

INFORMATION ABOUT APPLYING FOR PAPAL BLESSING PARCHMENTS

FROM THE OFFICE OF PAPAL CHARITIES, VATICAN CITY

The Office of Papal Charities within Vatican City has updated guidelines for requesting a papal blessings:

By letter or fax

Requests for *Papal Blessings on parchment* can be sent to the *Elemosineria Apostolica - Office of Papal Charities* only by *regular post* or by *fax* (but not by email)

The request should include:

- The *name, surname* and *address* of the person making the request;
- The *name* and *surname* of the person(s) for whom the blessing is being requested;
- The *reason* or *occasion* prompting the request;
- The *date*, the *name of the Church* and the *address* are required when the blessing is requested for the celebration of a sacrament, a religious profession or an anniversary;
- The *address* of where to send the parchment and *payment details*.

The payment should be made **after** you receive the Papal blessing. It is possible to make the payment in one of two ways:

- Via a bank transfer
- By online credit card payment via our website.

The account will reflect:

- *The cost of the parchment* (ranging from 13 to 25 euros – about \$14 to \$27 USD- according to the model chosen by the office for the specific occasion)
- *Postage costs* (outside Italy according to the destination). For normal postage: 10 to 16 euros (approximately \$10-17 USD); express courier (DHL): 18 to 30 euros (approximately \$19-35 USD).

The time required for receiving the parchment is approximately one month from the date when the request is received.

Requests made by telephone are not admitted.

