

VATICAN NOTES

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CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS ACCEPTED

With only one member dissenting, the Constitution and By-Laws published in the May issue of VATICAN NOTES has been adopted. The percentage of members voting was less than 1/2. This is not a good representation! The Cons. & By-Laws will govern all members of the Society, not merely those who "bothered" to vote!

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V. P. S. ELECTIONS

A ballot for the election of V. P. S. officers appears on the final page. All the present officers are up for re-election. Let's have a greater percentage of ballots returned on this highly significant issue.

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DUES AND SPECIAL FEE

Have you forwarded your dues for the forthcoming year? As outlined in the Constitution and By-Laws, "dues are payable on or before July 1st of each year. All members who fail to remit their dues for the current year by August 1st shall be notified that they are in arrears during August. Members so notified who have not paid their dues by September 30, shall be dropped from the membership list."

The Special Fee is also payable at the current time. Both should be forwarded to the Secretary: Robert W. Kessens, 543 East Leith St., Fort Wayne 5, Ind.

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HAVE ANY PHOTOS??

V.P.S. member Tony Rizzo has offered to make prints from the negatives of any Vatican City stamps, scenery, churches, etc. If you have such a negative, won't you share it with your fellow members? If we can have your cooperation on this, the prints will be included with VATICAN NOTES from time to time -- they will make an extremely worthwhile addition to the display possibilities offered by your collection.

Negatives can be mailed to the editor. They will be returned as soon as work on them is completed.

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WHY DID YOU JOIN V. P. S.?

The two most recent ballots which appeared in VATICAN NOTES revealed an alarming lack of interest on the part of many V. P. S. members. Both were on important questions. Both were issues which will effect every member. On the nominations and Special Fee, only 23% responded; in the case of the Constitution and By-Laws, only a slightly higher percentage (36%) were returned. In these two instances, as previously, it has been the same small group who took the few moments required. It takes only a minute or two to fill out a ballot and address an envelope. Can't we have your cooperation??

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

With the next issue, we would like to inaugurate a "Letters to the Editor" column, to include your comments on the Society, current Vatican philatelic developments, and Vatican Notes. If you have any ideas you feel are worth passing along to fellow V. P. S. members, just drop a line to the editor.

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How do you mount your Vatican stamps? Have you developed a unique or especially attractive method of displaying your collection? If so, how about passing it along to the rest of the members? A letter to the editor describing the "whys and wherefores" will do it.

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THE BOOKSHELF

THE GREAT MANTLE

(Pope Pius X) - by Katherine Burton - Perhaps the best insight into this book can be gleaned from descriptive material accompanying the volume itself: "The ... biography in addition to its outline of a noble career, gives an intimate and personal portrait of Pius X, of his attachment to early associates, to his family, his country, showing his love for music, for little children, for the poor, and that in all his relationships he remained a man of God and a man of the people". An extremely worthwhile and interesting book -- timely in its entirety! (Longmans, Green & Co., Copyright 1950 - \$3.00)

THE VATICAN by M. Therese Bonney - Mostly photographic in its content, the book is woven together by brief descriptive text. Although the photos themselves do not quite measure up to those in the later Ann Carnahan volume of the same title, they are nevertheless a superb pictorial record of typical Vatican scenes. (Houghton, Mifflin Co., Copyright 1939)

THE BOOKSHELF (CONTINUED)

For those who suffer from the same ignorance of Italian as your editor, we have unearthed the following:

MCKAY'S NEW PRONOUNCING ENGLISH-ITALIAN; Italian-English Dictionary by Enenkel & McLaughlin - contains tables of monies, weights and measures in addition to full translations (3.75)

ITALIAN SELF-TAUGHT by Franz Thimm - comprehensive guide to Italian (I. & M. Ottenheimer; 35¢)

NEW ITALIAN SELF-TAUGHT - Thorough guide to everyday conversational Italian (Funk & Wagnalls, 2.50)

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MEET THE MEMBERS

CATHARINE R. HUGHES, Editor, Vatican Notes:-

Although I fancy myself something of a writer, there's one thing I can't do -- and that's write about myself. So -- unless you want to "grin and bear it", we should stop right here; but space is space, and I have a page of it to fill so, without further ado, here goes! I first put in an appearance in Newark, N. J., on September 4, 1935, which currently places me at the ripe-old age of 18. Our family remained in Newark, enduring through big-city wartime air raid drills until 1944, when we "retired" to the calm and serenity (?) of Lancaster, Pa., "the Garden Spot of America" (or so the Chamber of Commerce would have you believe.)

