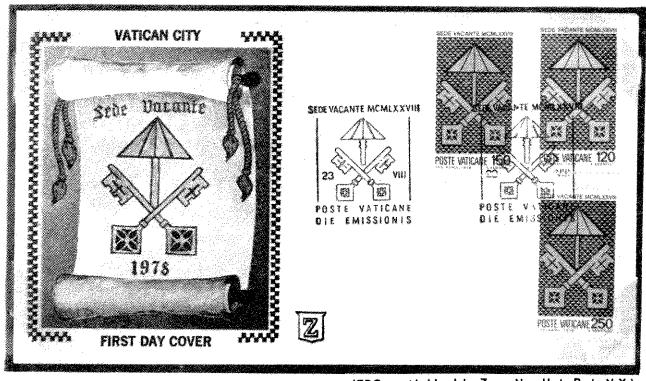
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## SEDE VACANTE MCMLXXVIII

On August 23, 1978, seventeen days after the death of Pope Paul VI, the Vatican Postal Administration released a series of three stamps to announce the Sede Vacante (Vacant See), also known as the "Interregnum issue".

A common design was utilized for the bicolored trio, consisting of a stylized umbrella over crossed keys with a grillwork background nearly covering the entire stamp. The inscription "SEDE VACANTE MCMLXXVII" appears above the design and "POSTE VATICANE" and the value below. The lettering and outlines of the emblem and grillwork are printed in lilac on all values. The emblem and background color varies in each stamp: 120L sky blue, 150L pink and 250L light yellow.

The stamps, designed by Italian painter Emidio Vangelli, are vertical in format and measure 25 mm x 40 mm with a 14 x 13 1/4 perforation. A total of 1,300,000 complete sets were printed in rotary photogravure on white glossy paper by the State Polygraphic Institute, Rome-Italy and distributed in sheets of fifty.





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### SEDE VACANTE

After the death of a pope, the throne of the Bishop of Rome becomes temporarily vacant, until the Sacred College of Cardinals elects a new bishop by means of a conclave. In the interim the Papal Secretary of State acts as head of the Church. When the new bishop is elected, by virtue of his office, he becomes the Supreme Pontiff or Head of the Roman Catholic Church. The throne or See of the Bishop of Rome is located in the Basilica of St. John Lateran.

The "See", seat or throne of a bishop, symbolizes his office from which he spiritually administers the territories placed under his jurisdiction. The episcopal chair, also known as cathedra, when is located in a Roman Catholic Church, it designates the church as a cathedral. The chair is reserved only for the bishop when he attends or participates in ceremonial and liturgical functions.

The umbrella, also known as the "Canopy of the Basili-ca", over the crossed keys has been traditionally designated as the insignia of the "interregnum". It signifies that the "See" is vacant and it also denotes mourning. Therefore, when a Pope dies, the umbrella replaces the papal tiara on the Vatican coat of arms. The traditional significance of the umbrella goes back to its use by early Christians during burial ceremonies.

After the death of Pope Paul VI, on August 6, 1978, Cardinal Jean Villot became caretaker of the Vatican City State for twenty days, until Pope John Paul I was elected on the 26th. On August 22, 1978, the Vatican announced the minting of a 500 Lire (\$.59) Sede Vacante silver coin depicting a dove, on one side, symbolizing the Holy Spirit, through whose guidance the Princes of the Church choose a new pope. The obverse shows the coat of arms of Cardinal Jean Villot. The coin will be placed on sale on September 26, 1978, for 5000 Lire (\$5.95).

It has been reported, that the Vatican has utilized a porion of the revenues from the 1978 Sede Vacante issue to finance the conclave which elected Pope John Paul I. According to "Time" magazine, the conclave was budgeted at \$2 million.

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## 1978 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ON LAST LAP



Time Is Running Out!

Only a few weeks remain before the "Drive" will end on December 31, 1978.

So far, thanks to the efforts of hard working members, the results have been gratifying. Let's not lose the momentum and try to break all previous records.

Prizes worth well over \$250.00 await the winners. Need more applications? Drop a line to the Membership Chairlady:

Miss Rita F. Murphy, 44 Beaver St., Framingham, MA 01701 Hopefully, the winners will be announced in the January-February 1979 edition of the "Notes".

Pope John Paul I Coat of Arms

## IN MEMORIAM POPE JOHN PAUL I 1913 - 1978

The news of the unexpected death of Pope John Paul I on September 29, 1978, stunned the Christian and non-Christian world.

