

DIocese OF CHARLESTON PRENUPTIAL INFORMATION



(Please type or print)

Groom: _____
(Full name) (LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

Bride: _____
(Full name) (LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

Parish of Wedding: _____ City: _____

Place of Wedding (If not a Catholic church): _____

Rehearsal Date: _____ Time: _____

Wedding Date: _____ Time: _____

Officiant: _____

Witnesses: _____ and _____

Is this a convalidation? yes _____ no _____ (If "yes," you must submit the marriage certificate.)

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Permission/Dispensation(s) Granted: _____

Granted By: _____
(name and title)

Ref. Number: _____ Date: _____

REQUIRED PROCEDURES:

1. In all ordinary marriage cases:
 - a. The marriage is to be celebrated in the Catholic parish of either party (c. 1115).
 - b. The Pre-Nuptial documents are filed in the parish church where the marriage takes place (c. 1121, §1).
2. If the marriage is to take place in another Catholic church or oratory, the priest/deacon must:
 - a. Obtain delegation from the proper pastor. This is necessary for VALIDITY.
 - b. File the Pre-Nuptial documents in the parish church in which territory the marriage takes place.
3. In mixed religion cases:
 - a. Permission for mixed religion must be obtained from the local ordinary of the Catholic party (c. 1125).
 - b. Delegation must be obtained from the Catholic pastor in whose territory the marriage takes place. This is necessary for VALIDITY.

- c. If the marriage is to be celebrated according to canonical form, but in a suitable place other than a Catholic church, permission must be obtained from the local ordinary of the Catholic party (c. 1118, §2).
 - d. The Pre-Nuptial documents are filed in the Catholic parish in which territory the marriage takes place.
4. In cases dispensed from **CANONICAL FORM**, the priest/deacon must:
- a. Request the dispensation from his local ordinary far enough in advance to allow him time to make contact with the ordinary where the marriage is to take place (c. 1127, §2).
 - b. The Pre-Nuptial documents are filed in the parish church whence the dispensation was requested and the marriage is to be recorded in the marriage register of that parish.
5. After a marriage has been celebrated, notices must be sent:
- a. By the pastor of the place of celebration to the parish of baptism of the Catholic party (c. 1122).
 - b. By the Catholic spouse, who received a dispensation from canonical form, to the ordinary who granted the dispensation and to the pastor of the parish church whence the dispensation was requested (c. 1121, §3).

Father _____ has the obligation of obtaining a copy of the certificate of marriage in order to register the marriage properly in the matrimonial register. Also, proper notification must be sent to the parish of baptism of the Catholic party.

DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE DISPENSATION / PERMISSION



(Please type or print) (Send to the Office for Matrimonial Concerns and Dispensations at least *one month* prior to marriage.)

PROMISE TO BE MADE BY CATHOLIC PARTY IN MIXED RELIGION MARRIAGE:

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 that faith with our children by having them baptized and reared as Catholics.

Parish: _____ Signed: _____

CERTIFICATION BY PRIEST/DEACON

The required promise and declaration have been made by the Catholic party in my presence. I have no reason to doubt the sincerity of this promise. The other party to the proposed marriage has been informed of the promise and obligation on the part of the Catholic party. I have determined that both parties are canonically free to marry at this time.

Date: _____ Signed: _____

	BRIDE	GROOM
Full Name	(Last, First, Middle)	(Last, First, Middle)
Address		
(Street)		
(City, State, Zip)		
Religion		
Baptized?	YES NO	YES NO

