



Catholic Diocese of Peoria

How to obtain a Papal Blessing

Papal Blessings can be requested from the *Papal Charities Office* (the *Elmoniseria Apostolica*) in the Vatican. To do so, please visit:

www.elemosineria.va/papal-blessing-parchments/

If you are visiting Rome, you may collect your Papal Blessing directly from their office inside the Vatican. The office is open Monday-Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Enter through the Sant'Anna Gate (facing St. Peter's Square, follow the street to the right until you come to the first gate) and let the Swiss Guards know you would like to collect a Papal Blessing. Parchments may also be requested directly at their office. If you are not planning to visit Rome, the *Papal Charities Office* can mail the blessing to you by DHL Express Courier.

The occasions for which Papal Blessing Parchments are granted are:

1. Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation (only for a single person)
2. Marriage
3. Priestly Ordination
4. Religious Profession
5. Ordination of Permanent Deacons
6. Anniversary (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80 years) of Marriage*, Priestly Ordination, Religious Profession
7. Birthday (18, 30, 40, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100-110 years)*

When an asterisk (*) is given, the person ordering the parchment is asked to make a "declaration of eligibility" (in other words, that the persons for whom the Blessing is intended are both Catholic and practicing), expressed simply by a short declaration, by one's own responsibility, agreeing to the necessary conditions.

Unfortunately, requests for papal blessings for occasions other than those indicated cannot be considered.

The parchments cannot be requested by mail, fax or email, but only by using the link provided above or in person at the Office of Papal Charities.

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