



denominated coin on its website at for 25 Euros (\$29.34 as of April 13, 2026).

The Vatican also issued two versions of a rectangle coin, a silver 5 Euro coin, and a silver 25 Euro coin with a colorized reverse. According the Vatican office of “*Commercializzazione Filatelica E Numismatica*” the “design relives the symbolic power of the ‘Descent of the Holy Spirit’ through a refined reinterpretation by artist Daniela Longo of the fresco painted by Guido Reni in 1608, which adorns the ceiling of the Hall of the Ladies in the Vatican Apostolic Palaces. From that majestic work, the coin crystallizes the upper portion, where a choir of angels surrounds the dove of the Holy Spirit placed at the center of the composition, focusing on the pure moment of the divine descent, on the invisible mystery that precedes every visible decision. The Holy Spirit descends from above as renewing light, as the hidden yet powerful guide of the Church in waiting. The choice to represent this scene is not incidental, but deeply evocative of the period of the Sede Vacante, when humanity looks toward heaven and the Holy Spirit is awaited, invoked, and recognized as the sole true protagonist of the future election of the Successor of Peter.” The obverse of the two coins depicts the previously described coat of arms of the Cardinal Camerlengo. The colorized 25 Euro denominated coin has color on the reverse side only and is offered by the Vatican at 185 Euros, (\$217.10 U.S.) with the non-colorized 5 Euro denomination offered for 70 Euros (\$82.15 U.S.). At the time this writing it is unclear whether additional Sede Vacante for 2025 will be issued. The Vatican maintains a fairly extensive website for these and other Vatican coins (and stamps) which can be found at <https://www.cfn.va/en/home.html>.

While the history of coinage issued for the period of Sede Vacante goes back many years, the 2025 coins are only the

third set of coins to be issued in the Euro denomination, with the death of Pope John Paul II in 2005, being the first Sede Vacante coins issued with the Euro denomination, followed by the Sede Vacante coins issued following the resignation of Pope Benedict XIV on February 28, 2013.



Vatican coins are collected worldwide, and some collectors focus solely on Sede Vacante coins, with some choosing to collect the entire series, others focusing on the Post-Lateran Treaty issues (1929 onwards), with others focusing on the more modern issues utilizing the Euro denominations. In addition to the three periods in which the Sede Vacante issues were denominated in Euros, the Post-Lateran issues would include the issues of 1939, 1958, 1963 and the two periods in 1978 (deaths of Pope Paul VI and Pope John Paul I) denominated in Lira. A more extensive history of Sede Vacante coins can be found during the period of the Papal States – issues of which are extensive and beyond the scope of this article. Historically, the coins have been issued in various metals.

Other than buying the current coins from the Vatican, current and past issues appear with some regularity on eBay as well as some of the larger auction houses. There are also several dealers who specialize in Vatican issues, one of which, Jencius Coins, in business since 1975, maintains a website offering various Vatican issues, including those of the Papal states.

Following the issuance of the most recent Sede Vacante coins, the first coins honoring Pope Leo XIV are expected to be issued commemorating the first anniversary



### Raffle Tickets – the Time To Buy Is Now

Folks, we have had a raffle as part of our PANS show for quite a few years now. But recently, it was decided to start selling tickets long before the next show. And so, our first was sold at the recent MSNS show, which we helped run.



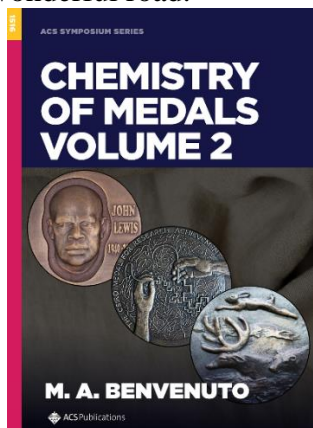
Now, just because the first ticket has been sold is no reason not to buy, and buy big. The prizes are far more valuable than the cost of one ticket – or of ten!

In the past, several notorious types from around Chicago have said, “Vote early – and often.” We’ll be straighter arrows when we say, “Buy early, and buy often.” Good luck to all of us.

### A New Book To Consider, “Chemistry of Medals Volume 2”

By Mark Benvenuto

Every now and then a new volume comes out that might be of interest to our PANS members. Recently, we were able to get, The Chemistry of Medals Volume 2 published, which marks the end of a rather long but wonderful road.



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Have you found any Polish coins of note, perhaps squirreled away in some dealer's stock of foreign coins, or at an estate sale, or elsewhere? If you have found a hidden treasure, or one hiding in plain sight, e-mail Mark a photo and a brief write-up of how you came upon it. The PANS members will most likely be interested in hearing about it.

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