

PROCEDURE TO REQUEST AN APOSTOLIC BLESSING

<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.	<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.
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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 (**10th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 55th, 60th**)
- Religious profession and anniversaries (**10th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 55th, 60th**)
- Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate
- Birthdays (**18th, 50th, 60th, 70th, 80th, 90th, 100th, ...**)
- Dedication of new churches or special anniversaries of parishes or shrines (**25th, 50th, 75th, 100th, ...**)
- Anniversaries of Catholics groups and associations (**10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, ...**)

Observations:

The request sent to the Apostolic Nuncio needs a **recommendation by:**

A) The Pastor, Priest, or Bishop who knows the petitioner with his signature and stamp of the parish

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The parchment will be sent to the priest or the Bishop who makes or recommends the request.

B) The Bishop for the Priestly ordination or their anniversaries. It is competence of the Arch/Bishop to send the request.

- C) **Religious Superior** for the **Religious profession or their anniversaries**. The request must be presented by the immediate Religious Superior.
- D) **Recommendation of the Ordinary** for the Dedication of new churches or special anniversaries of parishes or shrines, (25th, 50th, 75th, 100th, ...).
- E) Such a request has to be forwarded only by regular mail to the Apostolic Nunciature at least one month and a half before the event to the following address:

**Apostolic Nunciature to Canada
Office for Apostolic Blessing
724 Manor Avenue
OTTAWA ON K1M 0E3**

We do not accept urgent requests.

- F) 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 1)
 - 4) **Date** of the occasion.
 - 5) **Language** desired on the parchment: *English, French, Italian*
 - 6) A **cheque** made out to the APOSTOLIC NUNCIATURE, to cover the expenses.
 - 7) Please kindly note that the postal charges and the stationary expenses have increased during the past years. Accordingly, **from 1st January 2022** onwards the rate of payment for the Apostolic Blessings have been changed as follows:

CAN \$ 25+20 = **45.00** for the small type B parchments

CAN \$ 50+20 = **70.00** for the large type A parchments

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)