

**Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston**  
Application for Permission/Dispensation  
**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT**

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

Church of Preparation for Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Priest or Deacon Preparing Couple for Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

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***If not the same as above:***

Church or Place of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Civil Official, Minister, Deacon witnessing Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

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BRIDE \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
*FULL (MAIDEN) NAME*

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*COMPLETE STREET ADDRESS INCLUDING CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE*

Phone Number and Email \_\_\_\_\_

GROOM \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
*FULL NAME*

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*COMPLETE STREET ADDRESS INCLUDING CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE*

Phone Number and Email \_\_\_\_\_

**A. Permission for Mixed Religion Marriage or Dispensation from Disparity of Cult**

\_\_\_\_\_, the non-Catholic party, is:

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

\_\_\_\_\_, the Catholic Party 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) \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Dispensation from Canonical Form of Marriage**

\_\_\_\_\_, the Catholic Party petitions the Most Reverend Bishop, to grant a Dispensation from Canonical Form and offers the following reasons for the dispensation:

- 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, Minister, Rabbi, or Civil Official who will witness the marriage  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Catholic

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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.

**I have investigated the couple’s freedom to marry in accordance with Canon Law and find no other impediments. They have received the required Marriage Preparation and all documents are in order.**

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

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

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

(Parish Seal)

**IF THIS DISPENSATION IS NOT USED, THE PRIEST OR DEACON PREPARING THE COUPLE FOR MARRIAGE SHOULD NOTIFY THE TRIBUNAL OFFICE.**

Notations:

1. This request cannot be made more than six months in advance of the marriage and not less than two weeks prior to the marriage.
2. Marriage dispensations and permissions must be granted by the diocese of the Catholic party. The MA-93 and MB-84 Pre-Nuptial Investigation forms must be included with this request.
3. Besides the dispensations listed on this application form, a dispensation may be required for the impediments of consanguinity, affinity, crimen, etc.
4. 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.
5. 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 in whose territory the wedding is to take place is to be notified;
  - (c) if the wedding is to take place in another diocese, the bishop of that diocese must be consulted by the Delegate for Marriage before the dispensation can be granted; and
  - (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 or deacon to be present for the marriage ceremony but the priest or deacon may not ask administer the exchange of vows.

DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON  
PRE-NUPTIAL INVESTIGATION

Marriage of  
and

Groom

Bride

Parish of Marriage and Address

**General Information**

Date and Hour of Marriage

Name of Priest or Deacon Officiating Marriage

Banns to be announced

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Parish of Groom notified of banns

Dispensation required

Witness of Marriage

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

**BRIDE**

1. Do you swear to tell the truth in answer to the following questions?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Full Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Present Address

(Street and Number)

(City)

(State)

Telephone Number

(Zip Code)

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Occupation

Within what parish do you reside?

Length of residence

Have you lived elsewhere for six months or more since the age of sixteen?

\_\_\_\_\_ If yes, check Form MB-84.

3. What is your church affiliation?

Are you an active member?

4. Are you Baptized?

If yes, date of Baptism?

Church of Baptism?

5. Father's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Religion (Rite) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Full Name (*Maiden*) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Religion (Rite) \_\_\_\_\_

6. a.) If you are under the age of 18 years old have you secured the consent of your parents or guardians for this marriage? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

b.) If either party are under the age of 18 years old please complete the MB-84 form.

7. Have you ever been married before (in church, civilly, or by common law)? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, complete the information below.

Name of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

How was this marriage dissolved?

Death: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Proof \_\_\_\_\_

Annulment: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Proof \_\_\_\_\_

**Marriage certificates, Death certificates, and/or declaration of nullity certificates should be attached for each marriage. These become part of the permanent record of marriage. Authentic copies are acceptable.**

Are obligations toward a former spouse or children of a previous marriage being met? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Has your intended spouse ever been in a previous marriage? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, complete the information below.