DISPENSATION/PERMISSION REQUESTED

- _____ 1. Mixed Religion [cc. 1124, 1125 and 1127, §1]
- _____ 2. Marriage of Vagi [c. 1071, 1°]
- _____ 3. Marriage which cannot be recognized by civil law or celebrated in accordance with civil law [c. 1071, 2°]
- _____ 4. Marriage of person for whom previous union has created natural obligations toward a third party or toward children [c. 1071, 3°]
- _____ 5. Marriage of person who has notoriously rejected Catholic faith (note that the promises must be made by the Catholic party who is practicing) [c. 1071, 4°]
- _____ 6. Marriage of person under censure [c. 1071, 5°]
- _____ 7. Marriage of minor whose parents are unaware of proposed marriage or opposed to it [c. 1071, 6°]
- _____ 8. Ceremony in non-Catholic church (see policy regarding place of marriage) [c. 1118, §2]
- _____ 9. Ceremony in place other than a church (see policy regarding place of marriage) [c. 1118, §3]
- _____ 10. Mixed Religion & Disparity of Cult ad cautelam [c. 1086, §1]
- _____ 11. Disparity of Cult [c. 1086, §1]
- _____ 12. Canonical form [c. 1127, §2]
- _____ 13. Consanguinity (attach family tree) [c. 1091, §2]
- _____ 14. Affinity and adoption [cc. 1092 and 1094]
- _____ 15. Other (Specify)

NOTE: Permission will not be granted unless the presentation gives sufficient explanation of the situation.
(Continues on back)

The canonical reasons for the dispensation(s) etc., are:

A. Indicate the canonical reasons for dispensation or permission:

- Promise, of becoming a Catholic;
- Probability of conversion;
- Danger of invalid or irregular marriage;
- Convalidation of the marriage;
- Grave danger in delay;
- Spiritual good of the parties;
- Other (specify): _____

B. A dispensation from canonical form is sought for the following reasons:

- To achieve family harmony or avoid alienation;
- To obtain parental agreement to the marriage;
- The non-Catholic minister is a close friend or family member;
- The involvement of the non-Catholic party in his or her Church;
- Other (specify): _____

Marriage Place: _____
(church name) (city/state) (proposed date)

Marriage Recorded: _____
(parish name) (city/state)

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The local ordinary of the place where the marriage is to be celebrated [c. 1127. §2.] having been consulted,

Permission/Dispensation(s) Granted: _____

Granted By: _____
(name and title)

Ref. Number: _____ Date: _____

DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON PRENUPTIAL QUESTIONNAIRE



Each party must be interviewed alone. Only the priest/deacon/pastoral minister shall propose the questions and write the given answers.

GROOM

(Please type or print)

In good faith, do you solemnly affirm to tell the truth in answering the following: _____

1. Your Full Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

How long have you lived at this address? _____

2. What is your religion? _____

To what parish do you belong? _____

3. Date and place of your birth: _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Maiden Name: _____

4. Were you ever baptized? _____

In what religion/denomination? _____

Date: _____

Church: _____

Place: _____

5. Was either of your parents or any of your grandparents a member of, or baptized in, an Eastern Catholic Church? _____ (If yes, contact the Office for Matrimonial Concerns and Dispensations.)

Questions 6, 7 and 8 are to be asked of Catholics only:

6. First Holy Communion? Yes _____ No _____

7. Confirmation? Yes _____ No _____

8. How do you practice your faith?
Attend Church: Regularly _____ Seldom _____ Never _____

9. Do the parents of both parties consent to this marriage? _____
If not, why not? _____

(Continues on back)

10. Are you or your intended spouse bound by any canonical impediment to marriage? (e.g., age, sacred orders, sacred bond, vow, religious profession, crime, public propriety, impotence) _____
If "yes," explain _____
11. Have you ever married or attempted marriage before, even a civil or common law marriage? _____
(If "yes," complete "Previous Marriage Form.")
12. Has your intended spouse ever married or attempted marriage before, even a civil or common law marriage? _____ (If "yes," complete "Previous Marriage Form.")
13. How long have you known your intended spouse? _____
How long have you been engaged? _____
14. Are you related to your intended spouse by blood (kinship) or by a legal relationship (in-laws) or by adoption? _____
15. Have you ever been treated by a doctor or professional for serious mental or nervous illness? _____
If "yes," explain _____
16. Do you or your intended spouse have any physical, psychological or addictive problems which may seriously affect this marriage? _____
Explain _____
17. Is any person or circumstance forcing you to enter this marriage against your will? _____
18. Is any person or circumstance forcing your intended spouse to marry against her will? _____
19. Are you attaching conditions, restrictions or reservations of any kind to your proposed marriage? _____
20. In this marriage do you intend:
 - a. To enter a lifelong union which is dissolved only by death? _____
 - b. To be faithful for life to your spouse? _____
 - c. To give normal marital rights to your spouse? _____
21. Are you deceiving your intended spouse about some quality regarding yourself in order that you may obtain her consent to marry? _____
22. Who will be the best man for the marriage? _____

