



Policies of the Diocese of Kansas City ~ St. Joseph

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Diocesan Procedure for Requesting an Apostolic Blessing

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Although there are probably a number of ways to order Papal Blessings, following are four options:

Option 1: Going through the Monastero Regina Carmeli in Rome. It takes about six weeks to receive a scroll from the time it is ordered. The scrolls are hand painted and lettered and includes a picture of the Holy Father. If a catalogue and price list has not been ordered these items may be ordered from the address below:

Monastero Regina Carmeli
Via del Casaletto, 564
00151 Roma, Italy
EUROPE

Contact Information by Telephone: 011 49 06 653 0313

Contact Information by Facsimile: 011 49 06 653 1323

When the scroll is received it should be forward to the person placing the order with a statement for the scroll and shipping charges.

Option 2: If one writes to the Holy Father informing his office of the significant occasion, a blessing will be received, however it is not known how this compares to one ordered through the Monastery.

Option 3: The Apostolic Nunciature indicates that a request for a Papal Blessing, in the form of a printed certificate, should be addressed to the Most Reverend Óscar A. Rodríguez A. S. J., Apostolic Nuncio, 3339 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008-3687. It should include the following information:

1. A recommendation from a parish priest of the person(s) to receive the blessing, or from a priest familiar with the person(s), attesting to his/her/their good standing in the Catholic Church. In the case of a wedding, both parties should be Catholics.
2. a. name(s) typed or printed in capital letters, of the people to receive the blessing

- b. the occasion to be celebrated (anniversaries should be of a special nature, such as 25th, 50th, 60th. Birthdays should also be special such as 80th or 90th, etc. A general blessing for no specific occasion may also be requested
 - c. the date of the occasion
 - d. if a wedding, the name of the church and its city and state
3. an offering of \$20.00 by check or money order made payable to the Apostolic Nunciature.

Note: All requests should be presented in writing. No fax or email.

Option 4: If a blessing on parchment is preferred, it should be requested directly from Rome. The same information (see option 3) should be mailed to the Servizio Assistenziale del Santo Padre, 00120 Vatican City State, Europe. The customary offering is \$45.00 payable to the Servizio Assistenziale del Santo Padre. This blessing would take two or three months.