

*******PAPAL BLESSING APPLICATION PROCEDURE*******

The request for a **Papal Blessing** , in the form of a printed certificate, should be placed in a letter addressed to:

Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò
Apostolic Nuncio
Apostolic Nunciature United States of America
3339 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008-3610
202-333-7121

Enclose the following with your request:

- (1) A written 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.

A *sample letter* from your parish priest is enclosed with this Application Process.

- (2) The **contents of the blessing**, clearly printed, including:

- The name(s) (typed or written in capital letters) of the people to receive the blessing
- The occasion to be celebrated, (birthday, wedding, ordination, wedding anniversary, etc.) Anniversaries should be of a special nature, such as 25th , 50th , 60th . Birthdays should also be special, such as 80th or 90th, and so on.
- The date of the occasion
- If a wedding, the name of the church and its city and state

- (1) An offering of \$20.00, by check or money order, made payable to the "Apostolic Nunciature."

Please indicate the address to which the document should be sent, as well as the Diocese to which the persons to receive the blessing belong.

If you prefer a *handwritten* blessing on parchment, you should request it directly from Rome. Mail all the above information to:

Servizio Assistenziale del Santo Padre,
00120 Vatican City State, Europe.

The customary offering is \$45.00, payable to the *Servizio Assistenziale del Santo Padre*. Please be informed that it takes at least two or three months.

_____ date

Dear Archbishop Viganò:

I am a priest of the parish of _____ located in _____, New York, in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

I hereby attest that _____, who is receiving the Papal blessing, is a member of my parish and a Catholic in good standing.

May I respectfully recommend that a papal blessing be arranged as requested. I also attest that, should the papal blessing be sought on the occasion of a wedding, both parties are Catholic and the marriage is valid according to the Catholic Church.

Sincerely yours,

_____ signature

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Please mail the blessing to the following address: