

## **PROCEDURE TO REQUEST AN APOSTOLIC BLESSING**

### Description of parchment A:

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.

### Description of parchment B:

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.

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

### **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**

Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation,

Marriages and anniversaries of marriages (**10<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> ...**)

Birthdays (**18<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 70<sup>th</sup>, 80<sup>th</sup>, 90<sup>th</sup>, 100<sup>th</sup>, ...**)

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, (25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup>, 100<sup>th</sup>, ...).
- 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 **from 1st January 2022** onwards the rate of payment for the Apostolic Blessings have been changed as follows:  
  
CAN \$ **45.00** for the small type B parchments  
CAN \$ **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 (...../or .....<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary on (*date*). The language of the parchment should be (*English, French, Italian*) and I am enclosing the fee of (*\$70 or \$45*) 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)