Name of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

How was this marriage dissolved?

Death: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Proof \_\_\_\_\_

Annulment: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Proof \_\_\_\_\_

9. Are you related to your intended spouse by blood? \_\_\_\_\_ by marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

By adoption? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

10. If Catholic, have you ever made a religious profession? \_\_\_\_\_

**The interviewing priest shall indicate the impediment of impotence and inquire whether either party has ever suffered from any mental or emotional disturbance, and shall then ask: To the best of your knowledge, are you or your intended spouse bound by any of these obstacles to marriage?**

11. Do you intend to enter a life-long union? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you intend to be faithful to each other for life? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you intend to give each other normal rights of marriage necessary to have children? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Are you being forced in any way to enter this marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Are you entering this marriage with reservation? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Bride

on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_, appeared before me the person whose signature is affixed above in testimony of the truth to the answers she gave, I know of no other facts that would be an obstacle in this marriage.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Examining Priest

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Examining Priest

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parish Address City State Zip Code

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**DELEGATION OF A PRIEST TO ASSIST AT A MARRIAGE IN YOUR PARISH**

I, the undersigned (Pastor, Associate, Deacon), hereby delegate \_\_\_\_\_  
in accordance with Canon 1111, No.2, to assist within the limits of my parish, the marriage of the parties designated in this questionnaire.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Priest/Deacon Date

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**PERMISSION FOR YOUR PARISHIONER TO MARRY IN ANOTHER PARISH**

I, the pastor of the above-designated party, hereby attest that she/he is free to marry, and grant permission to any duly authorized priest servatis de jure servandis to assist at her/his marriage outside my parish.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Priest Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parish Address City State Zip Code

PARISH  
SEAL

DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON  
PRE-NUPTIAL INVESTIGATION

Marriage of  
and

Groom

Bride

Parish of Marriage and Address

**QUESTIONNAIRE**

**GROOM**

3. Do you swear to tell the truth in answer to the following questions? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Present Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street and Number) (City) (State)  
Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(Zip Code)

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Within what parish do you reside? \_\_\_\_\_ Length of residence \_\_\_\_\_

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Church of Baptism? \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Are you related to your intended spouse by blood? \_\_\_\_\_ by marriage? \_\_\_\_\_  
By adoption? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

10. If Catholic, have you ever made a vow of entering religious life? \_\_\_\_\_ Made a religious profession? \_\_\_\_\_  
Made a vow of receiving Sacred Orders? \_\_\_\_\_ Received Sacred Orders? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Examining Priest

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Examining Priest

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

#### SUPPLETORY OATH

To be taken by one or both spouses (separately) who cannot establish their free status either for the entire life or certain periods of life. Having given my testimony in this document, and being unable, either by documents, or witnesses, to establish my free status over the period of my life, I \_\_\_\_\_ with my hand upon the Holy Bible and mindful of the obligation to tell the truth in this serious matter, swear and avow that I am free to marry.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Groom

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Bride

Sworn to and subscribed in my presence on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Priest

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Priest

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

NIHIL OBSTAT is required.

1-If one of the parties is from another Diocese.

2-If one or both parties to marriage are vagi.

Note: The instructions of the Sacred Congregation of the Sacraments (1941) on the Canonical Examination required before marriage make the following procedure obligatory when one of the principals is from OUTSIDE the diocese. The bride's pastor (presuming the marriage takes place before the bride's pastor, otherwise vice versa) requests the groom's pastor to fill out the "Exam Pro Sponso" and to procure the necessary documents (baptismal certificates, affidavits, if necessary) and to have these all sent to the groom's Chancery for the Testimonial Letter. All documents for the groom including the testimonial letter are to be returned by the groom's Chancery directly to the bride's pastor. These documents received by the bride's pastor, together with all documents pertaining to the bride are sent by the bride's pastor to his own Chancery for the Nihil Obstat.

