

Obtaining a Papal Blessing

Circumstances for which parchment papal blessings are granted:

1. Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation
2. Marriage (both bride and groom must be Catholic)
3. Priestly Ordination / First Holy Mass
4. Religious Profession
5. Secular Consecration
6. Ordinations of Permanent Deacons
7. Marriage Anniversaries* (10, 25, 40, 50, 60 years), Priestly Ordination Anniversaries, Religious Profession Anniversaries.
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. For some specific occasions (nr. 3.), a *nihil obstat* is required from the parish priest or other ecclesiastical authority, duly signed and sealed. The *nihil obstat* is a written declaration that the persons receiving the papal blessing are practicing Catholics.

Please keep in mind that due to the great volume of requests, and because papal blessings are prepared in different foreign languages, errors are not uncommon.

Please, complete and send the attached form together with USD \$25
(payable to Diocese of Little Rock) to:

Office of the Bishop
Diocese of Little Rock
2500 N. Tyler Street
Little Rock, AR 72207

For additional information, please contact María Velázquez at (501) 664-0340, ext. 340.

Papal Blessing Request

Please, type or print all the information requested below:

Petitioner

Name: _____ Date of Request: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: _____
E-mail: _____

Information Required for the Parchment

First and Last name of the person(s) for whom the blessing is being requested:			
Occasion (<i>see page 1</i>): _____			
Month / Day / Year: _____			
Name of the Parish: _____			
City and State: _____			
Language:	<input type="checkbox"/> English	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish	<input type="checkbox"/> French
	<input type="checkbox"/> Portuguese	<input type="checkbox"/> Polish	<input type="checkbox"/> Italian
		<input type="checkbox"/> German	

Nihil Obstat (*when required*)

Signature, seal and observations of the ecclesiastical authority (*required for Marriage anniversaries and birthdays*)

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Address for mailing the parchment (*if different than petitioner's*)

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____