This obscure but humble and "gifted pastor" was able to capture the affection of people around the world in only 34 days as Pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church. John Paul will surely be remembered for his good humor and love and concern for all people. The funeral Mass and burial took place on October 4, 1978, after lying in state in the Basilica of St. Peter for five days.

The recent chain of events at the Vatican have brought forth a flood of special events covers and cards. The wide variety of catchets and grouping now available, and the many more yet to come would fill several album pages. Here is an example of what is on the market today:

Pope Paul VI

- + Day of death
- + Lay-in-state (one for each day)
- + Conclave (one for each day)
- + Day of funeral

Pope John Paul

- + Election day
- + Traditional coronation day

Now, with the death of John Paul, the above process will begin again - Enjoy... or cry.

It is not known at this writing, whether a second Sede Vacante or the traditional coronation issue for John Paul have been released.

The death of the two Popes within a month has postponed the issue of stamp issues announced earlier - Also the following cancels were not placed in service:

- a. "RICCIONE '78" Philatelic Exhibition held on August 26-29, 1978
- b. 400th aniversary of the transfer of Holy Shroud to Turin..



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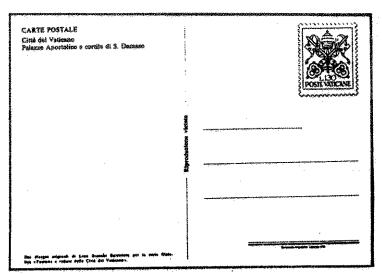
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## FONTANE E VEDUTE

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LINO BIANCHI BARRIVIERA PER LA SERIE FILATELICA EMESSA IL 23 NOVEMBRE 1976



Correspondence side of cards

Design on front and back of jacket housing the set of 6 cards





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F. D. CANCEL

On May 22, 1978, the Vatican Posts has released a series of six (6) 130 Lire post cards  $(14.8 \times 10.5 \text{ cm.})$  contained within a folder  $(15 \times 11 \text{ cm.})$ . Each card illustrates the original drawings prepared by Lino Bianchi Barriviera for the "Fountains and Views of Vatican City" stamp issue of November 23, 1976 (Sc. No. 601-06).

The cards and jacket design are identical in format and similar in design to the first series of twelve (12) post cards (120L and 130L) issued on March 21, 1977. The illustration on each card is printed in charcoal grey, but on a different color background. The colors used for each card are nearly identical as to the stamp counterpart.

The printing on the correspondence side is in black, while the pre-printed postage stamp (25 x 30 mm. -including perforation) and the papal insignia and lettering on the jacket is dark brown. A total of 100,000 complete sets were printed by Bertoncello Artigrafiche, Cittadella (Padua), Italy.

Following are the Vatican Architectonic views illustrated on the cards:

- 1. St. John's Tower
- Fountain of the Sacrament 2.
- Fountain at the entrance of the gardens 3.
- The Apse of St. Peter's Basilica 4.
- Via delle Fondamenta, Apse of the Basilica, the Borgia Tower and exterior of the Sistine Chapel
- St. Damasus Courtyard and Apostolic Palace 6.

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# MAIL AUCTION SALE ... continued on page 11

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FIRST DAY COVERS-UNADDRESSED-CACHET	
134 o 292-294 Golden 13	1.50
135 o 345-352 Filiagramo? (2)	1.80
136 o 353-355	1.00
137 o 479-483 Filigramo (2)	2.00
138 o C53-54 TreStelle	6.00
SPECIAL EVENT COVERS	
139 o 10/24/58 Italian Mobile P.O. in	
St. Peters Square	1.50
140 o 12/4/59, 3/28/60, 1/16/61-Consistory	1.50
141 o 5/5/61 Visit of Elizabeth-Golden	
17 - Addressed.	2.50
142 o 5/13/67 Visit to Portugal. Kim	
135,141 and 142. (3)	1.25
143 o 5/13/67 Visit to Portugal.	
Filigrano (7)-1 Vat/6 Port stamps	4.50
144 o 7/25-26/67 Visit to Turkey.	
Filigrano (8).	6.00
145 o 67/69/70 Social Comm. Kim 132,133,	
223,288. (4)	1.00
146 o 11/14-24/69 Apollo 12. Kim 267-	50
273. (7).	4.00
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# SPECIAL VATICAN CITY CANCELLATIONS

