

INFORMATION ON HOW TO REQUEST HISTORICAL BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES

In the Diocese of Cremona, requests for Baptismal or Marriage Records for purposes permitted by law¹ must be made directly to the Chancery of the Diocese, which will forward the request to the relevant parish, as only the parishes preserve the historical Baptismal or Marriage Records.

To request these certificates, it is necessary to send a request via email annuario@diocesidicremona.it indicating:

- first and last name of the person to be searched for;
- date of birth or time period of birth or marriage;
- place of birth (it is also necessary to indicate the specific locality because the Diocese of CREMONA includes 221 parishes distributed across 138 municipalities in the territory of 4 provinces: BERGAMO, CREMONA, MILANO, MANTOVA; it should also be noted that there are municipalities and parishes in the province of CREMONA that are part of the Diocese of CREMA);
- a copy of the identity document of the requester and of the intermediary must be attached to the request, along with the complete postal address for delivery;
- when only the approximate year of birth of an ancestor is known, those concerned can directly consult the State Archives of CREMONA to check whether the ancestor is registered in the Military Draft Register and thus determine the exact place and date of birth: State Archives of Cremona, via Antica Porta Tintoria, 2 - 26100 CREMONA, e-mail: as-cr@cultura.gov.it, PEC as-cr@pec.cultura.gov.it.

For the ancestors from the provinces of BERGAMO, MANTOVA, MILANO it is necessary to consult the State Archives of the respective provinces.

For the certificate to be valid, it must be legalized by the Chancellor.

If this information is not provided, the request cannot be processed.

The service for issuing a Baptism or Marriage Certificate for legal use entails a fee of €70.00 plus €15.00 for shipping costs.

If you also want the certificates apostilled by the Prefecture of Cremona, the cost is €120.00.

Payment method:

BANK TRANSFER

made out to: Curia Vescovile
Piazza S. Antonio Maria Zaccaria, 5 - 26100 CREMONA
Banca Popolare di Cremona - Piazza del Comune, 1 - 26100 CREMONA
Codice swift: BAPPIT21V24
Iban: IT42 C 05034 11410 000000 166313
Reason: Chancellery Fees + applicant's last name and first name

Processing time for the request: 1 month.

In some parishes of the Diocese of Cremona, historical documents (Baptism or Marriage records, Death records, or Registers of Souls) have been destroyed during wars or burned or have disappeared.

If you want shipping via courier, it must be arranged and paid for directly by the applicant.

¹ Law No. 74/2025 – New provisions regarding Italian citizenship iure sanguinis and the issuance of baptismal certificates. On May 24, 2025, Law No. 74/2025 came into effect, converting Decree-Law No. 36 of March 28, 2025, titled “Urgent Provisions on Citizenship,” which introduced limits on the automatic transmission of Italian citizenship by descent (iure sanguinis).