

# PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT MESSAGE TO THE REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO

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Franklin Delano Roosevelt, President of the United States during the Second World War, was a great admirer of the Republic of San Marino, which commemorated him with an issue in his honour on the first anniversary of his death.



Double overprint



Imperforate at right



Imperforate at the bottom with perforation strongly displaced at the top.

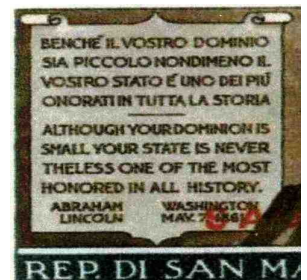
Three months before his death, on 17 January 1945, he sent the following message to the leaders of the Republic: "Today more than ever the friends of Liberty find encouragement in the truth demonstrated by San Marino with its own experience and expressed in the words of President Lincoln with his message of 7 May 1861" (reproduced on the stamp on the right).



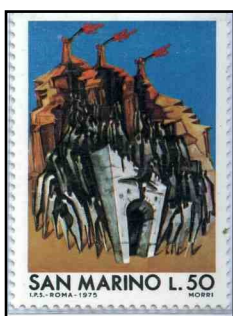
Text in the message in pairs with overprint strongly shifted to the left.



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Why had the President launched this message? During the Second World War, the Republic had hosted as many as one hundred thousand refugees (stylised on the Lire 50 stamp), honouring its ideal of Liberty, which is enshrined in its coat of arms and portrayed in the form of a crowned female figure in the capital's main square.



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Coat of arms  
(Imperforate on the left)



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