

PRE-NUPTIAL ENQUIRY

CONCERNING THE MARRIAGE

Date of Notice of Marriage

Name

Fiancé(e)

Parish

Parish

Diocese

Diocese

Date of Marriage

Church of Marriage

Witness 1

Witness 2

Address

Address

Officiating Priest/Deacon

Diocese of Marriage

Contact details for Officiating Priest/Deacon (if applicable)

Tel.

E-mail

Priest to whom papers are to be sent (if applicable)

Name

Address

Tel.

CONCERNING THE INDIVIDUAL SECTION A – FREEDOM TO MARRY

To establish canonical freedom to marry, Section A should be completed as soon as can be arranged after notice of the proposed marriage has been given. (Each candidate should be interviewed separately and alone.)

I. Surname Christian Name(s)

Address

Contact details: mobile landline e-mail

Date of Birth Religion

Date and Place of Baptism

Date and Place of Confirmation

2. Father's Name Mother's Maiden Name
Father's Address Mother's Address
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3. Proposed address after marriage

4. (a) Are you related to your fiancé(e) by blood or marriage or adoption?

If 'yes', to what degree?

(b) Is your fiancé(e) baptised?

If 'yes', in what Christian denomination?

(c) Are you bound by religious vows/promises of celibacy?

(d) Have you ever contracted a religious or civil marriage with your present fiancé(e) or another person?

If 'yes', Name of Spouse

Date and Place of Marriage

Cause and Date of Cessation of Bond

Is your fiancé(e) aware of your previous marriage(s)?

(e) Have you any obligations towards children or a previous partner?

If 'yes', is your fiancé(e) aware of these obligations?

5. Have you been resident for six months or more in a parish other than your present one since reaching the age of eighteen years?

If 'yes', which way do you intend to prove your freedom to marry?

a. Letters of freedom

b. Statement of freedom to marry

c. Sworn affidavit

To be declared orally:

I hereby declare that the above questions have been fully explained to me and that the answers I have given are true. I also declare that I am free to marry in the Catholic Church.



Signature of party.....

Signature of Priest/Deacon

Date

CONCERNING THE INDIVIDUAL

SECTION B – UNDERSTANDING OF CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

To establish that the individual has the requisite understanding and acceptance of Christian Marriage, Section B should be completed as the final part of an appropriate course of instruction and catechesis.

(The Priest/Deacon should interview each candidate separately and alone.)

1. What marriage preparation have you undertaken?
2. (a) For how long have you known your fiancé(e)?
- (b) When did your relationship begin?
3. Are you entering marriage free from any kind of pressure from parents, fiancé(e) or anyone else?
4. (a) Do you intend to enter a permanent marriage that can be dissolved only by death?
- (b) Do you accept that marriage involves a lifelong responsibility to love and support each other?
- (c) Do you accept that marriage is an exclusive relationship and involves being faithful for life?
- (d) Do you understand and accept the rights and duties of marriage in relation to having and rearing children?
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- (e) Are you quite sure that you are giving full consent to this marriage without reservation?

(The following questions are to be asked of Catholics only.)

5. The Church believes that marriage has been instituted by God and made a sacrament by Christ. Do you accept this?
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6. Does your wish for a Christian marriage indicate your adherence to the Catholic faith and your desire to practise it regularly?
7. Do you promise to do what you can within the unity of your partnership to have all the children of your marriage baptised and brought up in the Catholic faith?

To be declared orally:

I hereby declare that, having thought carefully about the meaning of Christian Marriage, I have answered all the above questions honestly and sincerely.



Signature of party

Signature of Priest/Deacon

Date

**CONCERNING THE INDIVIDUAL
SECTION C – TO BE COMPLETED BY PRIEST OR DEACON**

1. (a) Are you satisfied that this person understands and accepts the meaning and implications of Christian marriage?
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- (b) Are you satisfied that this person is free from all impediments to marriage?
- (c) Are you satisfied that this person is entering marriage of his/her own free will?
2. *If a mixed marriage:* Is the other party aware of the nature and content of the promises made by the Catholic party?
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3. Further comments or reservations
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- Signature of Priest/Deacon Date

PERMISSION TO MARRY OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Parish Diocese

Marriage of and

I hereby give permission for the above marriage to take place outside this parish.

Signature of Priest/Deacon Date

DELEGATION (Required for Validity)

Parish Diocese

I hereby delegate/sub-delegate

to officiate at the marriage of

to

Signature of Parish Priest/Curate Date



I accept the above delegation/sub-delegation

Signature

Date