



Policies of the Diocese of Kansas City ~ St. Joseph

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Procedure for Requesting Papal Audiences

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Pastors should initiate ticket requests for the Wednesday Papal Audience. The following instructions and forms will serve as guidelines for initiating the request. Requests for Papal Audience Tickets should be made six weeks in advance of the actual audience date.

To assist you, please download the following sample documents.

1. Application for Papal Audience
2. Sample Pastor Requesting Tickets
3. Sample Pastor Letter with Instructions

Location and Hours of the Bishops' Office for U.S. Visitors to the Vatican - The location of the Bishops' Office for United States Visitors to the Vatican at the Pontifical North American College, Casa Santa Maria is in the heart of the Historic Center of Rome and makes it convenient and interesting for pilgrim visitors to come for their tickets. It is suggested that as soon as you arrive in , you arrange to call at the

Bishops' Office for U.S. Visitors to the Vatican - Via dell' Umilta, 30 - Rome (near the TREVI FOUNTAIN).

The Office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tickets must be picked up at the Visitors Office on Tuesday afternoon for the Wednesday Audience.

General Calendar Information - The Holy Father offers a General Audience every Wednesday and publicly celebrates the Liturgy during Holy Week and at Christmas time. He does not hold a General Audience during the First Week of Lent because of the Spiritual Retreat for the Pontifical Household. He also takes his vacation for two weeks after the 15th of July, but when he is at Castle Gandolfo, he usually comes to Rome by helicopter.

Other Information for Visitors Available through The Vatican Information Offices - Frequently, folks have other questions about spiritual and cultural aspects of their trip to Rome and the Holy City. We have information available for them. The Vatican Information Offices on St. Peter's Square provide us with schedules for the Vatican Museums, the Vatican Gardens and visits to the Excavations under St. Peter's Basilica.