

PROCEDURE TO REQUEST AN APOSTOLIC BLESSING

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| <p><u>Description of parchment A:</u> Size (width x height): 15 ¾” x 12 ½” (40 cm. x 31.5 cm.) With a colour picture of the Holy Father, artwork and calligraphy font.</p> | <p><u>Description of parchment B:</u> Size (width x height): 9.6 ” x 13.4 ” (24.5 cm. x 34 cm.) With a colour picture of the Holy Father and artwork.</p> |
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- A. A letter requesting the Apostolic Blessing **has to be in view of an event or an anniversary**. Such a request has to be forwarded at least one month before the event and addressed to:
- Apostolic Nunciature to Canada
Office for Apostolic Blessing
724 Manor Avenue
OTTAWA ON K1M 0E3**
- B. Kindly include the following:
- 1) First and last **name** of the person(s) being honoured (the way it should appear on the parchment);
 - 2) Gender of the person, in the case of a Birthday.
 - 3) **Occasion** (see the list at page 2);
 - 4) **Date** of the occasion.
 - 5) **Language** desired on the parchment: *English, French, Italian*;
 - 6) A **cheque** in the amount of **\$50** (parchment A) **or \$25** (parchment B), made out to the APOSTOLIC NUNCIATURE, to cover the expenses.
- C. The request needs a **recommendation by a Parish Priest or a Bishop**. The parchment will be sent to the priest or the Bishop who makes or recommends the request.
- D. When requesting an Apostolic Blessing for the **Anniversary of a Priest**, a letter from the Bishop of his Diocese is necessary.
- E. In the case of an **Anniversary of the Religious Profession**, the *nihil obstat* from the Religious Superior is requested.

List of events for which the Apostolic Blessing is prepared

An apostolic blessing is prepared on the occasion of significant events in the life of parish, of individuals and their families:

- Baptism
- First Communion
- Confirmation
- Marriages and anniversaries of marriages (10th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 55th, 60th ...)
- Priestly ordination (First Mass) and their anniversaries
- Religious profession and anniversaries (25th, 50th, 60th ...)
- Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate
- Birthdays (18th, 70th, 80th, 90th, 100th, ...)
- Dedication of new churches or special anniversaries in the life of parishes or shrines
- Anniversaries of Catholics groups and associations
- For volunteers and collaborators who have served for significant period of time in the offices of the diocese or parish

SAMPLE LETTER TO REQUEST AN APOSTOLIC BLESSING
(one page only, please, no forms attached)

(Letterhead of the Parish, with its address, phone number and email)

(Date)

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I am requesting an Apostolic Blessing for (*names*) who are celebrating their (...../orth) Anniversary on (*date*). The language of the parchment should be (*English, French, Italian*) and I am enclosing the fee of (*\$50 or \$25*) for a (*type A or B*) parchment.

Mr. and Mrs. (*names*) are practicing Catholics and I recommend their receiving an Apostolic Blessing.

(Salutation)

(Signature of the Parish Priest)

(Printed name of the Parish Priest)

N.B.: Electronic signatures or stamps are not accepted.

Encl. (1 cheque)