Upon arrival in "the heart of the Pa. Dutch Country" (another C of C expression), I -- as all eight-year olds must -- resumed my education. Managed to get in and out of the usual number of scholastic fiascos, and finally matriculated to the local Catholic High School, where I proceeded to do anything but set the world on fire by tooting on a clarinet and sax in the school band and orchestra. By the time I had surmounted freshman confusion and sophomoric indecision, I found my "journalistic genius" being recognized when appointed editor of the school newspaper, which managed to pick-up its share of Catholic Press honors despite my worst efforts. The faculty was entitled to one mistake, and made it when they appointed me to the National Honor Society. The following year, they overstepped their quantity of errors by selecting me as editor of the school yearbook. Well, that got me through school with the I.F.C.A. award for service, and a scholarship to a State Teachers' College. But teaching apparently was not for me, and so begins the next phase of my not too eventful career. As all must eventually do -- I went to work!

Upon graduation, I took up the full-time pounding on a typewriter which is the usual lot of a secretary. Since then -- and probably because of a shortage of help -- I've progressed to the high-sounding position of Administrative Assistant to the President and the Sales Manager in the Company, which services the wholesale furniture and supply requirements of many of the school districts and industries in southeastern Pennsylvania.

MET THE MEMBERS (CONTINUED):

Have also found time to write a fairly large share of the retail advertising done by the firm. That brings us up to the present, and finds me, single, an enterprising free-lance writer (Plug - article in August issue of DISK), and hoping that you've been enjoying my sometimes hasty preparation of VATICAN NOTES.

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V. P. S. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 1st - Dues for 1954-55 are payable to the Secretary

July 15th - All ballots in the election of officers for 1954-55 should be returned to the Editor: (Miss) Catharine R. Hughes, 537 E. Frederick Street, Lancaster, Pa.

August 30th (Issue) LINN'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS - To feature Vatican Philatelic Society, with articles on the organization and Vatican stamps.

COMING!!!

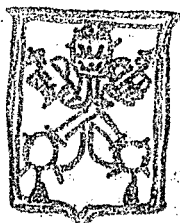
National Philatelic Museum, Philadelphia, Pa. (September) An exhibition of Roman States and Vatican City stamps.

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NEXT MONTH

In the issue of VATICAN NOTES coming up in July, you will find an article on the Holy Year Issue, and also one on our present Holy Father, Pope Pius XII. Also on the agenda is the feature on the Basilicas and Titular Churches promised last month. Unfortunately, time was not sufficient to complete a few items of research on this one. We will also make every effort to provide the data which has been requested on the printing of Vatican City stamps. Any further suggestions or comments will be appreciated.

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PIUS X - POPE OF PEACE
by Catharine R. Hughes

With the canonization of Pius X last month, the eyes of the world again focused upon the tiny state of the Vatican in this Marian Year of 1954. In fitting tribute to this great "Pope of Peace", Vatican City postal authorities on May 29th, issued a striking three stamp series which must assuredly be classified as one of the most attractive to date, although possibly falling somewhat short of the magnificent Beatification issue of June, 1951.

The age-old ceremonies of May 29, raising to sainthood Giuseppe Sarto, the humble son of an Italian postman and cobbler, marked the first elevation of a pope to sainthood in the last 242 years of the Church's history. Born on June 2, 1835, in the small town of Riese, the future "Pope of the Eucharist" was the son of a poor family, in a community in which no one was rich. His father, Giovanni, owned the house in which they lived, three acres of land, and what has been described as a "good cow". In addition to farming the three acres, Giovanni was city hall janitor, village postmaster, and by trade a cobbler.

Riese was a typical Italian town situated in Upper Venetia, and at the time of Giuseppe's birth was under the rule of Austria. Its population was less than one thousand, with the Church of San Matteo as its principal edifice. In this mid-nineteenth century village, the school possessed only two classes -- in one the youngsters of the community were taught by the practice of calling the letters of the alphabet aloud. In the second, students learned to read, write, and do a small amount of arithmetic. The schoolmaster, a Signor Francesco Gecherle, and the curate of the local parish, early came to the conclusion that young "Beppo", as he was known, should receive a better formal education than was possible in Riese. The question was how. It was eventually decided that he should attend the Castelfranco boys' high school.

Each day, Beppo Sarto walked the two miles to and from Riese; when the weather was not extremely cold, he went barefoot most of the way, with shoes over his shoulder in order to save leather. It was during these years at Castelfranco that he decided to become a priest. The life of a seminarian at Padua followed, where he studied the humanities, philosophy, languages, and science. There he remained until his ordination in September of 1858. Returning to Riese, he celebrated his first Mass there as his mother Margherita devoutly attended. There followed years in which he was pastor of a small Italian village, a seminary professor, and Bishop of Mantua. All during this period, he led a life of sanctity, marked throughout by complete simplicity, humility, charity, and personal poverty. It is related that at times he pawned his personal belongings to give money to the poor.

