



APOSTOLIC NUNCIATURE
AUSTRALIA

**TO OBTAIN THE PAPAL BLESSING THROUGH THE
APOSTOLIC NUNCIATURE**

To obtain the Papal Blessing through this Apostolic Nunciature, it is necessary that a written recommendation from the parish priest or a priest who knows the beneficiaries, and signed personally by him, on Parish letterhead, be forwarded to this Apostolic Nunciature.

The recommendation is to be addressed to:-

His Excellency
Most Reverend Adolfo Tito YLLANA
Apostolic Nuncio
PO Box 3633
MANUKA ACT 2603

The letter of request should provide the full names of the beneficiaries of the Blessing (*e.g. Joseph John Smith and Mary Elizabeth Smith nee Jones*), the occasion and the pertinent date.

The Papal Blessing may be granted only for Marriages between two Catholics. Please mention in the letter of recommendation. It is also necessary that the name and address of the church and the date of the wedding be included.

For wedding anniversaries, there is no need to include the name of the church.

The offering/administrative fee is \$70.00, to be sent at the time of application.

The cheque or money order is to be made out to the Apostolic Nunciature.

The scroll/parchment from the Vatican takes approximately 8 weeks to process.

• If urgent -

His Holiness has extended to His Excellency Most Reverend Adolfo Tito YLLANA, Apostolic Nuncio, the faculty to grant the Papal Blessing. The Certificate (A4 size) is prepared in this office in Australia; the offering/administrative fee is \$30. This blessing is processed within the week.

Canberra, 1 January 2017

**OCCASIONS WHEN THE
APOSTOLIC BLESSING MAY BE GRANTED**

1. Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation
2. Marriage between two Catholics
3. Priestly Ordination / First Mass
4. Religious Profession
5. Secular Consecration
6. Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate
7. Anniversary (10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th) of
 - a. Marriage
 - b. Priestly Ordination,
 - c. Religious Profession
8. Birthday (18th, 50th, 60th, 70th, 80th, 90th, 100th.....)
9. Individual Catholic person or family (with surname of the couple united in a religious marriage).
10. Dedication of a new Church or Jubilee Anniversary of (25, 50, 100...) for a Parish or Shrine.
11. Jubilee anniversaries (25, 50, 100 years....) of Catholic parochial/diocesan Groups and Associations.

The offering/administrative fee for the illuminated parchment from the Vatican is \$70.00.