

PRENUPTIAL INQUIRY AND DOCUMENTATION

Groom _____ Bride _____

Rehearsal Date and Time: ____/____/____ at _____

Wedding Date: ____/____/____ at _____

Nuptial Mass Nuptials outside of Mass

Location _____

Parish/Church

City

Names of the witnesses _____

Parish Marriage Register _____ Volume _____ Page _____

General Information

Groom's Baptism Date ____/____/____ Church _____

City _____ State _____

Notification of Marriage Sent to Church of Baptism Entered in Baptismal Register

Bride's Baptism Date ____/____/____ Church _____

City _____ State _____

Notification of Marriage Sent to Church of Baptism Entered in Baptismal Register

Required notification of marriage sent to the appropriate state agency ____/____/____

Celebrant of Ceremony _____

When the marriage is to be witnessed by a priest or deacon who is not a parochial vicar or the deacon assigned to the parish, the pastor must grant delegation to the one witnessing the marriage by signing this section. Please note that if the priest or deacon is not incardinated in the Diocese of Scranton, or is not a religious priest having residence in the Diocese of Scranton, he must provide the appropriate clearance papers to the Vicar General of the Diocese of Scranton.

I hereby delegate Reverend/Deacon _____
to witness this marriage within this parish.

I hereby grant permission for _____, a parishioner of the parish,
to be married in _____ parish in _____.

Pastor/Priest Moderator _____ Date ____/____/____

Nihil Obstat required (see pp. 2 and 4).

FOR USE BY THE VICAR FOR MATRIMONIAL PROCESSES

The necessary dispensation/permission indicated above is hereby granted and/or the *nihil obstat* permits the couple to marry as all the requirements of the law have been fulfilled.

Episcopal Vicar for Canonical Affairs

Date _____

Pastoral and Canonical Information – Each party must be interviewed privately. The pastor or his delegate will propose the questions and write the answers; if necessary please give explanations on a separate paper.

GROOM

1. Full Name? _____

Address? _____

How long have you lived at this address? _____

Your occupation? _____

Phone Numbers: Home? _____ Mobile _____

Work? _____ Email Address? _____

2. What is your religion? _____

To what parish/church do you belong? _____

In what diocese do you live? _____

The date and place of your birth? ____/____/_____ in _____

3. Your father's name? _____

His religion? (if Catholic what Rite) _____

Your mother's name and maiden name? _____

Her religion? (if Catholic what Rite) _____

4. Were you baptized? Yes No

5. The date and church of your baptism? ____/____/_____ in _____

Questions 6, 7 and 8 are asked of Catholics only.

6. The date and place of your First Communion? ____/____/_____ in _____

7. The date and place of your Confirmation? ____/____/_____ in _____

8. How often do you attend Mass? _____

9. Have you ever been married or attempted marriage, even civil marriage, before?

Yes No

If yes, how many times? ____ To whom? _____

Dissolved by means of:

Death (a death certificate or obituary must be submitted in evidence of this fact)

Declaration of Nullity – Diocese _____ Case no. _____

In the case of a formal annulment, a *nihil obstat* must be requested after contacting the Tribunal.

10. Has your intended bride ever married or attempted marriage, even civil marriage, before?
 Yes No
11. Are you related to your intended bride by blood? Yes No
12. Are you related by adoption? Yes No
13. Are you related by marriage? Yes No
14. Have you or your intended spouse ever been treated for any emotional or psychological conditions which may seriously affect your marriage? Yes No If yes, please explain on a separate sheet.
15. Do you have a drug and/or alcohol dependency? Yes No
16. Is any person or circumstance putting pressure on you to enter this marriage? Yes No
17. Are you attaching any conditions, restrictions or reservations of any kind to your consent to this marriage? Yes No If yes, please explain on a separate sheet.
18. Do you intend to enter a life-long marriage that can only be dissolved by death?
 Yes No
19. Do you intend to be faithful to your spouse for life? Yes No
20. Are you aware of any physical problems which would prevent you from having conjugal relations with your future wife? Yes No
21. Do you understand that one of the purposes of marriage is the procreation and education of children?
 Yes No
22. Do you intend to give your future wife the right to conjugal acts which are open to the procreation of children? Yes No
23. How long have you known your future wife? _____
24. How long have you been engaged to marry? _____
25. Have either your parents or hers objected to this marriage? Yes No If yes, please explain on a separate sheet.
26. Is there any major fact about yourself, either in the present or the past, which you have not made known to your future wife which might affect her willingness to marry you? Yes No

