### Sancta Sedes
**Holy See**

| Jurisdiction          | Rome, Italy
|                      | Vatican City
| Official languages    | Latin
| Type                  | Episcopal see and jurisdiction
| Leaders              | Francis
| Secretary of State    | Pietro Parolin
| Establishment         | International legal personality
|                       | • Ministry of Peter in Rome
|                       | • End of the Western Roman Empire
|                       | • Capture of Rome
|                       | • Lateran Pacts
| Area                  | 881 km²
|                       | 340 sq mi
| Time zone             | CET (UTC+1)
|                       | CEST (UTC+2)
| Website               | www.vatican.va

1. Ecclesiastical Latin

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The *papal throne* (*cathedra*), in the apse of *Archbasilica of St. John Lateran*, symbolises the Holy See.

**Coat of arms**

In the *coats of arms of the Holy See and Vatican City*, the difference between the two coats of arms is that the arms of the Holy See have the gold key in *bend* and the silver key in *bend sinister*[^3][^30][^31] (as also in the *sede vacante* coat of arms and in the external ornaments of the *papal coats of arms* of individual popes), while the reversed arrangement of the keys was chosen for the arms of the newly founded Vatican City State in 1929.[^32]
Vatican City, the Holy See's sovereign territory