# **Case study**

# Vatican's Dicastery for Communication



The reliability demonstrated by fi Series image scanner in the capture process has allowed us to make scans without errors and inaccuracies, safeguarding our documents, from a single passage of text to substantial volumes.

## The customer

Country: Vatican City State Industry: Education

# The challenge

The Dicastery for Communication needed to digitize a vast and historically significant archive with delicate operation

# The solution

The fi-7900 was deployed with PaperStream Capture software to assist with the digitization of historical documents dating back over 100 years



#### The customer

Established in 2015, the Dicastery for Communication was created by the Pope with the purpose of restructuring communications to respond more efficiently to the mission of the Catholic Church.

As part of the move, a single digital archive was formed to preserve all of the documents held by these departments and provide a research resource. This included a wide variety of document types, from information bulletins bound in volumes, to books, brochures, and news reports from events in the Vatican dating back over 100 years.

# The challenge

With long and detailed documents in circulation, failure to digitize a single page had the potential of damaging the comprehension of entire documents and important information. A solution capable of precisely digitizing several documents, whilst ensuring delicate paper is preserved was required.

#### The solution

A fi-7900, aided by Paperstream Capture software package was selected, automating the validation of information, and enabling data extraction from a wide variety of documents printed on varying types of paper, with different formats, thicknesses, materials, and sizes.

"The reliability demonstrated by this device in the capture process has allowed us to make scans without errors and inaccuracies, safeguarding our documents, from a single passage of text to substantial volumes," explains the Dicastery for Communication.

## The benefit

- Enabled data extraction from a wide variety of delicate documents
- Minimized the time taken for manual based tasks whilst ensuring accuracy without risks of harmful losses

# The benefit

The digitization of such a vast and historically significant archive is a delicate operation that needs careful preparation. Curated by six people, the document acquisition process began in 2021 and is expected to be completed by June 2022, digitizing millions of additional pages.

The device has enabled the team to minimize the time taken for manual based tasks whilst ensuring 100% accuracy, without risks of harmful losses of content that would have compromised the entire initiative.

#### Products and services

- fi-7900
- PaperStream Capture software

## Conclusion

The main challenge for the Dicastery for Communication was to digitize large numbers of historically significant archives which require careful operation within a short period of time.

Implementing the fi-7900 and PaperStream Capture software was a great solution for the Vatican's Dicastery for Communication. The combination of the scanner and the software helps the curators carefully, accurately, and efficiently record these important documents, which will provide a valuable research archive for years to come.

## About PFU (EMEA) Limited

Information is the lifeblood of business. By making it work harder, we create the knowledge that empowers organizations to do more. We achieve this by enabling data to move seamlessly between physical and digital environments, so information becomes more usable for more people.

PFU (EMEA) Limited is a specialist company within the Ricoh family, that's dedicated to information management solutions. We offer advanced technology, intelligent software and consultancy services; these have made us the partner of choice for the world's most ambitious organizations. So, whether it is document management solutions, bringing galleries online, or small format keyboards for coders, we are committed to enabling the world's flow of knowledge.

Operating in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa, PFU (EMEA) Limited is responsible for marketing and sales of document scanners. The European company was established in the United Kingdom in 1981 and has offices in Germany, Italy and Spain and Knowledge Suites in London, France, and

For more information, please see: https://www.pfu.ricoh.com/emea/

# About Ricoh

Ricoh is empowering digital workplaces using innovative technologies and services that enable individuals to work smarter from anywhere.

With cultivated knowledge and organizational capabilities nurtured over its 85-year history, Ricoh is a leading provider of digital services, information management, and print and imaging solutions designed to support digital transformation and optimize business performance.

Headquartered in Tokyo, Ricoh Group has major operations throughout the world and its products and services now reach customers in approximately 200 countries and regions. In the financial year ended March 2022, Ricoh Group had worldwide sales of 1,758 billion yen (approx. 14.5 billion USD).

For further information, please visit www.ricoh.com

technology that creates secure digital bundles, medical record binders and compliant data requests with ease.



Address: YOKOHAMA i-MARK PLACE, 4-5 Minatomirai 4-chome, Nishi-ku, Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa 220-8567 Japan

Phone: +81-45-305-6000 Website: https://www.pfu.ricoh.com/global/

RICOH and RICOH logo are registered trademarks of Ricoh Co., Ltd. Other product names are the trademarks or registered trademarks of the respective companies