

Papal Blessing

A request for a Papal Blessing, in the form of a printed certificate, should be addressed to the **Most Reverend Pietro Sambì, Apostolic Nuncio**, at the following address
3339 Massachusetts Ave, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008-3687.

The request must include:

1) A recommendation from a parish priest of the person(s) to receive the blessing, or from a priest familiar with the person(s), attesting to his/her/their good standing in the Catholic Church. The request should be on the parish letterhead and have the parish seal.

(a) In the case of a wedding, both parties should be Catholics. (For anniversaries, it is sufficient that one of the members is Catholic.)

(b) For priests, parishes, associations or organization, the request should be presented by the Diocesan Bishop.

(c) For religious, the request should come from their superior.

2) The following information must be clearly typed or written in capital letters:

(a) the name(s) of the people to receive the blessing

(b) the occasion to be celebrated (such as weddings, anniversaries of a special nature- 25th, 50th, 60th, special Birthdays 80th, 90th, and so on- religious profession, first communions, confirmations.) A general blessing for no specific occasion may also be requested.

(c) The date of the occasion

(d) if a wedding, the name of the church and its city and state

(e) the diocese to which the person(s) to receive the blessing belongs

(f) the address to which the document is to be mailed

3) An offering of \$20.00 is customary and should be made by check or money order, payable to the Apostolic Nunciature.

All requests should be presented in writing. Please allow a minimum of two to three weeks. Requests by fax should be followed by the original hard copy by mail, indicating that it has already been faxed. Requested by e-mail are not acceptable.

If a blessing on parchment is preferred, it should be requested directly from the Vatican. The same information (see numbers 1 and 2 above) should be mailed to the "Servizio Assistenziale del Santo Padre, 00120 Vatican City State, Europe." The customary offering is \$45.00, payable to the "Servizio Assistenziale del Santo Padre" (personal checks are acceptable.) Please be informed that it takes 2 or 3 months.