FREDERICK J. LEVITSKY



Cancellations marking the celebration of Easter, 1978. The cancellation reads: "Christ has Risen - Alleluia." The top left cancels are the special handstamp and machine cancels. The others are those used in the various Vatican offices. These are designated on the cancels with the number of cancelling devices, shown in the upper moons, as follows:

SC = Central Window, 1 & 2

F = Philatelic Office

MB = Cancelling Machine

CA = Arriving Post, 1 & 2

AC = Arco Compane Office, 1 & 2

M = Museum Office, 1 & 2

GS = Swiss Guard Office, 1 & 2

UM = Mobile Office, 1 thru 6

C = Central Office, 1 thru 4

1C & 2C = Airmail

PP = Pneumatic Post, 1 & 2

P = Parcel Post, 1 & 2

Information from Rome indicated these cancels were in use from March 19, Palm Sunday, to the Feast of the Ascension, May 4. However, the SC cancel shows May 5. A total of 29 different cancels was used. Why so many, I do not know. All of these are considered to be special event cancels, although used for several weeks. The German Study Group, however, classes only the first two as special cancels, the others as everyday cancels. Compare with the Holy Year cancels shown in Vol. XXIV, No. 2, Pg. 5. My thanks to Dr. Nils Rundqvist of Sweden for supplying copies of all of these cancels.



Cancellation marking Vatican participation in the EUROPA 78 International Philatelic Exhibition held in Naples from April 29 to May 7. The cancellation shows these dates and was used during this period.

# PONTIFICAL STATES

REV. FLOYD A. JENKINS, SJ, Chairman



Proposed by FREDERICK J. LEVITSKY

## FORGERY OF THE 1 BAJ. (1 Baj. #3)

Attributed to Senf, 1875. (From illustration in German journal.) Similar to VPS #1

- 1. "l" has no dip in top, has serif at top left.
- 2. Tiara tapers too sharply at bottom, cross on top too large, ribbons incorrect shape.
- 3. Flower decorations too large, touches cord on right.
- 4. No openings in key handles for cords.
- 5. Top left bar of J in BAJ too long.
- 6. All lettering too thick.
- 7. Dividing lines form rectangle.









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## THE GENUINE 1 BAJ.

"1" has dip in top, essentially without serif.
 Tiara wider, small cross at top, ribbons separate and well formed.

3. Flower decorations small, not touching cords and tassels.

4. Key handles have openings for cords.

Top left bar of J in BAJ short.
 All lettering thinner.

7. Dividing lines broken, either vertical or horizontal.



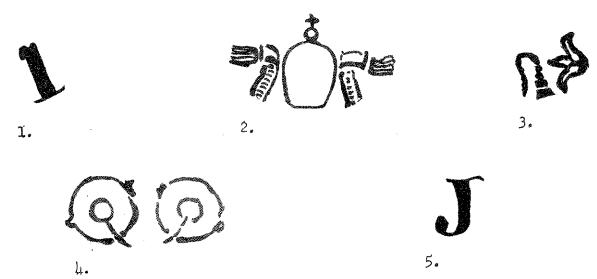
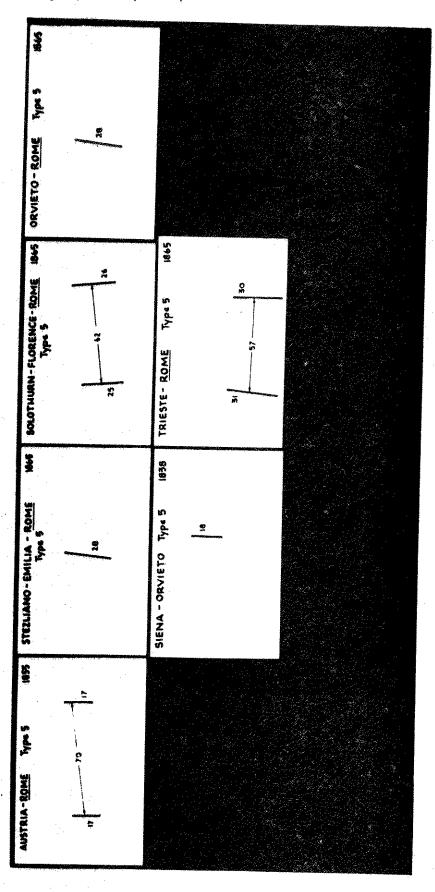


CHART 9

Pattern relationship and measurements (in millimeters) of slits found on letters carrying either one or two of the seven types of cachets in use by the Stato Pontificio (Papal Administrative Unit) at Civita vecchie or Rome.





