



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WICHITA
424 NORTH BROADWAY · WICHITA, KANSAS 67202

PRE-NUPTIAL FILE

PART I: GENERAL

PLEASE PRINT GROOM BRIDE
Name, Phone, Birth Date, Age, Birth City/State, Present Address, City/State/Zip, Email, Religion, Present Parish

How long have you known each other? How long dating? How long engaged?
Place of Marriage - Parish, Date of Marriage, City, State
Person arranging, Person who will officiate

GROOM

1. How long have you lived at the above address?
2. Father's name? Religion?
3. Mother's maiden name? Religion?
4. What is your parent's address? Telephone #
5. Baptismal Data
6. Convert Data
7. If Catholic, have you received the Sacrament of
8. Do you regularly practice your faith?
9. Have you ever been married before...
10. Are you related to your intended spouse...
11. Have you ever made a public promise to God...
12. Are you feeling pressure of any kind...
13. Are you aware of any conditions...
14. Have you or your intended spouse...
15. Have you maturely reflected on...
16. Do you intend the following...
17. Are you marrying your intended spouse...
18. Do your parents consent to this marriage?
19. NOTE: A civil license must be obtained prior to this marriage.

If an answer is checked where an asterisk (*) appears on either party, please give an explanation on separate paper.

Parish/City Signature of Groom
Date Signature of Priest
Seal of Parish

BRIDE

1. How long have you lived at the above address? _____
2. Father's name? _____ Religion? _____
3. Mother's maiden name? _____ Religion? _____
4. What is your parent's address? _____ Telephone # _____
5. Baptismal Data
a. Are you baptized? _____ b. In what religion? _____
c. Date of Baptism _____ d. Parish of Baptism _____
e. City/State of Baptism _____
6. Convert Data
a. Date of reception _____ b. Parish of reception _____
c. City/State of reception _____
7. If Catholic, have you received the Sacrament of a. First Communion? _____ b. Confirmation? _____
8. Do you regularly practice your faith? (Describe) _____ Yes _____ No* _____
9. Have you ever been married before, either civilly, in a religious ceremony or by a common law union? _____ Yes* _____ No _____
How often? _____ With whom? _____
(Proof of death of former spouses or nullity of former marriages must be presented.)
10. Are you related to your intended spouse by blood, marriage or legal adoption? _____ Yes* _____ No _____
If so, what is the relationship? _____
11. Have you ever made a public promise to God not to marry (including religious profession)? _____ Yes* _____ No _____
12. Are you feeling pressure of any kind... a. to marry at this time? _____ Yes* _____ No _____
b. to have a Catholic wedding? _____ Yes* _____ No _____
13. Are you aware of any conditions (other than age) which might prevent you from having children? _____ Yes* _____ No _____
14. Have you or your intended spouse experienced or been treated for any mental or emotional, alcoholic or drug related difficulties? _____ Yes* _____ No _____
If "yes", are they resolved? _____ Yes _____ No* _____
15. Have you maturely reflected on and judged yourself capable of fulfilling the obligations of a marital commitment? _____ Yes _____ No* _____
16. Do you intend the following... a. to enter a marriage that is for life? _____ Yes _____ No* _____
b. to give your spouse the right to have children? _____ Yes _____ No* _____
c. to accept the obligation to be faithful to your spouse? _____ Yes _____ No* _____
17. Are you marrying your intended spouse freely, without force, and without any conditions or mental reservations? _____ Yes _____ No* _____
18. Do your parents consent to this marriage? _____ Yes _____ No* _____
19. NOTE: A civil license must be obtained prior to this marriage.

If an answer is checked where an asterisk (*) appears on either party, please give an explanation on separate paper.

Parish/City

Signature of Bride

Date

Signature of Priest

PART II: ALL THREE ITEMS BELOW ARE TO BE COMPLETED FOR ALL COUPLES

1. PREPARATION - Please indicate below what preparation the couple has made and comment on their readiness.

- Engaged Encounter Weekend (Certificate)
- FOCCUS or REFOCCUS Inventory
- NFP Introductory Class (Certificate)
- NFP Full Course (Certificate)
- Meeting with Mentor Couple
- Marriage Counseling

Other preparation _____

Readiness _____

2. VERIFICATION OF FREEDOM TO MARRY is given by signing the appropriate box below.

I know the groom well and I am certain that he is free to marry.

Signature of Priest

I know the bride well and I am certain that she is free to marry.

Signature of Priest

Date

Parish/City

Date

Parish/City

3. RECENT BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES (less than 6 months old) or Convert Profession of Faith certificates are required for Catholics, unless the person was baptized or received into the Catholic Church in the parish where his/her testimony is being obtained. A Certificate for the non-Catholic's baptism is also desired, if it can be obtained.

PART III: COMPLETE AS APPLICABLE

1. FOR VALIDATION OF THE PRESENT UNION, please complete the following.

Where did the present union take place? _____
Date of Union _____ Before Whom? _____
(minister, justice of the peace, judge)

Note - Please provide copy of the civil certificate of marriage.

2. This questionnaire is to be completed when questioning parents or guardians of parties under 21 years of age or for questioning parents, guardians, family members, or friends of parties with whom the priest is not well acquainted.

