

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 _____

If not the same as above:

Church or Place of Marriage _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Name of Civil Official, Minister, Deacon witnessing Marriage _____

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 _____

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

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

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)

(Zip Code)

Telephone Number _____

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? _____

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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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13. Are you entering this marriage with reservation? _____

If yes, explain: _____

Signature of the Groom

On this ____ day of _____, 20__, appeared before me the person whose signature is affixed above in testimony of the truth to the answers he 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 _____

SUPPLEMENTARY 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

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.

FOR CHANCERY USE

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.

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? _____
- _____

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)

