

# Is vaticannews.va legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 100/100

vaticannews.va

## Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

vaticannews.va appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-11 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

What this site appears to be

Official Vatican news portal page listing recent articles, programs, podcasts and multilingual navigation. Focused on papal activities, Church news, world stories and schedules; contains links to social channels and donation/support prompts.

## Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
- Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

## At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Malware engines           | None flagged it<br>VirusTotal                                      | CLEAR |
| Google Safe Browsing      | Not listed<br>Google                                               | CLEAR |
| Abuse reports on the host | 0 reports<br>AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count         | NOTED |
| Domain age                | 8.7 years old<br>Registered history                                | CLEAR |
| Web archive               | Archived since 2017<br>5000 snapshots                              | CLEAR |
| Certificate               | Encrypted connection<br>Issued by GlobalSign GCC R3 DV TLS CA 2020 | NOTED |

## The page as captured

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No screenshot is retained for this report.

## Key findings

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- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: 3 to 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 2017.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

## Full analysis

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### Overview

Vatican News is an institutional multilingual news portal presenting reporting and announcements concerning the Vatican, the Pope, the Catholic Church, related world events, podcasts, programs, prayers, liturgy, and schedules; its apparent business model is editorial publication supported by institutional operations and donation or support appeals rather than financial services.

### Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The captured homepage behaves as an editorial media service: it contains no login or sensitive-data form, no wallet-connection workflow, no deceptive redirect, and no indicators of phishing, brand impersonation, or malicious scripts. External reputation checks found no malicious or suspicious detections, no confirmed blacklist result, and no abuse reports; this convergence supports a low scam and impersonation risk. The site's apparent institutional identity is credible in context, although the available evidence does not independently prove the real-world operator's identity.

#### EVIDENCE

- Homepage: presents Vatican and Church news, papal activities, programs, podcasts, schedules, and multilingual navigation; no sensitive form or login form is present.
- Homepage behavior: 0 hidden forms, 0 password-external forms, 0 wallet-connect runs, 0 wallet-drainer runs, and 0 suspicious inline scripts.
- External reputation telemetry: 0 malicious detections, 0 suspicious detections, and 0 abuse reports; global traffic rank 4159.
- Domain history: registered 2017 (~8.65 years old); 5,000 archive snapshots spanning 2017–2023 (7 years tracked).

### Regulatory Verification Notes

This is presented as a news and information service, not an investment, deposit-taking, or other financial product. No regulated financial-service claim, license number, or licensing authority is presented in the supplied page evidence, so licensing is not material to the apparent editorial business model; nevertheless, the available disclosure is insufficient to independently establish the legal operator. A third-party broker-reputation dataset produced no match, which is contextual support only and not a licensing or regulatory determination. The site's transport security and hosting identity provide additional technical consistency with an established service.

#### EVIDENCE

- Homepage: the stated function is editorial publication, with donation or support prompts rather than investment, lending, trading, or user-deposit services.
- Hosting telemetry: served from AS202865, SPC - Dicastero per la Comunicazione, VA.
- TLS telemetry: certificate issued by GlobalSign GCC R3 DV TLS CA 2020, validation level DV, valid to 2027-03-13T09:30:01+00:00.
- Authority telemetry: page authority is classified in the mid band; this is explanatory context and not a regulatory finding.

#### What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, an enterprise or individual should independently confirm that the intended destination is the official Vatican News service, review the applicable donation or support terms, and confirm payment-protection arrangements through the relevant payment provider. Official contact and social channels should be reached through independently established institutional references rather than relying solely on an unfamiliar message or redirected link. If a transaction involves a regulated intermediary, that intermediary's authorization should be checked directly with the relevant regulator.

#### EVIDENCE

- Homepage: links to Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, and RSS channels that can support independent channel comparison.
- Homepage: includes donation or support prompts, making payment terms and payment handling the relevant transaction checks.
- Homepage: provides multilingual navigation and institutional editorial sections that can be compared with independently sourced Vatican references.

#### Summary Verdict

Available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website and supports a high-trust, low-risk posture. The principal residual uncertainty concerns independent confirmation of the real-world operator rather than observed scam, phishing, or impersonation indicators.

#### Infrastructure Integrity

The site resolves directly to a single origin address rather than through a detected CDN or WAF edge network. This provides limited architectural redundancy and mitigation, but the resolved hosting environment is internally consistent with the identified institutional service and should be treated as a supporting—not dispositive—legitimacy signal.

#### EVIDENCE

- Network resolution: 1 unique IP, 0 edge IPs, and 1 likely origin IP.
- Resolved address: 185.152.70.47 in VA.
- CDN/WAF posture: no CDN detected and no vendor edge infrastructure identified.

## Closing Assessment

Normal browsing and ordinary editorial use are proportionate to the evidence; credential or payment actions should follow the independent identity, terms, and payment-protection checks above.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-11 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

## What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

## Identity verification

|                                  |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Status                           | LIKELY |
| Identity score                   | 80/100 |
| Identity verification confidence | 80%    |

- Trusted social count=4

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

## What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of vaticannews.va.

- The request stayed on vaticannews.va. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2017-12-14. CLEAR
- It is hosted on SPC, from a server in VA. NOTED

## Domain intelligence

|                    |                                                                                |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Registrar          | Not available                                                                  |
| Hosting            | SPC - Dicastero per la Comunicazione, VA                                       |
| Country            | VA                                                                             |
| Server IP          | 185.152.70.47                                                                  |
| Name servers       | Not available                                                                  |
| SSL issuer         | GlobalSign GCC R3 DV TLS CA 2020                                               |
| SSL expiry         | 2027-03-13                                                                     |
| Domain age         | 8.65 years (continuous registration)                                           |
| Domain expiry      | Not available                                                                  |
| Archive first seen | 2017-12-14                                                                     |
| Archive snapshots  | 5000                                                                           |
| Reputation         | VirusTotal: 0 flagged   AbuseIPDB: 0 reports   Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches |

## About this assessment

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A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about vaticannews.va at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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