

REQUESTS FOR PAPAL AUDIENCE TICKETS

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Papal Audiences generally take place every Wednesday. The time is usually around 10:00 am at the Vatican. Liturgies where the Holy Father is present happen on Holy Days during the year – especially on Christmas, during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday. To request tickets for participation in a General Audience, Pastors need to send a letter of recommendation to the Bishops' Office for United States Visitors to the Vatican. The address is as follows:

Reverend Monsignor Roger Roensch, Director
Bishops' Office for United States
Visitors of the Vatican
Casa Santa Maria
Via dell'Umilta 30
00187 Rome Italy
Telephone: 011 39 06 690.011
FAX: 011 39 06 679.1448

These requests are taken to the Vatican a week before the event is scheduled, so they need to arrive at that office by FAX or mail in ample time.

The letter which should be prepared on your parish letterhead should include the following information:

- Names of all of the participants
- Date of the Wednesday Audience Requested
- Dates that party will be in Rome
- Description of the individual or group (be sure to note if newlyweds, infirm, etc.)
- Home address, fax or phone where party can be reached should there be a problem filling the request
- Hotel address, phone or fax where party is staying in Rome

The Biglietti invitations are issued by the Vatican on the morning *prior* to the Audience or Ceremony, and they can be picked up at the office above on that Tuesday afternoon between 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm. (The office is located in the heart of historic Rome, between the Trevi Fountain and Piazza Venezia.) Please instruct your pilgrims to pick up their invitations accordingly.

There is no charge for these invitations, and generally all requests are honored. Should there be a problem and the request cannot be filled, you will be so notified by Monsignor Roensch. In addition, if pilgrims or tourists cannot be in Rome for a Wednesday, they can contact the office above for information on other possible special events where the Holy Father will be present