

**Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston**  
Application for Permission/Dispensation

Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

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Church of Marriage                      Address                      City                      State                      Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_ a Catholic  
*(Please type or print name/maiden name)*

who resides at \_\_\_\_\_  
*(COMPLETE STREET ADDRESS INCLUDING CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE)*

wishing to marry \_\_\_\_\_ a non-Catholic  
*(Please type or print name/maiden name)*

who resides at \_\_\_\_\_ and is  
*(COMPLETE STREET ADDRESS INCLUDING CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE)*

- baptized in the \_\_\_\_\_ Church
- doubtfully baptized
- not baptized

petitions the Most Reverend Bishop, to grant:  
 **Permission for Mixed Marriage**  
 **Other Permission** (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Dispensation from the impediment of:**  
 Disparity of Cult (*non-Catholic party unbaptized*)  
 Disparity of Cult ad cautelam (*proof of baptism unavailable*)  
 Other Impediments (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

- Canonical Reasons for Mixed Marriage Dispensation/Permission
- Spiritual good of the parties.
  - Well founded hope of conversion of the non-Catholic.
  - Validation of an invalid union.
  - Danger of invalid marriage.
  - Mutual aid in advanced years.
  - Lack of suitable Catholic marriage partner in the vicinity.
  - Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Dispensation from Canonical Form:  
Reasons for Dispensation from Canonical Form:  
 To achieve family harmony.  
 To obtain parental agreement to the marriage.  
 To recognize friendship or relationship with minister.  
 To permit the marriage in a church of special importance to the non-Catholic.  
 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Orthodox priest, Protestant minister, or Jewish rabbi who will witness the marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Wedding \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Priest or Deacon Applying

The Following declaration and promise are to be made by the Catholic in the presence of a priest or deacon either orally or in writing as the Catholic prefers:

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 that I can to share the faith I have received with our children by having them baptized and reared as Catholics

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Signature of Catholic

The following is for the use of the Priest or Deacon.

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

PLACE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE : \_\_\_\_\_

(Parish Seal)

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Signature of Priest or Deacon Applying

Notations:

1. Marriage dispensations and permissions must be granted by the diocese of the Catholic party.
2. Besides the dispensations listed on this application form, a dispensation may be required for the impediments of consanguinity, affinity, crimen, etc.
3. Permission is required for a priest or deacon to witness a marriage in a church of another faith, or in the cases mentioned in Canon 1071.
4. When a dispensation from Canonical Form is requested,
  - (a) all requirements for a mixed marriage are to be observed
  - (b) the pastor of the parish where the wedding takes place is to be notified
  - (c) the priest who applied for the dispensation is responsible to see that the marriage is recorded and that the marriage documents are filed in the parish from which the application was made, and that the Chancery and parish of baptism are notified of the particulars of the marriage
  - (d) it is not permitted to have two marriage services or a single service in which both the Catholic marriage ritual and a non-Catholic marriage ritual are celebrated jointly or successively
  - (e) when possible, it is desirable for a Catholic priest to be present for the marriage ceremony.