



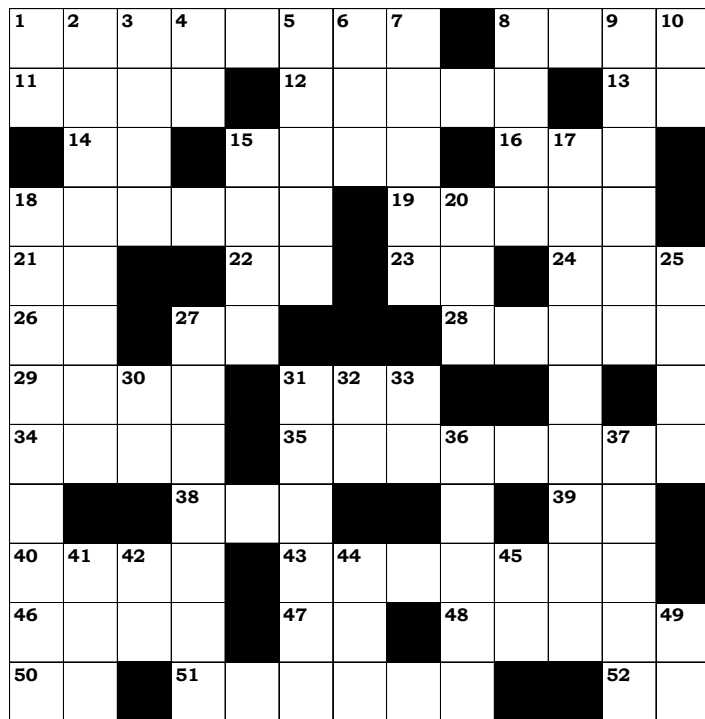
Puzzle #745

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ACROSS

1. Vatican City is a sovereign fully independent nation-state and is regarded as the ____ nation on earth in both area and population.
8. Letters for United States Postal Service.
11. The tribe of Israel exclusively chosen from the 12 tribes of Israel to serve as priests (Numbers 3:5-10).
12. "Praise not a man for his ____; despise not a man for his appearance," (Sirach 11:2).
13. Land ____!
14. Prefix for vine or vest.
15. Vatican City has its own telephone system, ____ office, and pharmacy.
16. Mata Hari or Kim Philby or Alrich Ames.
18. Vatican City is the base of the Holy See, which consists of the ____ of Rome (the Pope) and the central governance of the Roman Catholic Church.
19. Vatican City is 109 ____, 1/8th the size of NYC's Central Park.
21. In other words, from *id est* in Latin.
22. Shoe width.
23. Letters for Blue tiger school.
24. ____ de Janiero, Brazilian city dominated by a colossal 98-foot-high Christ the Redeemer statue, completed in 1931.
26. Abbr. for the last book of

- the Bible.
27. Dorothy's Auntie ____.
 28. "Put on the ____ of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil," (Ephesians 6:11).
 29. The Church & rectory of St. Francis Xavier parish in ____, Mo. was listed on the Nat. Register of Historic Places in 2016, perhaps partly because the body of Fr. Ferdinand Helias, apostle of central Mo., is entombed in a side vestibule of the Church.
 31. The want ____ for hiring employees appeared in newspapers, billboards and on buses.
 34. Short for Hannibal La-Grange College (now Univ.); a liberal arts Baptist-affiliated college of 1,200 in Hannibal, Mo.
 35. "Priscus declares it was God, or Zeus or Hermes or Apollo, who died on that ____ cross! Do not laugh at me I implore you," —Plotius, Roman soldier; *Dear and Glorious Physician* by Taylor Caldwell.
 38. Car club.
 39. Prefix for core or tire.
 40. Service and lobbying org. for over 50ers.
 43. Vatican City has its own ____ system under the Holy See. It's operations and expenditures have been reported publicly since the early 1980s.
 46. "So (Zacchaeus) ran ahead and climbed a sycamore ____ in order to see Jesus..." (Luke 19:8).
 47. Pope St. John Paul ____.
 48. "Abandon all hope, ye who ____ here," —inscription over the entrance to hell in Dante's *Divine Comedy* (1320 A.D.)
 50. "*Ora ____ labora*"; prayer and work; Benedictine motto.



51. One of Santa's reindeer.
52. "On opening (the basket), she looked, and ____, there was a baby boy crying!" (Exodus 2:6).

DOWN

1. In bibliographies, letters for *Sine Loco*, meaning the place of publication is unknown.
2. Vatican City is in the heart of Rome bordered by a 2-mile circle of ____ and renaissance walls, except for St. Peter Square.
3. Rental car agency.
4. Periodic Table letters for Lithium, a soft silver-white metal.
5. In the Great Depression, many couples chose to ____ because the resources for a traditional wedding seemed nonexistent.
6. Distress letters.
7. Wheat cereal with 100% of daily value of 11 vitamins and minerals.
8. Cold war foe.
9. Word referring to the normal functions of a living organism (e.g., Slow down your body's ____ logical response to anger

10. "I sometimes get ____ lonely when surrounded by thousands," —Union officer Alpheus Williams on the loss of most of his comrade friends in mid-1864 Civil War fighting; from *Embattled Courage* by Gerald Linderman.
15. The most famous ____ by Shakespeare is said to be Sonnet #18 titled "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?"
17. Vatican City is the only independent nation in the world to choose not to be an official voting member of the UN. Instead it has chosen to be present as The Holy See, the Catholic Church, with the status of ____ Observer Mission, to be a non-partisan moral voice.
18. Because the population of Vatican City State is basically celibate, there is no national annual ____, and hence no need for elementary or secondary schools.
20. Letters for Cath. Univ. of America; established in Washington, D.C. as a

- Catholic graduate and research univ. in 1887 with approval by Pope Leo XIII; 5,700 students.
25. My dentist urged me to exercise good ____ hygiene.
 27. "Then they tried again to arrest (Jesus); but He ____ from their power," (John 10:39).
 30. Bashan's best (Numbers 21:33).
 31. "It is good to know that out there in a forest, there is ____ where something fairly close to the sheer happiness of being alive is possible," Sylvain Tesson (2 wds.).
 32. Abbr. before a physician's name.
 33. Yes for Juan.
 36. "The butcher, the baker, the candlestick-____," — from the nursery rhyme "Rub-a-dub-dub, Three men in a tub."
 37. Raphael or Gabriel.
 41. The St. Louis ____ Museum has the world's largest collection of Max Beckmann paintings which include "Christ and the Woman Taken in Adultery."
 42. Prefix for cord and view.
 44. A Bible location that marked a border of Israel's territory (Numbers 34:11).
 45. ____ the name of the Father....
 49. Internet country code for Romania.