

| <b>Sancta Sedes</b><br><b>Holy See</b>  |  |
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| <b>Jurisdiction</b>   | Rome, Italy<br>Vatican City  |
| <b>Official languages</b>   | Latin <sup>†</sup>   |
| <b>Type</b>   | Episcopal see and jurisdiction   |
| <b>Leaders</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pope <b>Francis</b></li> <li>- Secretary of State <b>Pietro Parolin</b></li> </ul>  |
| <b>Establishment</b>  | <b>International legal personality</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry of Peter in Rome c. 40</li> <li>- End of the Western Roman Empire 480</li> <li>- Capture of Rome 1870</li> <li>- Lateran Pacts 1929</li> </ul> |
| <b>Area</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Total 881 km<sup>2</sup><br/>340 sq mi</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Time zone</b>  | CET (UTC+1)<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Summer (DST) CEST (UTC+2)</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Website</b><br><a href="http://www.vatican.va">www.vatican.va</a>              |  |
| <sup>†</sup> Ecclesiastical Latin   |  |

Papal symbol and ritual

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The [papal throne \(cathedra\)](#), in the apse of [Archbasilica of St. John Lateran](#), symbolises the Holy See.

## The Holy See



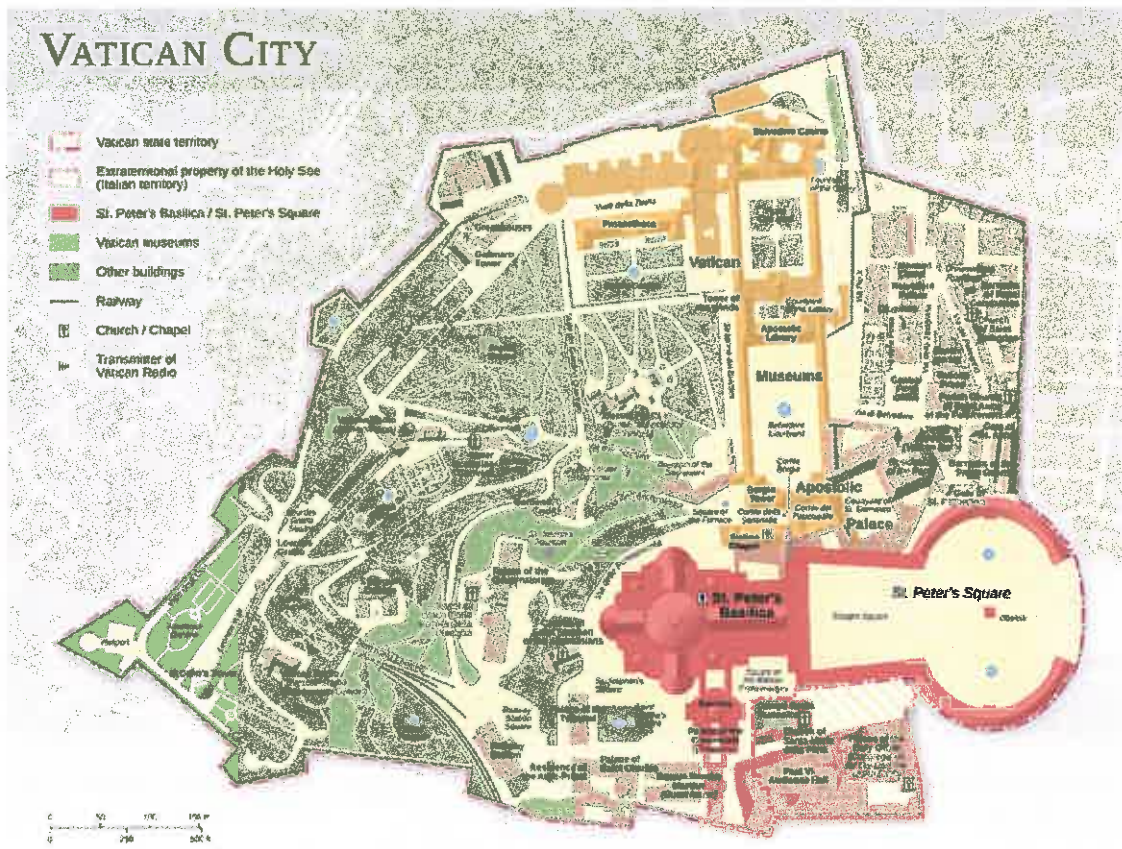
### Coat of arms

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](#)<sup>[29][30][31]</sup> (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.<sup>[32]</sup>



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Vatican City State



Vatican City, the Holy See's sovereign territory