

# 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.

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

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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.

