



MaltaPost to Commemorate the Papal Bull 9th Centenary

Commemorating the 900th anniversary of the Papal bull dated 15 February 1113, written by Pope Pascal II to Blessed Gerard, founder and superior of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem (now The Sovereign Military Order of St. John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta).

To commemorate the 900th anniversary of the Papal bull, MaltaPost will, on the 15th February 2013, issue a stamp that will be set within a miniature sheet. The stamp portrays a detail of a painting by the French artist and Knight of Malta, Antoine Favray. The painting, which is exhibited at the National Museum of Fine Arts, Valletta, depicts Blessed Gerard receiving a deed of donation from Godfrey de Bouillon, first ruler of the Kingdom of Jerusalem.

25,000 miniature sheets will be produced bearing a face value of €2.47. The miniature sheet was designed by Edward D. Pirota. The size of the stamp is 44.0mm x 31.0mm with a perforation of 13.9 x 14.0 (comb), while the miniature sheet measures 120mm x 80mm. All stamps have been offset printed on Maltese Crosses watermarked paper by Printex Limited and are available in miniature sheets.

The miniature sheet will be available as from Friday 15 February from all Post Offices in Malta and Gozo. Orders may be placed online at maltaphilately.com or by mail from the Philatelic Bureau, MaltaPost p.l.c. 305, Triq Hal-Qormi, Marsa MTP 1001; Telephone: 25961740, e-mail: info@maltaphilately.com.

MaltaPost Tfakkar id-Disa' Ċentinarju mill-Ħruġ tal-Bolla Papali

B'tifkira tad-900 sena mill-ħruġ tal-bolla Papali tal-15 ta' Frar 1113, mibgħuta minn Papa Paskal II lil Beatu Ġerardu, fundatur u superjur tal-Ordni ta' San Ġwann ta' Ġerusalem (illum Ordni Sovran Militari Ospitaljier ta' San Ġwann ta' Ġerusalem ta' Rodi u Malta).

Biex tfakkar id-900 sena mill-ħruġ tal-bolla Papali tal-15 ta' Frar 1113, MaltaPost se toħroġ bolla f' *miniature sheet* fil-15 ta' Frar 2013. Il-Bolla turi dettal mill-pittura tal-artist Franciż u Kavallier ta' Malta, Antoine Favray. Il-Pittura li tinsab fil- Mużew Nazzjonali tal-Arti fil-Belt Valletta, turi lill-Beatu Ġerardu qed jirċievi att ta' donazzjoni minn Godfrey de Bouillon, l-ewwel gvernatur tar-renju ta' Ġerusalemm.

Se jkunu stampati 25,000 miniature sheet b'valur ta' €2.47. Id-daqs tal-bolla se tkun 44.0mm x 31.0mm b'perforazzjoni ta' 13.9 x 14.0 (comb), waqt li l-miniature sheet se tkun 120mm x 80mm u kienet disinjata minn Edward D. Pirotta. Il-bolli kollha kienu stampati offset fuq karta watermarked bil-Maltese Cross minn Printex Limited u se jsiru fuq miniature sheets.

Il-miniature sheet se tkun għall-bejgħ mill-Ferġat Postali kollha minn nhar il-Ġimgħa 15 ta' Frar 2013. Ordnijiet għal dan is-sett jistgħu jsiru mill-website maltaphilately.com jew bil-posta mill-Philatelic Bureau MaltaPost p.l.c. 305, Triq Ħal Qormi, Marsa, MTP 1001 - Telephone 2596 1740 - e-mail: info@maltaphilately.com