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POSTAL CENTENNIAL -- To mark the centennial of the Universal Postal Union, the U.S. Postal Service is issuing this set of eight 10-cent stamps. They feature famous paintings on the theme of letter writing, and bear either the inscription "Universal Postal Union 1874-1974" or the quotation "Letters mingle souls" from John Donne, 17th century English poet and clergyman. (74-856-C)

"Portrait of Michelangelo," a detail from "The School of Athens" by Raphael. Painted in 1509, the fresco is part of the paintings for the Stanza della Segnatura commissioned by Pope Julius II for the Vatican.

"Five Feminine Virtues," a hanging scroll executed in approximately 1811 by the Japanese Ukiyo-e artist, Katsushika Hokusai. The scroll is owned by the Seattle Art Museum.

"Old Scraps (Old Letter Rack)" by American artist John Fredrick Peto in 1894. The painting is owned by the Museum of Modern Art, New York City.

"La Belle Liseuse (The Lovely Reader)" by Swiss artist Jean Etienne Liotard in 1746. The painting is owned by Amsterdam's Rijks Museum.

"Briefschreiberin (Lady Writing a Letter)" by Dutch artist Gerard Terborch in about 1654. It is part of the collection of ~~the~~ Maritshuis in The Hague, The Netherlands.

"Enfant au toton (Young Boy With a Top)" by French artist Jean-Baptiste-Simeon Chardin in 1738. The painting is owned by the Louvre Museum in Paris.

"Mrs. John Douglas" by the English artist Thomas Gainsborough in 1784. The painting became part of the Rothschild Collection in 1884 and, upon the death of James de Rothschild in 1957, it was bequeathed to the National Trust of England.

"Don Antonio Noriega" by Spanish artist Francisco de Goya in 1801. The painting is owned by the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

