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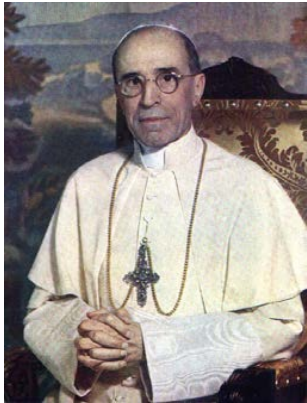


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## VATICAN

### 1952 POPE PIUS XII 100 LIRE NGC MS64



This 100 Lire coin was issued by the Vatican in 1952 during the papacy of Pius XII (1939-1958) whose crowned likeness appears on the obverse. Pope Pius XII (Italian: Pio XII), born Eugenio Maria Giuseppe Giovanni Pacelli (2 March 1876 – 9 October 1958), was head of the Catholic Church and sovereign of the Vatican City State from 2 March 1939 until his death in 1958. Before his election to the papacy, he served as secretary of the Department of Extraordinary Ecclesiastical Affairs, papal nuncio to Germany, and Cardinal Secretary of State, in which capacity he worked to conclude treaties with European and Latin American nations, such as the Reichskonkordat with Nazi Germany.

While the Vatican was officially neutral during World War II, the Reichskonkordat and his leadership of the Catholic Church during the war remain the subject of controversy—including allegations of public silence and inaction about the fate of the Jews. Pius employed diplomacy to aid the victims of the Nazis during the war and, through directing the Church to provide discreet aid to Jews and others, saved hundreds of thousands of lives. Pius maintained links to the German Resistance, and shared intelligence with the Allies. His strongest public condemnation of genocide was, however, considered inadequate by the Allied Powers, while the Nazis viewed him as an Allied sympathizer who had dishonored his policy of Vatican neutrality. After the war, he advocated peace and reconciliation, including lenient policies towards former Axis and Axis-satellite nations.

**Coin Highlights: RARE!! Only 1000 struck!**

Contains .150 oz actual Gold weight.

Encapsulation by NGC guarantees and protects the condition of the coin.

Issued on the occasion of the Holy Year celebration in 1950.

Obverse: Left-facing bust of Pope Pius XII (1939-1958).

Reverse: Caritas standing facing holding child with another at feet

Minted at the Rome Mint

