

PROCEDURE TO REQUEST AN APOSTOLIC BLESSING

(i.e., for a 50th Wedding Anniversary)

Description of Parchment A:

Size *(width x height)*:

15 3/4" x 12 1/2" (40 cm x 31.5 cm)

With a colour picture of the Holy Father, artwork and calligraphy font.

Description of Parchment B:

Size *(width x height)*:

8 1/4" x 11 3/4" (21 cm x 29.5 cm)

With a colour picture of the Holy Father and artwork.

- A.** A letter *(See Attached Sample Letter)* requesting the Apostolic Blessing should be addressed to:
- His Excellency**
The Most Reverend Pedro LÓPEZ QUINTANA
Apostolic Nuncio to Canada
724 Manor Avenue
OTTAWA, ONTARIO KIM 0E3
Tel: (613) 746-4914 Fax: (613) 746-4786
- B.** Please include the following:
- (1) First and last **name** of the person(s) being honoured *(the way it should appear on the parchment)*;
 - (2) **Gender** of the person, in the case of a Birthday;
 - (3) **Occasion** *(i.e., 50th Wedding Anniversary)*;
 - (4) **Date** of the occasion;
 - (5) **Language** desired on the parchment; and
 - (6) A **cheque** in the amount of **\$50 (Parchment A)** or **\$25 (Parchment B)**, made out to the "**APOSTOLIC NUNCIATURE**" to cover the expenses.
- C.** The request needs a **recommendation by a Parish Priest or a Bishop**. The parchment will be addressed to the priest or the Bishop who makes or recommends the request.
- D.** When requesting an Apostolic Blessing for the **Anniversary of a Priest**, a **letter from the Bishop of his Diocese** is necessary.

SAMPLE LETTER
(one page only, please)

TO REQUEST AN APOSTOLIC BLESSING
(Letterhead of the Parish, with its address, phone number and email)

(Date)

His Excellency Pedro López Quintana
Apostolic Nuncio to Canada
724 Manor Avenue
Ottawa, Ontario KIM 0E3

Your Excellency,

I am requesting an Apostolic Blessing for *(names)* who are celebrating their *(50th?)* Wedding Anniversary on *(date)*. The language of the parchment should be *(language)* and I am enclosing the fee of *(\$50 or \$25)* for a *(Type A or B)* Parchment. Mr. and Mrs. *(names)* are practicing Catholics and I recommend their receiving an Apostolic Blessing.

(Salutation),

(Signature of the Parish Priest)

(Printed name of the Parish Priest)

Enclosure *(1 cheque)*