Rt. banderol broken;
    b. Rt. ball sometimes hooked;
    c. Inner frame broken at bottom of E.
75. 8-14-53. a. L of POSTALE broken;
    b. Rt. vine broken; Rt. bit and rt. ball broken (c);
    d. Upper rt. corner broken;
    e. Lower rt. corner nicked or broken;
    f. Nick in rt. key haft.

76. None. a. Rt. banderol defective;
    b. Rt. outer frame line often broken in one or two places.
77. 12-31-63. a. Lft. banderol broken;
    b. Outer line broken at B;
    c. Inner line broken at ball.
78. 6-2-54. a. Outer frame line broken at 5.

79. None. a. A of BAJ broken;
    b. Left key bit has break;
    c. Outer frame line broken at leaf.
80. 1-2-58. a. B of BOLLO usually defective at left;
    b. Outer frame line defective at E and above.
81. 1-17-53. a. F and R of FRANCO defective;
    b. O of BOLLO;
    c. P, O, E of POSTALE defects;
    d. Defective period;
    e. Tiara has breaks within;
    f. Break in left banderol.

82. 12-5-54. a. FRAN of FRANCO defective;
    b. Period defective;
    c. Outer frame line broken above BO.;
    d. Inner frame line breaks at bottom.
83. 3-31-54. a. Prominent defect in B of BOLLO;
    b. A of BAJ defective at bottom left;
    c. 5 has squared top; d. Rt. haft has break;
    e. Outer frame line nicked under B.
84. 1-10-54. a. Outer frame line nicked at ball.

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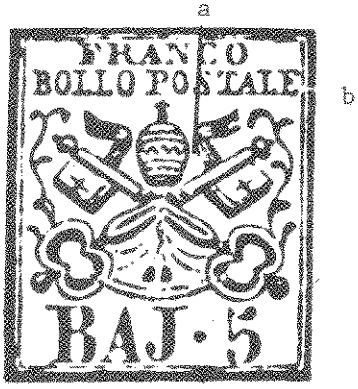

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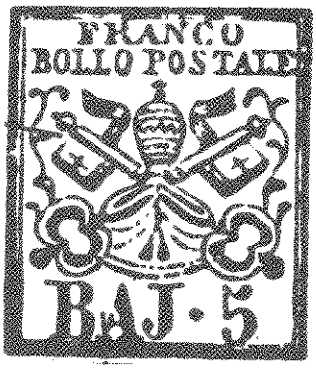

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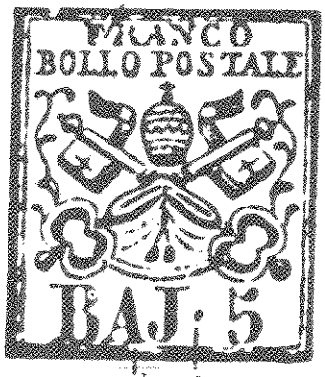

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85. None. a. Break in N of FRANCO;
b. Inner frame line broken at 5.
86. 4-7-53. a. A and N of FRANCO defective;
b. Break in lft. banderol;
c. Outer frame line broken in two places at upper Rt.
d. Inner and outer frame lines nicked under 5.
87. 7-23-53. a. Dents at E and corner.

88. None. a. O of BOLLO broken;
b. Nick above CO on outside of frame
c. Nick at leaf;
d. Defective 5.
89. None. a. Sometimes P of POSTALE has thin serif;
(difficult to find any real distinguishing character)
90. 8-21-52. a. Dot is defective;
b. Outer frame line broken above F;
c. Outer frame line nicked below J;
d. Same below 5.

91. 9-15-52. a. B of BAJ - lower part pointed;
b. Break in rt. key bit;
c. Outer line dented in upper lft corner;
d. Lower lft. corner dented;
e. Inner frame line broken under B and after 5.
92. 12-5-54. a. Left vertical of R in FRANCO broken in late state;
b. A of FRANCO arched rt. serif in late state;
c. 5 defective.
d. Outer frame line nicked or broken after 5.
93. 6-12-55. a. Outer frame line nicked or broken upper rt. corner;
b. Outer frame nicked at rt. key bit;
c. Outer frame nicked or broken to rt. of 5;
d. Inner frame broken upper rt.; e. Also at upper left;
f. Rt. knob hooked.

94. 6-24-52. a. Outer frame line sometimes nicked above R;
b. Outer frame line nicked at first and third leaf;
c. Inner frame broken twice at left bit.
95. 9-20-52. a. Prominent defect of O of POSTALE;
b. Left vine broken;
c. Outer frame nicked at B; d. Inner frame line broken at top.
96. 4-7-53. (3-22-53). a. Break in tiara;
b. Break in rt. banderol;
c. Lft. inner frame line broken at second leaf.