*This interrogatory and pertinent documents must be kept permanently on file in the parish where the marriage takes place. On request, it is to be sent to the competent ecclesiastical Court whenever the validity of marriage is questioned.*

**DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON  
PRENUPTIAL INVESTIGATION**

Marriage of

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
Groom (print full name) Bride (print full name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parish of marriage and address

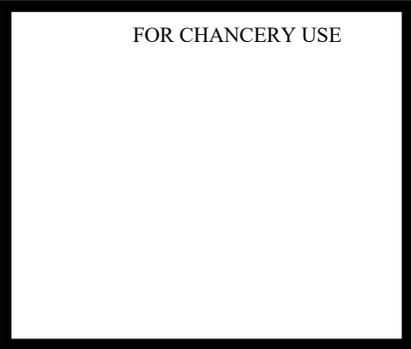
Affidavit of witness for \_\_\_\_\_ BRIDE \_\_\_\_\_ GROOM

**THIS FORM IS NOT TO BE COMPLETED BY THE BRIDE AND GROOM**

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THIS FORM IS TO BE USED IN THE FOLLOWING CASES:

1. To establish freedom to marry:
  - (a) When either party has lived in more than one parish or place for more than six months after puberty, or when some doubt exists in the mind of the priest concerning freedom to marry,
  - (b) When a dispensation from banns is requested,
  - (c) For both parties in a mixed marriage;
2. To assist in proving, baptism when a certificate is unavailable;
3. To investigate the attitude of parents when the party is under 21 years of age; and/or
4. To investigate the stability of the proposed marriage when the party is under 18 years of age.



**THE BRIDE AND GROOM CANNOT BE A WITNESS FOR EACH OTHER**

**Four witnesses are necessary (two for the bride and two for the groom.) Parental testimony is always preferred. If parental testimony is unavailable, a witness who has known them the majority of their life.**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth, without any reservations, in answering the following questions? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is your relationship to the person whose name appears above? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How long have you known this person? \_\_\_\_\_ How well? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Is it likely that this person could have attempted marriage without your knowledge? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Has the above mentioned person ever gone through any type of marriage ceremony? \_\_\_\_\_
6. If so, how many times? \_\_\_\_\_ with whom? \_\_\_\_\_ when? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Do these marriages still exist? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, how dissolved: Annulment? \_\_\_\_\_ Death? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Is the above mentioned person related to the other party in this intended marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what way? \_\_\_\_\_

9. To your knowledge, is the above mentioned person entering this marriage freely? \_\_\_\_\_

10. To your knowledge, does the above mentioned person intend to enter a life-long union? \_\_\_\_\_

11. To your knowledge, does the above mentioned person intend to be faithful for life to the partner in this marriage? \_\_\_\_\_ If no to questions 8, 9 or 10, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

12. Do you know of any reasons why this person should not be married? \_\_\_\_\_ if yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**IF THE BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE IS NOT AVAILABLE**

13. Was the above mentioned person ever baptized? \_\_\_\_\_ In what religion? \_\_\_\_\_

When? \_\_\_\_\_ In what church and place? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

By whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Who were the sponsors? \_\_\_\_\_

Were you present? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, how do you know of the baptism? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

14. If the above person was not baptized, how do you know of the non-baptism? \_\_\_\_\_

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IF THE PARTY IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS SHOULD BE ANSWERED:

1. Have the parents of this person been consulted about this marriage? \_\_\_\_\_  
Have they given their consent? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How long have these parties known each other? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How long have they been dating with a view to marriage? \_\_\_\_\_
4. When did you become aware of their intention to marry? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Have you tried to discourage them from entering this marriage? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Is there any reason why this person feels compelled to marry at this time? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. How does the groom intend to meet his financial responsibility to his wife and family? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF INTERROGATING PRIEST

\_\_\_\_\_  
PLACE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

Comments by priest (if necessary)

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\_\_\_\_\_