



PRENUPTIAL INVESTIGATION

GROOM

Name: First Middle Last

Religion Home Phone Work Phone

BRIDE

Name: First Middle Last

Religion Home Phone Work Phone

WEDDING

Priest, Deacon, Minister: Title First Last Name

Church Name Rehearsal Date Time Wedding Date Time

Church Address: Street City State Zip

Witness: First Middle Last

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CONVALIDATION

Civil Wedding date Official City State

I attest that both parties understand that this convalidation is a **new consent to marry** within the Catholic Church and not merely a continuation or "blessing" of an existing union (c. 1157). A copy of their existing civil marriage license has been obtained.

Signature

FREEDOM TO MARRY

To be completed by the priest/deacon: (Please check one or two)

- I have known the bride for many years and I am sure that this bride is free to marry
- I have known the groom for many years and I am sure that this groom is free to marry
- Two affidavits of freedom to marry for each party are attached

DELEGATION

I, the undersigned minister with general delegation to validly assist the marriage within a parish territory in which this marriage is to take place, hereby delegate _____

to witness the marriage in this parish.

Name of priest or deacon officiating the wedding

Signature of the Priest or Deacon

Date

PERMISSION OF PROPER PASTOR

I, the undersigned pastor of the parish of the bride/groom entering this marriage, hereby give permission to Rev. _____ to witness this marriage in the church indicated above, with the understanding that the necessary jurisdiction or delegation has been obtained.

Signed _____ / / _____
Date

DISPENSATION (From the Bishop of Lexington)

Name of minister who will preside at wedding _____

Name of the Church: _____ City/State _____

Date dispensation was requested ____ / ____ / ____ Date was received ____ / ____ / ____ Number _____

DECLARATION OF FAITH OF THE CATHOLIC PARTY

(This promise must be made in every marriage involving a non-Catholic)

I reaffirm my faith in Jesus Christ and, with God's help, intend to continue living that faith in the Catholic Church actively. At the same time I acknowledge the respect I owe to the conscience of my partner in marriage. I promise to do all in my power to share the faith I have received with our children by having them baptized and reared as Catholics.

Signature of the Catholic Party

I certify by my signature that the Catholic Party has made the above declaration and promise with full knowledge of its intent and that other party is aware of the promise obliging the Catholic.

Date

Signature of the Priest or Deacon

MIXED RELIGION PERMISSION (marriage of a Catholic and baptized non-Catholic)

Having fulfilled the canonical requirements of canon 1125, and with sufficient reason, I hereby GRANT PERMISSION for the parties named above to marry. This PERMISSION is granted in virtue of the power delegated to me by the Local Ordinary.

Signature of Priest or Deacon

Date

PRENUPTIAL PREPARATION

God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage: _____ Christian Marriage Weekend _____ Married Life _____

Natural Family Planning _____ FOCCUS _____ Couple's reaction to program: Positive ___ Negative ___

Any comments: _____

GENERAL NOTATIONS

- 1. All Prenuptial papers are to be filed in the archives of the parish church where the wedding takes place.
- 2. If Dispensation from Canonical Form is granted, the Prenuptial papers are filed in the parish of the Catholic party.
- 3. A notification of the marriage of Catholics is to be sent to the church of their baptism immediately following the wedding.

Each of the parties should be interviewed alone and under oath. The interviewer should propose the questions and write the answers given. This interrogatory must be kept on permanent file in the parish of marriage. **If the following questions should reveal an impediment or anything else that may stand in the way of a valid marriage or a licit marriage, please consult the Chancery.**

GROOM

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|---|--------|------|-------|-----|---------------|
| Name: _____ | | | | | |
| First | Middle | Last | | | |
| Address: _____ | | | | | |
| Number | Street | City | State | Zip | email address |
| Age: _____ Birthdate: ____/____/____ Occupation: _____ | | | | | |
| Place of Birth: _____ Religion: _____ | | | | | |
| Do you practice it? _____ Your Parish: _____ | | | | | |
| Baptized? ____ In what religion? _____ Date: ____/____/____ Church _____ | | | | | |
| <i>(Baptismal certificate issued within the last six months is required for Catholics.)</i> | | | | | |
| Confirmed? _____ Date: ____/____/____ Place: _____ | | | | | |
| Type of education in the faith (e.g., catholic schools/CCD) _____ | | | | | |
| _____ | | | | | |
| If Convert, date and place of reception into the Catholic Church: _____ | | | | | |
| Father's name: _____ Religion: _____ | | | | | |
| Address: _____ | | | | | |
| Mother's maiden name: _____ Religion: _____ | | | | | |
| Address: _____ | | | | | |

Canonical Information

3. Have you ever attempted or entered a marriage before this day (in a church, civilly, or by common law)?__

If "yes", how many times? _____

If "yes", are you fulfilling the obligations you may have to children from your former marriage (c. 1071, § 1,3)?__

(Please give the following information about each prior marriage.)

| Previous Marriages | First Marriage | Second Marriage | Third Marriage |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| a. With whom? | | | |
| b. What was her religion? | | | |
| c. Date of the marriage | | | |
| d. Place of marriage | | | |
| e. Date of Divorce/ Spouses' death | | | |

(The Death Certificate or the Decree of Nullity must be attached for any prior marriage.)