In 1903, while serving as archbishop of Venice, he was summoned to Rome to attend a Papal conclave. Little realizing that he was never to return to Venice, Cardinal Sarto -- according to some accounts -- borrowed 300 lire to purchase a round-trip ticket. When on August 4, he humbly consented to accept the awesome burdens of the Papacy, it was in the reluctance of a feeling that he was not worthy of this high position.

Pius X - Continued

Upon his elevation as 258th Supreme Pontiff, Pius X chose as his motto an obligation: "To Restore all Things in Christ." During the years which followed, he was confronted by a world gripped in a modern paganism rivaling that facing the Church today. In combatting this, he introduced the practice of children receiving Holy Communion upon reaching the age of reason, thus earning for himself the title "Pope of the Eucharist".

In 1907, "Papa Santo" -- the title by which he was known during his 11-year reign -- drew up and condemned a list of the existing errors facing mankind. He also originated the clear statement of all the laws of the Church in one volume, a work completed by Benedict XV. Belloc has written that "He met Modernism and the French situation almost as if a man inspired by sanctity had foreseen the immediate future of Europe."

Providing testimony to his sanctity and intellect are the over three hundred encyclicals, letters, and briefs, bearing his name, dealing with the family, individual, State and economic order. During and after his life there was evidence that he possessed healing power. There is the case of a child dying of meningitis, whose parents were convinced that Pius X could help them. They arranged to have a Mass offered at the Pope's tomb, and brought the child to the crypt in her mother's arms. After the Mass was concluded, they left the Basilica, firm in their belief. Upon reaching home, they found that her coma had become the sleep of health. The following day she had completely recovered.

During the final years of his Papacy, Pius X vainly attempted to avert the outbreak of World War I. Heartbroken by the events which culminated in the War's beginning in 1914, he died only a few days later, on August 20, the day on which the forces of Germany occupied Brussels. All during his life, Pius X had subjected himself to a life of poverty. Continuing this throughout his reign as Pope, he altered in many ways the ageless pomp and ceremony of the Vatican court. When on his deathbed, he spoke of his remaining wish "to die poor", and was hailed as the "Pope Saint" -- a prophecy fulfilled some forty years later.

Perhaps more than any words which have been written since, the inscription on his tomb testifies to the sanctity of this great and holy Pope.

"Born poor and humble of heart,
Undaunted champion of the Catholic faith,
Zealous to restore all things in Christ,
Crowned a holy life with a holy death."

In his canonization proclamation, delivered before a throng estimated a half a million, Pius XII described the newly created saint as "the Saint raised up by Providence for our time," calling upon the "gigantic and yet humble" Pope to "sustain this poor human race" in a search for peace. Our present Holy Father also called upon the leaders of the world to adopt "a spirit of justice and law which Pius X exemplified for the modern world."

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ITALIAN PHRASE-TRANSLATION COLUMN

by Hugo S. Barbiera

CONCILIO DI TRENTO

COUNCIL OF TRENT

1946, 20 Febbraio

February 20, 1946

Scott No. 110-121
E9, E10

Commemorativi del Concilio di Trento

Commemoratives for the Council of Trent

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Commemorativi del IV^o Centenario del Concilio di Trento

Commemoratives of the 400th Anniversary of the Council of Trent

A Ricordo del IV^o Centenario del Concilio di Trento

In Memory of the 400th Anniversary of the Council of Trent

Soggetti Vari

Various Subjects

Scott No.

110	5c	S. Vigilio A Trento Cattedrale	St. Virgilio Cathedral, City of Trent
111	25c	S. Angela Merici	St. Angela Merici
112	50c	S. Antonio-M Zaccaria	St. Anthony Zaccaria
113	75c	S. Ignazio-da Loyola	St. Ignatius of Loyola
114	1L	S. Gaetano da Thiene	St. Cajetan Thiene
115	1,50	S. Giovanni-Fisher	St. John Fisher
116	2L	Cristoforo-Madrussi Cardinale Vescovo di Trento	Christoforo Cardinal Madrussi
117	2,50	Reginaldo-Pole Cardinale Arcivesco	Reginald Cardinal Pole
118	3L	Cardinale Marcello Cervini poi Papa Marcello II	Marcello Cardinal Cervini later Pope Marcello II
119	4L	Giovanni Maria Del Monte poi Papa Giulio III	Giovanni Cardinal del Monte later Pope Giulio III
120	5L	Imperatore-Carlo V	Emperor Charles V
121	10L	Papa-Paolo III Farnese	Pope Paul III

Stamp Rotocalcografica

Photogravure

Senza Filigrana

Unwatermarked

Dentellatura 14

Perforated 14

Composizione di 160 Esemplari

Sheets of 160 stamps

Council of Trent (continued)

In quattro gruppi di 40
Tiratura sconosciuta
Bozzetti di C. Mezzana

In 4 groups of 40 stamps each
Printing Unknown
Design by C. Mezzana

Scott No.

