

Ebay sells a piece of papal history

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Ebay logo at Ebay-France headquarters in Paris. The online auction site eBay, with a plethora of things up for sale, recently put on the block a bit of papal history, the identity card of Albino Luciani, who later became pope John Paul I.

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The card issued in 1976 when he was the cardinal of Venice sold for 5,200 euros (7,470 dollars) on eBay, and the money will be used for humanitarian activities, the Italian newspaper *Il Gazzettino* reported Tuesday.

The identity card was put up for sale on [eBay](#) by a member of a religious order who said he wanted to raise money for charity. The identity of the buyer was not released.

John Paul I's tenure in office was very brief. He was elected pope in August 1978 and died the following month.

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