

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

<p><u>Description of <b>parchment A</b>:</u> Size (width x height):     <b>15 ¾” x 12 ½”</b> (40 cm. x 31.5 cm.) With a colour picture of the Holy Father, artwork and calligraphy font.</p>	<p><u>Description of <b>parchment B</b>:</u> Size (width x height):     <b>9.6 ” x 13.4 ”</b> (24.5 cm. x 34 cm.) With a colour picture of the Holy Father and artwork.</p>
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- A. A letter requesting the Apostolic Blessing **has to be in view of an event or an anniversary**. Such a request has to be forwarded at least one month before the event and addressed to:

**His Excellency  
The Most Reverend Pedro LÓPEZ QUINTANA  
Apostolic Nuncio to Canada  
724 Manor Avenue  
OTTAWA ON K1M 0E3**

- B. 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 2);
  - 4) **Date** of the occasion.
  - 5) **Language** desired on the parchment: *English, French, Italian*;
  - 6) A **cheque** in the amount of **\$50** (parchment **A**) **or \$25** (parchment **B**), made out to the APOSTOLIC NUNCIATURE, to cover the expenses.
- C. The request needs a **recommendation by a Parish Priest or a Bishop**. The parchment will be sent to the priest or the Bishop who makes or recommends the request.
- D. When requesting an Apostolic Blessing for the **Anniversary of a Priest**, a letter from the Bishop of his Diocese is necessary.
- E. In the case of an **Anniversary of the Religious Profession**, the *nihil obstat* from the Religious Superior is requested.

## **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
- Religious profession and anniversaries (25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> ...)
- Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate
- Birthdays (18<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 in the life of parishes or shrines
- Anniversaries of Catholics groups and associations
- For volunteers and collaborators who have served for significant period of time in the offices of the diocese or parish

**SAMPLE LETTER TO REQUEST AN APOSTOLIC BLESSING**  
**(one page only, please, no forms attached)**

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*(Letterhead of the Parish, with its address, phone number and email)*

*(Date)*

His Excellency Pedro Lopez Quintana  
Apostolic Nuncio to Canada  
724 Manor Avenue  
OTTAWA ON K1M 0E3

Your Excellency,

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 (*\$50 or \$25*) 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)*

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*(Printed name of the Parish Priest)*

**N.B.: Electronic signatures or stamps are not accepted.**

Encl. (1 cheque)