



The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington

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MARRIAGE PERMISSION/DISPENSATION FORM

BRIDE (full name): _____

GROOM (full name): _____

Maiden Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County _____

_____ Catholic (Rite: __ Latin __ Eastern) *

_____ Baptized Non-Catholic* Specify: _____

*Please provide Baptismal Certificate

_____ Non-Christian religion. Specify: _____

_____ Unbaptized/non-religious affiliation.

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County _____

_____ Catholic (Rite: __ Latin __ Eastern) *

_____ Baptized Non-Catholic* Specify: _____

*Please provide Baptismal Certificate

_____ Non-Christian religion. Specify: _____

_____ Unbaptized/non-religious affiliation.

Place of Wedding (parish church or other) _____ City _____ State _____ Diocese _____

Name of Officiant _____ Relationship to Couple _____

Officiant's Religious Denomination or Civil Status _____ Date of Wedding _____

CERTIFICATION OF CATHOLIC PRIEST/DEACON

The required declaration and promise have been made by the Catholic party in my presence. The 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 party.

Signature of Catholic Priest/Deacon _____ Church _____

Printed Name of Priest/Deacon _____ Date _____

Address/City/State/Zip code _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

DECLARATION/PROMISE TO BE MADE BY CATHOLIC PARTY

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 the faith I have received with our children by having them baptized and reared as Catholics.

Signature of Catholic Party _____ Date _____

Promise given orally to Priest/Deacon: _____ Date: _____

PERMISSION REQUESTS*(please check all lines that are applicable)***Permission for Mixed Religion (for a Catholic to marry a baptized, non-Catholic)**

Permission for a Catholic to marry an unbaptized person in a suitable place other than a church with a Catholic priest/deacon officiating using the Catholic form/rite of marriage (*Dispensation from Disparity of Cult required check below*).

Permission for a marriage listed in Canon 1071. Specify: _____

Permission for (other) _____

DISPENSATION REQUESTS*(please check all lines that are applicable)***Dispensation from Disparity of Cult (for a Catholic to marry an unbaptized person)**

_____ *Ad Cautelam* (baptism doubtful)

Dispensation from consanguinity, affinity or adoption. Specify relationship: _____

Dispensation from Canonical Form (for a Catholic to marry a non-Catholic, with required

permission/dispensation, in a non-Catholic church or other suitable place with a non-Catholic minister officiating.) **NOTE: A Catholic marrying a baptized non-Catholic must be married either in a Catholic church or the church of the baptized non-Catholic. A Catholic marrying an unbaptized person may request permission to be married in a suitable place, such as a hotel or country club.**

Granted with the following understanding:

1. All documentation, investigation, and preparation required for all marriages is completed in advance of the wedding.
2. It is your obligation to see that the wedding is properly recorded in the marriage register of the parish from which the application for this dispensation was made, and to see that all the marriage papers are properly filed.
3. It is your responsibility to notify the place of baptism after the wedding has taken place or to notify the Chancery if the wedding is canceled after obtaining the dispensation.
4. A certificate from the minister attesting to the fact that the wedding has taken place and a copy of the civil marriage license should be obtained by you and filed with the other marriage papers.
5. It is understood that there will be only one ceremony. If you are invited to participate in the non-Catholic wedding service, you may do so to the extent of offering additional prayers, blessings or words of greeting and exhortation. If the wedding is not part of the Lord's Supper or the principal liturgical service of the Word, you may, if invited, read a lesson and/or give a homily.
6. The Catholic party should be informed that, in the event a Catholic ecclesiastical record is needed in the future, it should be sought from the parish where the marriage papers are filed.

CANONICAL REASON(S) FOR REQUESTING PERMISSION/DISPENSATION*(please check all lines that are applicable)*

_____ Spiritual welfare of the parties

_____ Hope of conversion

_____ Validation of an invalid marriage

_____ Family harmony

_____ Danger of marriage outside the Church

_____ Removal of grave scandal

_____ Special relationship to non-Catholic church/minister

_____ Other: _____

For Office of Canonical Services Use:

Permission/Dispensation granted: _____ *Mixed Religion* _____ *Disparity of Cult* _____ *Canonical Form*

Other _____

_____ (*Ad Cautelam*)

Delegate of the Archbishop _____ Date _____