

Papal Blessing of Newlyweds

If you are going to visit Rome on your honeymoon, and if you will be in town on a Wednesday, (and if the Holy Father will also be in town), you may wish to attend a General Papal Audience. If there is time to arrange it, you might consider reserving space in a special section for couples who have been married in the Catholic Church for two months or less. Practicing Catholics may send the Bishop's Office for U.S. Pilgrims to the Vatican a letter, written by their priest, indicating their names, the date of their marriage, and the name of the Catholic Church in which they were married, so that they may be seated in this special section. To be admitted by the ushers, the newlyweds must bring with them a Catholic Sacramental marriage certificate. The brides sometimes even wear their wedding dress for that audience. If this is something you are interested in doing, let us know. You can find out more by visiting the Bishop's Office for U.S. Visitors to the Vatican at:

http://www.pnac.org/general/visiting_vatican.htm