110	5c	Oliva giallo e bruno	Olive yellow & brown
111	25c	Viola e bruno	Purple & brown
112	50c	Arancione e bruno	Deep orange & brown
113	75c	Nero e bruno	Black & brown
115	1,50	Rosso arancio e bruno	Reddish orange & brown
114	1L	Viola e bruno	Purple & brown
116	2L	Verde e bruno	Green & brown
117	2,50	Azzurro e bruno	Sky blue & brown
118	3L	Rosso e bruno	Red & brown
119	4L	Bistro arancio e bruno	Bistre Orange & Brown
120	5L	Cobalto e bruno	Cobalt & brown
121	10L	Carminio e bruno	Carmine & brown
La serie de 5 valore (110-114)			Series of 5 stamps (110-114)
La serie completa 12 valore			The complete series of 12 stamps

Varieta

Varieties

Centro spostato

Portrait of center

- 110 5c
- 111 25c
- 112 50c
- 113 75c
- 114 1 L
- 115 1,50
- 116 2 L
- 117 2,50
- 118 3 L
- 119 4 L
- 120 5 L
- 121 10 L

Centro Recto=Verso

Center Reversed

121

Council of Trento
(Continued)

Capelli fuori Posto (38) 118	Hair of center - Position 38
Sbarretta verticale a destra dell' effigie (80) 115	Vertical bar to the right of the figure - Position 80
Cicatrice sul sopracciglio sinistro (6) 115	Scar on the left forehead forehead - Position 6
Macchia bianca sul Mantello (7) 115	White spot on the mantel - Position 7
Medaglione stampato a meta 118	Half of portrait printed
Decalco dell' ornato 110 112 117	Frame of portrait printed on both sides
Decalco del Medaglione centrale 111 114 115 117	Portrait printed on both sides

(To be concluded next month)

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It has been brought to my attention that I should devote more translations to this column, I have been told that a series such as the Council of Trent should be translated for the many members who cannot understand Italian. This column is so written as to present quite a full picture on those stamps.

It has been brought to the attention of the members that most of our work is on a voluntary basis, to compute such a column as the one you have read, to check it and to type and mail it doesn't take one minute; once before I wrote to the members to find out whether my work was being received or should I discontinue it. I never received one word, pro or con; at the beginning Mr. Wonneberger told me that it was a good idea and that was that.

This column is a test, if I receive word from a few of the members whether they like this type of work or whether they want something else, I will continue; if I don't, I will go back to taking the wonderful California sunshine.

Council of Trent (Continued)

The Society is for everyone and it is the duty of every member to let the editor and the contributors know what they would want to appear in the notes. I would love to know just what type of column I should write, if you like the above, let me know -- just a post card with a few words. If there are any problems let me know. Send along any suggestions, they will be appreciated. Once more, I give my address; let me hear from you or the tan will become darker.

Hugo S. Barbiera
11124 Camarillo Street
North Hollywood, California.

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Editor's Note:- (Why should the entire compilation and writing of Vatican Notes be the lot of a mere handful of members??? That is a question which every member should ask himself. When anyone has devoted as much time and effort to preparing a column as Mr. Barbiera has to this one, his questions deserve an answer. There are very few V.P.S. members who could compile the above material -- there are even less who would if they could. Anyone who has been active in the preparation of Vatican Notes has contributed time and research to their writing. They have done so gladly; but they would like to feel their work is appreciated. Is it?????)

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VATICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY
Treasurer's Report
Period: May 1-31, 1954

Balance Reported April 30, 1954: \$72.88

Received:

Dues: 3 New Members	\$4.50	
6 Payments for '54-55	9.00	
Special Fund: 12 Payments	6.00	19.50
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Total.		\$92.38

Paid:

Bank Acct. Service Charge for March	\$0.63	
Postage	6.00	
Membership Cards	5.00	
Paper and Supplies	5.70	
Vatican Notes - May:-		
Master Units39	
Carbon Paper13	
Paper	2.73	
Scotch Tape35	
Postage	2.60	23.53

Balance on deposit at Worcester Co. Trust Co. = \$68.85

Respectfully submitted,
F. J. Levitsky Treasurer

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