



### **THE HALL OF CABINETS**

Like the Hercules Room, also this hall was created in 1940. It was previously a small chapel and an audience chamber, which was particularly famous because it was the room where Pope Pius VII was arrested by order of Napoleon Bonaparte on July the 6th, 1809.

The name of the room comes from the five inlaid cabinets which rest on console tables. There is also a monumental secrétaire which inside conceals over a hundred drawers and secret compartments of all sizes.

On the walls hang four elegant 18<sup>th</sup> Century French tapestries depicting classical divinities symbolizing the Seasons and the Elements. A fifth tapestry, also from the 18th Century, features an episode from the story of Don Quixote. The tapestry is part of the important series of tapestries woven in the Bourbon royal factory of Naples and dedicated to Cervantes' famous character. Including the many solely decorative tapestries, the Quirinale houses over one hundred pieces from the Neapolitan series.