Signature of Groom: _____

Date: _____

SEAL Church: _____

Place: _____

Signature of Priest/
Deacon/Pastoral Minister: _____

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BRIDE

(Please type or print)

In good faith, do you solemnly affirm to tell the truth in answering the following: _____

1. Your Full Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

How long have you lived at this address? _____

2. What is your religion? _____

To what parish do you belong? _____

3. Date and place of your birth: _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Maiden Name: _____

4. Were you ever baptized? _____

In what religion/denomination? _____

Date: _____

Church: _____

Place: _____

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22. Who will be the maid/matron of honor for the marriage? _____

Signature of Bride: _____

Date: _____

SEAL Church: _____

Place: _____

Signature of Priest/
Deacon/Pastoral Minister: _____

DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON



(Please type or print)

PREVIOUS MARRIAGE FORM:

1. Name of party previously married: _____
2. How many times has this person been married? _____
3. To whom: _____
Religion: _____
4. Date: _____ Place: _____
5. Marriage performed by: _____
Officiant's title: _____
6. If former spouse is deceased:
Date of death: _____ Place: _____
Certificate number: _____
(The death certificate must be filed with the prenuptial form.)
7. If a former marriage was dissolved or declared null by the Church, give:
Diocese and protocol number: _____
Date of decree: _____
Any prohibitions: _____
(The decree of nullity must be filed with the prenuptial form.)

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DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON
AFFIDAVIT REGARDING THE FREE STATUS OF BRIDE OR GROOM



(Please type or print)

Two witnesses for each party must be interviewed using this form when there is a need:

1. *To assist in proving baptism, when a certificate is unavailable.*
2. *To establish freedom to marry when a party has lived outside the diocese for more than six months after puberty or when some doubt exists in the mind of the priest concerning freedom to marry.*
3. *To investigate the attitude of BOTH parents, when the party is under twenty-one years of age.*
4. *To investigate the stability of the marriage when the party is under eighteen years of age.*

Parental testimony is always preferred and should only be neglected for grave reasons. (NCCB Publication "Faithful to Each Other Forever," 1989, p. 147)

Witness for: _____
Bride or Groom

1. In good faith, do you solemnly affirm to tell the truth in answering the following questions? _____

2. What is your full name: _____
witness

3. What is your relationship to the above-mentioned party? _____

4. How long have you known this person? _____ How well? _____

5. Was the above-mentioned person ever baptized? _____

Date: _____ Church or Place: _____

How do you know of the baptism or non-baptism? _____

6. Has this person ever married? _____

How many times? _____

To whom? _____

Place of marriage: _____

Approximate date: _____

7. Is the above-mentioned person related to the intended spouse by blood (kinship), by a legal relationship (in-laws), or by adoption? _____

8. Do the parents consent to this marriage? _____

If not, why not? _____

(Continues on back)

9. As far as you know, are there conditions of any kind being attached by either of the parties to their proposed marriage? _____

10. Is there any reason why this person feels forced to marry at this time? _____

What is the reason? _____

11. To your knowledge, does this person intend:

a. To enter a lifelong union which is dissolved only by death? _____

b. To be faithful for life to his/her spouse? _____

c. To give normal marital rights to his/her spouse? _____

12. Do you know any reason why this proposed marriage would not be lawful and valid? _____

If "yes," explain: _____

13. Do you know any reason why this person should not be married? _____

If "yes," explain: _____

Signature-witness: _____

Date: _____

SEAL

Place: _____

Signature-interviewing Priest/
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