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
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:

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**Information Required for the Parchment**

- First and Last name of the person(s) for whom the blessing is being requested:

- Occasion *(see page 1)*:

- Month / Day / Year:

- Name of the Parish:

- City and State:

- Language: [ ] English [ ] Spanish [ ] French [ ] Italian
  [ ] Portuguese [ ] Polish [ ] German

**Nihil Obstat (when required)**

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

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.

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

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