



OFFICE OF PAPAL CHARITIES

Vatican City

Information about Applying for Papal Blessing Parchments

1. *Directly from the Office in Vatican City*

The *Office of Papal Charities* within Vatican City can be visited by entering the *Saint Ann Gate* (located to the right of the colonnade of Saint Peter's Square) during office hours: **8:30 to 13:30** noon, Monday through Saturday.

2. *By letter or fax*

Requests for *Papal Blessings on parchment* can be sent to the *Elemosineria Apostolica - Office of Papal Charities* only by *regular post* or by *fax* (but not by e-mail)

The request should include:

- the *name, surname* and *address* of the person making the request;
- the *name* and *surname* of the person(s) for whom the blessing is being requested;
- the *reason* or *occasion* prompting the request;
- the *date*, the *name of the Church* and the *address* are required when the blessing is requested for the celebration of a sacrament, a religious profession or an anniversary;
- the *address* of where to send the parchment and payment details.

The payment should be made *after* you receive the Papal blessing. It is possible to make the payment in one of two ways:

- via a bank transfer (the banking coordinates will be sent to you in the same parcel as the parchment)
- or by online credit card payment via our website.

The account will reflect:

- the cost of the parchment (ranging from 13 to 25 euros according to the model chosen by the office for the specific occasion)
- and the postage costs (outside Italy according to the destination). For normal postage 10-16 euros or with express courier (DHL) 18-30 euros.

The *time required* for receiving the parchment is approximately *one month* from the date when the request is received.

Requests made by telephone are not admitted.

3. Circumstances for which parchment papal blessings are granted

The Apostolic Blessing is granted *for the following occasions*:

- 1. Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation*
- 2. Marriage*
- 3. Priestly Ordination*
- 4. Religious Profession*
- 5. Secular Consecration*
- 6. Ordinations of Permanent Deacons*
- 7. Marriage Anniversaries (10, 25, 40, 50, 60 years)*, Priestly Ordination, Religious Profession*
- 8. Birthdays (18, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100)**
- 9. Catholic individuals or families (with name and surname of the spouses united in a religious marriage).*

The asterisk (*) indicates the need for the *nihil obstat* or approval of ecclesiastical authority.

Requests for papal blessings for other occasions will not be accepted.

Postal Address: Elemosineria Apostolica
Parchment Office
00120 Vatican City

Telephone: (+39) 06.69873279 - (+39) 06.69871100
(office hours: **8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**
[UTC+1 : CET - Central European Time])

Telefax: (+39) 06.69883132
(24 hours)

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REQUEST FORM FOR APOSTOLIC BLESSINGS ON PARCHMENT

Please enter clearly all the information requested below:

PETITIONER	
Name and surname:	
Address: Street	No.
City	Country
Telephone:	Date of request:

INFORMATION NEEDED FOR THE PARCHMENT	
Name and surname of the person(s) for whom the blessing is being requested:	
Occasion (cf. attached list):	
Day/Month/Year:	
Name of the Church or Parish:	
City and State:	
Language:	<input type="checkbox"/> Italian <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> German <input type="checkbox"/> Portuguese <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> Polish

NIHIL OBSTAT (WHERE REQUIRED)	
Seal, signature and observations of the ecclesiastical authority	

ADDRESS FOR MAILING THE PARCHMENT	
<i>(each box must be completed)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Priority mail <input type="checkbox"/> Express courier	
Name and surname:	
Address: Street	No.
City	
Post code	Country
Telephone:	E-mail:

Print and send this request form by fax to the number: (+39) 06 698 83132

or by regular post to:

**ELEMOSINERIA APOSTOLICA
Parchment Office
00120 VATICAN CITY**