1. **Usage of Vatican City as a heading.** Use the jurisdictional heading Vatican City for works discussing the independent papal state of Vatican City, consisting of the Vatican Palace, St. Peter's Basilica, St. Peter's Square, the Vatican Gardens, various buildings, etc. Also included in the scope of this heading are certain palaces and churches that are not located within Vatican City but are under the jurisdiction of Vatican City.

Treat Vatican City as a country, assigning the appropriate subdivisions used under names of countries (cf. H 1140). Examples:

651 #0 $a Vatican City $x Description and travel.
651 #0 $a Vatican City $v Maps.

Do not use the heading Vatican City–Foreign relations, nor headings of the type [place]–Foreign relations–Vatican City. Instead, assign the heading Catholic Church–Foreign relations or headings of the type [place]–Foreign relations–Catholic Church (cf. H 1629).

2. **Usage of Vatican Palace (Vatican City) as a heading.** Use the subject heading Vatican Palace (Vatican City) for works on the Vatican City residence of the Pope, consisting of various papal palaces, museums, galleries, the Sistine Chapel, the Vatican Library, etc. Example:

   Title: Art treasures of the Vatican.
   650 #0 $a Art $z Vatican City.
   610 20 $a Vatican Palace (Vatican City)

3. **Geographic subdivision practice.** Use Vatican City directly after headings or subdivisions coded (May Subd Geog). Examples:

   650 #0 $a Mural painting and decoration, Renaissance $z Vatican City.
   650 #0 $a Art $x Conservation and restoration $z Vatican City.

Do not divide Vatican City through either Rome or Italy.

4. **Geographic area code.** Assign the code e-vc.

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