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 your 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.

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