

## **CANADIAN CITIZENS:**

Italian law requires NON ITALIANS wishing to be married in Italy to present a "Nulla Osta" (Certificate of non Impediment) or equivalent documentation.

The Canadian Government does not issue "Nulla Osta". However, to assist Canadians to meet the Italian requirements, the Canadian Embassy in Rome and the Consulate General in Milan both prepare a declaration containing the relevant information.

To obtain the declaration from the Embassy or Consulate General, a Canadian citizen must first complete and swear an affidavit to the effect that there is no impediment to the proposed marriage.

If the affidavit is to be made at the Canadian Embassy in Rome, or the Consulate General in Milan, the applicant should fill out the appropriate Affidavit form "A" and bring and present the following documents:

- Valid Canadian passport;
- Proof of Canadian citizenship (Canadian birth certificate or Certificate of Canadian Citizenship). (If you were born in Québec: Only birth certificates issued on or after January 1, 1994, by "Le Directeur de l'état civil" in the province of Québec are accepted);
- Complete details of the future spouse (full name, date and place of birth, residence, father's name and mother's maiden name);
- Final divorce decree or death certificate of previous spouse (if divorced or widowed);
- Parents' consent (if the person is under marriageable age);

The affidavit can also be sworn in front of a notary public in Canada or a consular official at Canadian Embassies or Consulates in other countries. In this case, please use the Affidavit Form "B" and follow the instructions contained therein.

To obtain the required declaration from the Embassy in Rome or Consulate General in Milan an appointment is required. Our present fee is \$50.00 for the affidavit and \$50.00 for the declaration in lieu of Nulla Osta.

N.B. Consular fees for the applications, both submitted at the Embassy or sent by mail, must be made by non-transferrable bank draft ("assegno circolare non trasferibile") payable to the Canadian Embassy. Cash is not accepted. The fees are not refundable.

The declaration issued by the Embassy or Consulate General must then be presented to the competent "Prefettura Ufficio Legalizzazioni" (provincial authority) to be formally authenticated.

One of our coordinator will assist you in picking up the final Nulla Osta for you so you do not have to go to the Canadian Consulate here in Italy.

This document will then be authenticated by us for you at the "Prefettura office- Ufficio Legalizzazioni".

Once the declaration has been obtained and legalized, it will be presented to the Wedding hall.

**PLEASE NOTE: The waiting period (from the date the required documents are presented to the marriage office to the date of the civil marriage ceremony) may vary depending on the period of the year and on the number of requests received by the municipality.**