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CARL CARRY CALLERY

## V. P. S.



# AUCTION -

Lt. Col. William J. Pelham P.O. Box 29099 - Henolule, HI. 94820 - U.S.A.

DESCRIPTION LOT # CAT # DESCRIPTION MinBid | LOT / CAT / Minbld NOMAN STATES (Bolaffi Bumbering) LAST DAY COVERS -CACHET-UNADDRESSED \* 4s 43sj, No Gum, Thick paper o 313-316 Golden 20 (1) 2.50 22,00 Signed: A. Dienez. Superb. o 356-359 Kim 24 (1) 1.35 02 \* Ac Basj, O.G.m Signed A.Dienna. VF 16.00 COVERS - MISCELLASEOUS 03 \* 56 IBaj (I Comp), NoGum, VF 6.00 o 55 lBaj on Cvr. Valentano to Vit-erbo. Vitarbo Stla Canx on front o J on cyr with J Italian stamps. 5.00 o 23 on 2 cvrs. Pair on white paper on I and pair on bluish paper on 1. 2.00 plus masuscript 1.Stamp on rev. o 23(2),25,95 on evr 8/2/45 1.00 cama 28 Jan date stamp plus good 70 o 81(3),20(2),22 on cvr 3/2/43 1.00 strike of Valentano St Ln cenx. o 87,95on post card 12/23/45 o 158-168,E13-14 on 2 unadd cyrs-18.00 1.25 WP cover. \* 7a läaj(II Comp)Thick paper, No cachet-FD- 4/23/53. Cum, V7 \* 7b lBaj (II Comp) No gum, VF 24.00 6.50 o 242s on cyr-cachet-FD 06 6.50 20.00 74 o 416-419 on Gloden 72(3) 1.50 o 105 28s) on cyr. Acquapendento to o 461-463 on Golden 102,107 FD/LD Rome. Acquapendento CDS on front 1.50 20 Sep 56 with grill on stamp. Ross CDS on back-21 Sep 55. MAXIMUM CARDS 10.00 o 123,125,127,130 (4) Canx 55-57. o 146,148 (2) Cana 11/51 1.50 \* 17a 4Baj, No Gum, VV OF 10.00 5.00 o 17b 45a], Sr.Yelocem F(Creased) 09 2.50 o 156 (1) Capx 8/11/53 1.50 10 o 18b 58aj, Pale Rose, VF 1.00 l 79 0 158,159,164 (3) 1.00 o 18c 53a1 on cover. Paparo to Rome 80 o 171 (1) Canx 4/71 1.25 Pesaro St Ln cenx (38mm) with 81 o 174,175 (2) Cenx 3/54 2.50 normal grill on Front. Rome CDS 82 o 297 (1) Canx 1/61 1.00 on back 19 Nov 59. 8.00 83 0 105,133,200,204,292,6-9 (6) 1.75 o 16d 5Bsj on cwr. Rome to Napoli. Rome GDS on fr 29 Oct 57 with EVENTS COVERS-CACHET o 6/15/63-Visit of Sukarno, Kim 47 grill on stemps. On back Mapoli 1.00 CDS 31 Oct 57. 10.00 25 o 7/2/63-Visit of Kennedy, Golden 41 3.00 \* 22c 7Eaj, No Guza, Superb. 20.00 o 12/27/66-Dial Tele. Eim 126 1.00 3.4 o 23a 8Baj, Whitem VF 2.25 o 7/25/68-Humanae Vitae, Kim 183 1.00 SPECIAL FOLDERS

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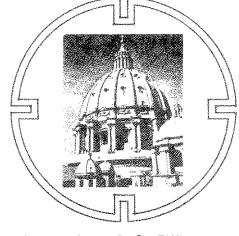
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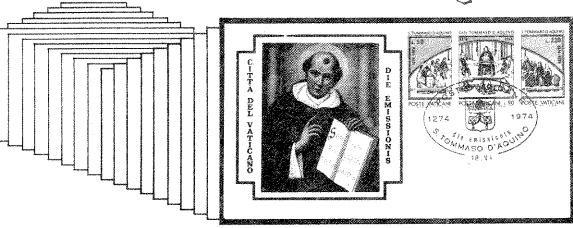
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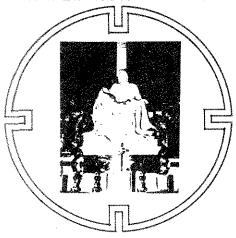


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