Groom _____

Date _____

Parish _____

Church _____

Parish Seal

Place _____

Cleric/Parish Life Coordinator _____

Pastoral and Canonical Information – Each party must be interviewed privately. The pastor or his delegate will propose the questions and write the answers; if necessary please give explanations on a separate paper.

BRIDE

1. Full Name? _____

Address? _____

How long have you lived at this address? _____

Your occupation? _____

Phone Numbers: Home? _____ Mobile _____

Work? _____ Email Address? _____

2. What is your religion? _____

To what parish/church do you belong? _____

In what diocese do you live? _____

The date and place of your birth? ____/____/____ in _____

3. Your father's name? _____

His religion? (if Catholic what Rite) _____

Your mother's name and maiden name? _____

Her religion? (if Catholic what Rite) _____

4. Were you baptized? Yes No

5. The date and church of your baptism? ____/____/____ in _____

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6. The date and place of your First Communion? ____/____/____ in _____

7. The date and place of your Confirmation? ____/____/____ in _____

8. How often do you attend Mass? _____

9. Have you ever been married or attempted marriage, even civil marriage, before?

Yes No

If yes, how many times? _____ To whom? _____

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10. Has your intended husband ever married or attempted marriage, even civil marriage, before?
 Yes No
11. Are you related to your intended husband by blood? Yes No
12. Are you related by adoption? Yes No
13. Are you related by marriage? Yes No
14. Have you or your intended spouse ever been treated for any emotional or psychological condition which may seriously affect your marriage? Yes No If yes, please explain in a separate sheet.
15. Do you have a drug and/or alcohol dependency? Yes No
16. Is any person or circumstance putting pressure on you to enter this marriage? Yes No
17. Are you attaching any conditions, restrictions or reservations of any kind to your consent to this marriage? Yes No If yes, please explain on a separate sheet.
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21. Do you understand that one of the purposes of marriage is the procreation and education of children?
 Yes No
22. Do you intend to give your future husband the right to conjugal acts which are open to the procreation of children? Yes No
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24. How long have you been engaged to marry? _____
25. Have either your parents or his objected to this marriage? Yes No If yes, please explain.
on a separate sheet.
26. Is there any major fact about yourself, either in the present or the past, which you have not made known to your future husband which might affect his willingness to marry you? Yes No

Bride _____

Date _____

Parish _____

Church _____

Parish Seal

Place _____

Cleric/Parish Life Coordinator _____

Groom _____

Freedom to Marry Affidavit for the Groom

I, _____, having known the groom for _____ years, hereby solemnly swear that:

he has never married before, even civilly; that an ecclesiastical court declared the marriage(s) null or the marriage(s) concluded with the death of the previous spouse(s).

Witness _____ Date _____

Pastor/Delegate _____

Freedom to Marry Affidavit for the Groom

I, _____, having known the groom for _____ years, hereby solemnly swear that:

he has never married before, even civilly; that an ecclesiastical court declared the marriage(s) null or the marriage(s) concluded with the death of the previous spouse(s).

Witness _____ Date _____

Pastor/Delegate _____

The person preparing the couple is sufficiently acquainted with the groom to testify to his free state?