Questions	Witness for Groom	Witness for Bride
1. Name	_____	_____
2. Address	_____	_____
3. Religion	_____	_____
4. What is your relationship to this person?	_____	_____
5. How long have you known this person?	_____	_____
6. Has this person ever been baptized?	_____	_____
7. Has this person ever attempted or contracted marriage before?	_____	_____
8. Is this person marrying freely?	_____	_____
9. Do you know of any reason why this marriage should not take place?	_____	_____
10. If parent or guardian, do you consent to this marriage?	_____	_____
	Signature of Witness	Signature of Witness

3. PERMISSION FOR PARISHIONER to be married in another Catholic parish.

I grant permission to _____ to be married outside this parish with the understanding that the marriage will be celebrated in compliance with all the regulations of the Catholic Church (Canon 1115).

Parish/City Date Signature of Pastor to Catholic Party

4. DELEGATION OF PRIEST to officiate at marriage in your parish.

I hereby delegate _____ to officiate in this parish at the marriage of the couple designated in this prenuptial form (Canon 1111).

Parish/City Date Signature of Pastor

PART IV: TESTIMONIAL LETTERS AND NIHIL OBSTAT FROM (ARCH)DIOCESE

1. TESTIMONIAL LETTERS

By these letters I testify that there is no known canonical impediment which would prevent the valid and lawful celebration of this proposed marriage.

(Arch)Diocese Date Chancellor / Vicar General / Delegate of the Ordinary

2. NIHIL OBSTAT

Having examined all the documents submitted to this Chancery, we hereby grant permission for the celebration of this marriage within this Diocese provided that all the requirements of Church and Civil law are fulfilled.

By order of the Most Reverend Bishop

(Arch)Diocese Date Chancellor / Vicar General / Delegate of the Ordinary

PART V: MIXED MARRIAGE DECLARATION AND PROMISE

INSTRUCTION: (1) In order to obtain a dispensation from the impediment of mixed religion or disparity of worship, the declaration and promise must be made by the Catholic party in the presence of a priest either orally or in writing as the Catholic party prefers. (2) At an opportune time before marriage, the non-Catholic party must be informed of the promises and of the responsibility of the Catholic. No formal statement of the non-Catholic is required. (3) The priest requesting the dispensation shall certify that the declaration and promise have been made by the Catholic and that the non-Catholic has been informed of this requirement.

PROMISES FOR A MIXED MARRIAGE BY THE CATHOLIC PARTY, AND INFORMING THE NON-CATHOLIC PARTY

Catholic party may sign "A" OR priest may witness the promise and sign "B" (Choose one).

A. I reaffirm my faith in Jesus Christ and, with God's help, intend to continue living the faith in the Catholic Church. I promise to do all in my power to share the faith I have received with our children by having them baptized and raised as Catholics.

Signature of Catholic Party

B. The Catholic party chose to make the above promise orally. I have witnessed the promise and I am certain that the Catholic party will do all he/she can do to live up to that promise.

Parish/City

Date

Signature of Priest Witnessing the Promise

Non-Catholic party 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.

Parish/City

Date

Signature of Priest Informing the Non-Catholic

PART VI: PETITION FOR DISPENSATIONS/PERMISSIONS

The undersigned petitions that the Most Reverend Bishop grant the Dispensation(s) / Permission(s) as indicated by the check mark(s) below

_____ (A) Permission for Mixed Religion (Canon 1124) and *ad cautelam* dispensation from impediment of Disparity of Cult (Canon 1086)

_____ (B) Permission for Mixed Religion (Canon 1124) *simpliciter* (must present record of non-Catholic baptism)

_____ (C) Dispensation from Impediment of Disparity of Cult only (Canon 1086)

_____ (D) Permission as requested by Canon 1071 where one party is a lapsed Catholic, or similar problems of Canon 1071

_____ (E) Other impediment (specify, e.g. Crime, Abduction, Affinity, etc.) (Canon 1083 ff)

_____ (F) Dispensation from the impediment of consanguinity (to 4th degree) (Canon 1091)

Reasons for Dispensation or Permission _____

Parish/City

Date

Signature of Priest Requesting

PART VII: MARRIAGE IN NON-CATHOLIC PARISH; DISPENSATION FROM FORM

_____ (P) Permission for the priest to officiate in the above named Non-Catholic Parish (Page 1) for the reasons stated below

_____ (M) Dispensation from Canonical Form of Marriage (Canon 1127) so that the above parties may have their marriage ceremony in the above named non-Catholic Parish (Page 1) with The Reverend _____ officiating

Reasons for Dispensation or Permission _____

Parish/City

Date

Signature of Priest Requesting

PART VIII: RESCRIPT

The necessary conditions have been fulfilled, we hereby grant the petition for dispensation as requested and all permissions needed in order that this marriage be contracted validly and licitly. If the permission granted under "P" is included, delegation in so far as it is necessary is hereby granted, provided it is within the Wichita Diocese.

Given at the office of the Chancellor

By order of the Most Reverend Bishop

(Arch)Diocese

Date

Chancellor / Vicar General / Delegate of the Ordinary

Dispensation Number: _____

Seal of the (Arch)Diocese