With any **Decree of Nullity**, check that no required counseling (**Vetitum/prohibition**) or recommended counseling (**Monitum/warning**) have been imposed by the Tribunal. If a Vetitum has been imposed, any future marriage is illicit unless permission has been given by the Tribunal. Furthermore, a future marriage might even be invalid. Please consult the Tribunal if there are questions.

4. Has your intended spouse ever been in a previous marriage? _____

If "yes", how many times? _____

5. If you were married before, did you cooperate in any way in causing the death of your former wife? _____ If your intended spouse was married before, did you cooperate in any way in causing the death of her former husband? _____
6. Were you ever married to or did you ever cohabit with your intended spouse's mother or daughter? _____
7. Do you feel forced in any way, by any person or situation, to enter this marriage? _____
8. Are you related to your intended spouse by blood, marriage or adoption? ____ If "yes" explain ____
9. Have you ever been ordained, or made religious profession? _____
10. Are you aware of any emotional or psychological problems on your part that may affect the marriage, or of any alcohol or drug abuse? ____ If "yes", please explain _____
11. Are you aware of any emotional or psychological problems on the part of your intended spouse that may affect the marriage, or of any alcohol or drug abuse? ____ If "yes", please explain _____
12. Are there any reasons why you or your intended spouse may be unable to fulfill the sexual commitment of marriage? _____
13. Have you concealed anything from your intended spouse that might affect her willingness to marry you? _____
14. Are you attaching any condition or reservation to your marriage consent? _____
15. Do you intend to be completely faithful to your intended spouse? _____
16. Do you intend to enter a permanent and lifelong marriage, one which even divorce does not dissolve? _____
17. Do you understand that one of the purposes of marriage is to have children, and do you accept and intend to fulfill this aspect of marriage, if God so allows you? _____
18. Have you consulted your parents about this marriage? _____
Do they approve? _____
19. In case of future marital problems do you promise to consider marriage counseling? _____
20. Is there anything else you wish to make known regarding this marriage? _____

I now affirm the truth of the above by my signature.

Signature of Groom

____/____/____
Date

DECLARATION OF MATRIMONIAL INTENT

We, in the presence of one another, individually declare our freedom to marry and our freedom from any known impediments between us. We hold marriage to be a lifelong, faithful union and process of choosing each other for the mutual and total sharing of our life and our love. It is a union which is open to children. It is union, which is modeled after and symbolizes God's ever-faithful love for His church. It is partnership of the whole of life and love that we seek to live and to which we will publicly give our consent in marriage.

Signature of Groom

Signature of Bride

BRIDE

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|---|--------|------|-------|-----|---------------|
| Name: _____ | | | | | |
| First | Middle | Last | | | |
| Address: _____ | | | | | |
| Number | Street | City | State | Zip | email address |
| Age: _____ Birthdate: ____/____/____ Occupation: _____ | | | | | |
| Place of Birth: _____ Religion: _____ | | | | | |
| Do you practice it? _____ Your Parish: _____ | | | | | |
| Baptized? ____ In what religion? _____ Date: __/__/__ Church _____ | | | | | |
| <i>(Baptismal certificate issued within the last six months is required for Catholics.)</i> | | | | | |
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| If <u>Convert</u> date and place of reception into the Catholic Church: _____ | | | | | |
| Type of education in the faith (e.g., catholic schools/CCD) _____ | | | | | |
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| Address: _____ | | | | | |
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| Address: _____ | | | | | |

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|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| a. With whom? | | | |
| b. What was his religion? | | | |
| c. Date of the marriage? | | | |
| d. Place of marriage | | | |
| e. Date of Divorce or spouses' death | | | |

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 18. Have you consulted your parents about this marriage? _____
Do they approve? _____
 19. In case of future marriage problems do you promise to consider marriage counseling? _____
 20. Is there anything else you wish to make known regarding this marriage? _____
- I now affirm the truth of the above by my signature.

Signature of Bride

____/____/____
Date

DATA FOR THE MARRIAGE REGISTER

| | | | |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| <i>Groom's name:</i> _____ | | <i>Bride's name:</i> _____ | |
| <i>Parent's names:</i> _____ | | <i>Parent's names:</i> _____ | |
| <i>Date of the marriage:</i> ____/____/____ | | <i>Place of marriage:</i> _____ | |
| <i>Who presided at the marriage:</i> _____ | | <i>Dispensations granted:</i> _____ | |
| <i>Delegation or Permission granted:</i> _____ | | | |
| <i>Witnesses:</i> _____ and _____ | | | |
| <i>Notice sent to County Clerk</i> ____/____/____ | | | |
| <i>Notice sent to parish of baptism: (Bride)</i> ____/____/____ | | <i>(Groom)</i> ____/____/____ | |
| <i>Receipt from parish of baptisms: (Bride)</i> ____/____/____ | | <i>(Groom)</i> ____/____/____ | |

I, the undersigned, declare that the persons whose signatures are affixed above appeared before me personally; that I asked each one individually the above questions under oath and personally recorded the answers given; that each party was interviewed separately; that I am satisfied as to the identity of the parties; that I have on file all necessary documents, and that the parties have been instructed in accord with the law of the Church.

Signature

Date

Place: _____

Affix Parish Seal Here