

## INFORMATION ABOUT APPLYING FOR PAPAL BLESSING PARCHMENTS

FROM THE OFFICE OF PAPAL CHARITIES, VATICAN CITY

The Office of Papal Charities within Vatican City has updated guidelines for requesting a papal blessing:

### BY LETTER OR FAX

Requests for *Papal Blessings on parchment* can be sent to the *Elemosineria Apostolica – Office of Papal Charities* only by regular post or by fax (but not by email).

### The request should include:

- The *name, surname, and address* of the person making the request;
- The *name and surname* of the person(s) for whom the blessing is being requested;
- The *reason or occasion* for prompting the request;
- The *date, the name of the Church and the address* are required when the blessing is requested for the celebration of a sacrament, a religious profession or an anniversary;
- The *address* of where to send the parchment and *payment details*.

The payment should be made **after** you receive the Papal blessing. It is possible to make the payment in one of two ways:

- Via a bank transfer
- By online credit card payment via our website.

The account will reflect:

- The *cost of the parchment* (ranging from 13 to 25 euros – about \$14 to \$27 USD – according to the model chosen by the office for the specific occasion)
- *Postage costs* (outside Italy according to the destination). For normal postage: 10 to 16 euros (approximately \$10-17 USD); express courier (DHL): 18 to 30 euros (approximately \$19-35 USD).

*The time required for receiving the parchment is approximately one month from the date when the request is received.*

Requests made by telephone are not admitted.

## **APOSTOLIC BLESSING**

The Apostolic Blessing is granted for the following occasions:

- Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation
- Marriage
- Priestly Ordination
- Religious Profession
- Secular Consecration
- Ordinations of Permanent Deacons
- Marriage Anniversaries (10, 25, 40, 50, 60 years)\*, Priestly Ordination, Religious Profession
- Birthdays (18, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100)\*
- Catholic individuals or families (with name and surname of spouses united in a religious marriage).

The asterisk (\*) indicates the need for nihil obstat or approval of ecclesiastical authority.

Requests for papal blessings for other occasions are not accepted.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD AN OFFICIAL REQUEST FORM](#)**