

Instructions for newlywed couples wishing to attend papal audience

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER OF A CHURCH IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI, PLEASE CONTACT THE BISHOP'S OFFICE IN YOUR OWN DIOCESE.

Newlywed couples (*sposi novelli*) who would like to attend a Wednesday audience with the Holy Father may sometimes sit in the *reparto speciale* section at the Audience. To qualify, couples must be married within 2 months of the audience they wish to attend, carrying with them a copy of the Sacramental Marriage Certificate signed by their priest, and wearing their wedding attire (or something similar). The Holy Father will bless them for a happy wedded life when he gives his general blessing at the conclusion of the Papal audience. After the audience, the couple is invited to the Bronze Door to receive rosaries blessed by the Holy Father.

The Archbishop's Office will submit your request. We ask that you submit the following information:

- 1) Full name of Groom
- 2) Full name of Bride
- 3) Date of marriage
- 4) Name and location of the church
- 5) Name of the priest presiding at the wedding
- 6) Date of the Wednesday Papal audience they wish to attend

2 biglietti (ticket invitations) for the couple will be available at *Via dell'Umiltà 30* on the Tuesday afternoon before the Papal audience between 3-7 p.m.

If the bride chooses to take her wedding dress to Rome, most airlines will grant priority boarding if she is traveling with her wedding dress as a "carry on". The airline staff will hang it in one of the special closets so that she does not have to check it and risk it being damaged or lost. She may wish to contact the airline for further details.

Submit information to:
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