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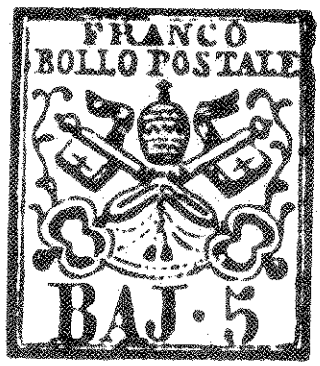

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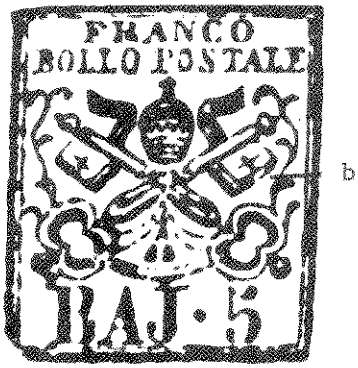

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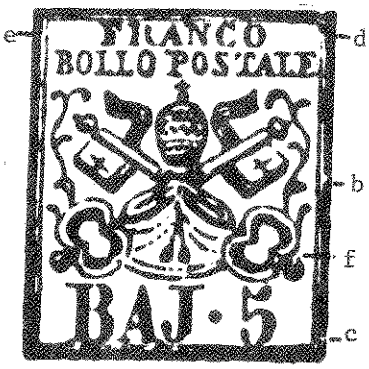

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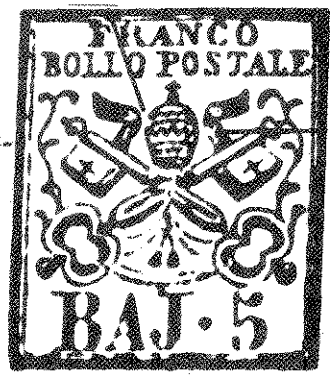

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97. 7-23-53. a. Defective 5;
b. Break in tiara;
c. Outer frame line nicked at knob;
d. Inner frame line broken at knob.

98. 12-4-54. (9-8-53). a. B of BAJ has nick in some;
b. Rt. knob broken;
c. Outer frame line nicked at lower rt. corner;
d. Inner frame line broken between A and J;

99. 7-9-56. a. Outer frame line nicked at 5.

100. 10-26-56. a. Defective S in POSTALE;
b. E of POSTALE has weak lower bar;
c. Break in lft. vine;
d. 5 broken;
e. Lower rt. corner dented.

FINIS

We would like to extend to Father Phinney our thanks for the series of articles on "Plating the 5 Bajocchi" which has appeared in the last several issues of the "VATICAN NOTES."

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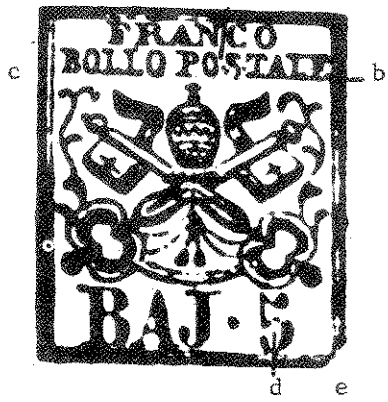
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SCOTT NO. 101 - THE 3 LIRE OF THE 1945 PRISONER OF WAR ISSUE

A perforation variety, double perforations in the right margin of a block of ten. The extra row of perforations at an angle with the normal perforations. The double perforation variety is of low value in the Bolaffi catalog but the margin strip makes an interesting piece.

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the Society the the following new members and invite them, and all members, to contribute ideas, articles, and letters to THE NOTES.

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2411	John A. Ball	240 Paulison Ave.	Passaic, N.J.	07055
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2418	C. Gene Carmenini	12 Bruce Terrace	Dobbs Ferry. N.Y.	10522
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Rev. Herbert A. Phinney

The holder of Membership #3 in the Vatican Philatelic Society, Father Phinney, is retiring as an officer of the Society and as Parish Priest of Saint Monica's Parish in South Boston. He has longed served the Society having been a Founding Member, an Officer and Editor of the Notes. Cardinal Medeiros made the announcement early last month. A native of Dorchester, Father Phinney attended St. John's Seminary in Brighton and was ordained in 1935 by William Cardinal O'Connell. He served Church and Country in the Second World War as a military chaplain. Once a successor has been named, probably in June, Father will retire to peace and quaintness on old Cape Cod. Ad Multos Annos!!!

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OFFICIAL BALLOT
VATICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE FOR EACH OFFICE BY AN X. THE BY-LAWS PROHIBIT A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE.

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SECRETARY: WALLACE R. SMITH /____/

TREASURER: FREDERICK J. LEVITSKY /____/

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