Yes No

Bride _____

Freedom to Marry Affidavit for the Bride

I, _____, having known the bride for _____ years, hereby solemnly swear that:

she has never married before, even civilly; that an ecclesiastical court declared the marriage(s) null or the marriage(s) concluded with the death of the previous spouse(s).

Witness _____ Date _____

Pastor/Delegate _____

Freedom to Marry Affidavit for the Bride

I, _____, having known the bride for _____ years, hereby solemnly swear that:

she has never married before, even civilly; that an ecclesiastical court declared the marriage(s) null or the marriage(s) concluded with the death of the previous spouse(s).

Witness _____ Date _____

Pastor/Delegate _____

The person preparing the couple is sufficiently acquainted with the bride to testify to her free state?

Yes No

PETITION FOR MARRIAGE PERMISSIONS AND DISPENSATIONS

GROOM

BRIDE

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

City/State/Zip _____

Age _____

Age _____

Religion Catholic – Rite _____

Religion Catholic – Rite _____

Baptized non Catholic

Baptized non Catholic

Non Baptized

Non Baptized

Parish/Church _____

Parish/Church _____

Address _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

City/State/Zip _____

Date of intended marriage ceremony ____/____/_____

Because of the following circumstances, the Catholic party petitions the Diocesan Bishop to grant permission and/or dispensation from the following impediments to marriage:

- Dispensation from the Canonical form of Marriage (canon 1127 - §2) See the next page
- Dispensation from the impediment of crime (canon 1090)
- Dispensation from the impediment of consanguinity in the ____ degree of the collateral line (canon 1091)
- Dispensation from the impediment of affinity in the direct line (canon 1092)
- Permission for mixed religion (*ad cautelam* Disparity of Cult) (canon 1124)
- Dispensation from the impediment of disparity of worship (canon 1086)
- Permission to marry a notorious ex-Catholic (canon 1072 - §1)
- Permission to be married in the rite of the bride

I request that the above petition(s) be granted for the following reason(s):

- A determination to marry
- To achieve family harmony
- For the spiritual good of the Catholic party
- The possible conversion of the non – Catholic party
- To validate an attempted marriage
- Danger of a civil marriage
- To prevent a civil marriage

Cleric/Parish Life Coordinator _____

Parish/Church _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

VALIDATING A NON-CANONICAL MARRIAGE

Date of original marriage ____/____/____ Civil ceremony Church ceremony

Place of original ceremony _____
Site City State

Do both parties understand that this validation is a new act of marrying within the Catholic Church and not merely the continuation of the attempted marriage? Yes No

A certified copy of the original marriage certificate must be enclosed.

PROMISE OF THE CATHOLIC PARTY

In cases involving Mixed Religion or Disparity of Worship, the Catholic party is to make the following promise either in writing or verbally.

I reaffirm my faith in Jesus Christ and, with God's help, intend to continue living that faith in the Catholic Church. I promise to do all in my power to share the faith I have received with our children by having them baptized and raised as Catholic.

Signature of the Catholic Party _____

Affirmation of the Cleric/Parish Life Coordinator:

The required promise and declaration have been made by the Catholic in my presence. The non-Catholic party has been informed of this requirement so that it is certain that (s)he is aware of the promise and obligation on the part of the Catholic spouse.

Cleric/Parish Life Coordinator _____ Date _____

DISPENSATION FROM CANONICAL FORM

Name and address of the site of the ceremony _____

Name of officiant _____

Names of witnesses _____

Canonical reasons for granting the Dispensation from Canonical Form:

- Determination to marry To achieve family harmony or avoid family alienation To obtain parental agreement to the marriage
- Significant relationship or special friendship with a non-Catholic minister
- Religious edifice has particular importance to the non-Catholic party Other reasons *please explain*

Testimony of Parents or Guardians of Minors (under 21 years of age)

We approve of this marriage: _____

We do not approve of this marriage for the following reasons:

Cleric/Parish Life Coordinator: I consider the above parents or guardians approved/disapproved with understanding and responsibility
