



DIOCESE OF RALEIGH
PRE-NUPTIAL INVESTIGATION

Form A

Groom: _____ Bride: _____

Religion: _____ Religion: _____

Date of the Wedding: _____ Time: _____

Location of Wedding: _____

Date of Rehearsal: _____ Time: _____

Celebrant: _____

Best Man/Witness #1: _____

Maid of Honor/Witness #2: _____

Chancery Number: _____ Entered in Marriage Register: Volume ____ Page ____ Item: _____

Permission/Dispensation(s) Granted: _____

REQUIRED PROCEDURES

1. Ordinary cases: Pre-Nuptial Form/Documents are filed in the parish church where the marriage takes place.
2. If a priest/deacon goes to another Catholic Church to witness a marriage:
 - a. **Obtain delegation from the proper pastor. This is necessary for VALIDITY.**
3. **Cases of MIXED RELIGION/DISPARITY OF CULT (even *ad cautelam*)** when the marriage is to be celebrated according to the Catholic Form in a place other than a Catholic church:
 - a. Permission/Dispensation must be obtained from the Chancery. If the marriage is to take place in a place other than a church, Permission must also be obtained from the local ordinary.
 - b. Priest/Deacon is to obtain the delegation of the Catholic pastor in whose territory the place is located. This is required for the VALIDITY.
 - c. Pre-Nuptial Form/Documents are to be filed in the Catholic parish in whose boundaries the marriage took place.
4. **Dispensation from CANONICAL FORM**
(When a wedding between a Catholic and non Catholic will not be witnessed by a Catholic Clergyman)
 - a. If the marriage is to take place in another diocese, the priest/deacon must request dispensation far enough in advance to allow time to contact the local ordinary of the place where the marriage is to take place (Canon 1127 § 2).
 - b. The Pre-Nuptial Form/Documents must be filled in the parish from where the dispensation was requested.
5. After the marriage ceremony, the priest/deacon must send notices to:
 - a. The Chancery that granted the dispensation from Canonical Form.
 - b. The Chancery that granted the permission for Mixed Marriage (if this is another Chancery)
 - c. The parish of baptism of the Roman Catholic Party.

PREVIOUS MARRIAGE: (Decree of ecclesiastical nullity must be included with the Pre-Nuptial Form)

Bride/Groom previously married: Yes No (Circle one)

1. How many times have you been married? _____
2. To whom: _____
3. Religion of Person: _____
4. Date: _____ Place: _____
5. Officiant: _____
Title: _____
6. If former spouse is deceased:
Date of Death: _____ Place: _____
Certificate Number: _____
(copy of death certificate must be filed with the pre-nuptial form)
7. If a former marriage was dissolved or declared null by the Church, give:
Diocese and protocol number: _____
Date of Decree: _____
Any Restrictions: _____
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The Groom & Bride must be interviewed separately by the Priest or Deacon who is required to pose and write the answers to the following questions. This is a confidential Church document and must be kept in a secure file.

GROOM

The Priest or Deacon, having reminded the Groom of the sacred character and binding force of an oath, will ask the Groom the following questions:

In good faith, do you affirm to tell the truth in answering these questions? _____

1. Full Name: _____
Address: _____
How long have you lived at this address: _____ Contact Phone: _____
In what Diocese do you live? _____ Email: _____
To what parish do you belong? _____

2. Date and place of birth? _____
Father's Name: _____ Religion: _____
Mother's **Maiden** Name: _____ Religion: _____

3. Were you ever baptized? _____ Religion: _____ Date of Baptism: _____
Church of Baptism: _____
City, State, Country: _____

(Note: If baptized Catholic, the Groom should present a copy of his updated Baptismal Certificate. If baptized in another Christian church, a copy of the Baptismal Certificate should be secured if possible. If the person is non-baptized and marrying a Catholic, a Dispensation for Disparity of Cult is needed.)

What religion do you presently practice? _____
How would you describe the practice of your religion? _____

Questions 4 and 5 are to be asked of Catholic only

4. First Holy Communion: Yes _____ No _____ Church/Place: _____
5. Confirmation: Yes _____ No _____ Church/Place: _____

- 6. Was anyone among your parents or grandparents a member of, or baptized in, an Eastern Catholic Church?

7. Are you civilly married to your intended spouse? _____ How long? _____
8. Have you ever been married or attempted marriage, in a religious or civil ceremony to another person?
_____ If so, how many times? _____

If any prior union(s) the following questions also need to be asked:

9. Have you ever fathered a child/children from any previous relationship? _____ How many? _____
If so, are you fulfilling your moral and legal obligations to the child/children? _____

Is your intended spouse aware of these obligations? _____

10. Has your intended spouse ever been married or attempted marriage, in a religious or civil ceremony to another person? _____ If so, how many times? _____

(If the Bride has had any former union(s), she is to be asked fuller details during her interview.)

(If the answer "Yes" is given to questions 11 through 13, please obtain details and contact the Chancery.)

11. Are you and your intended spouse related by blood (as first cousins or closer) or by a legal relationship (in laws) or by legal adoption? _____
If so, please describe the relationship: _____
12. Do you or your intended spouse have any physical, psychological, or addiction problem which might seriously affect your marriage. Yes or No. If yes, please explain: _____

13. Are you or your intended spouse bound by any canonical impediment to marriage? (e.g., age, sacred orders, sacred bonds, vows, religious profession, crime, public propriety, impotence). Circle if applicable. Please explain: _____

14. Is any person or circumstance (e.g. parental pressure, pregnancy, etc.) influencing you to enter this marriage or forcing you to do so against your will? _____
15. Is any person or circumstance influencing the bride to enter this marriage or forcing her to marry against her will? _____
16. Are you attaching any conditions, restrictions, or reservations of any kind to your consent to this marriage? _____ If "yes" to either, please explain: _____
17. How long have you known your intended spouse? _____ How long have you been engaged? _____
18. Is there any major fact about you, either in the present or the past, which you have not made known to your proposed spouse and which might affect her willingness to marry you? _____
If so, what is that fact? _____
19. Has any immediate family or friend raised any objections to this marriage? _____ If so, please describe the nature of those objections: _____

(If the answer "No" is given to questions 20-22, please obtain details and contact the Chancery.)

20. Do you intend to enter a permanent marriage that can be dissolved only by death? _____
21. Do you intend to be faithful to your wife always? _____
22. Do you understand that one of the purposes of marriage is the begetting and rearing of children, God willing? _____
a. Do you intend to accept and fulfill this aspect of marriage? _____
b. Does your intended spouse accept and intend to fulfill this aspect of marriage? _____
23. Who will be the best man for the marriage? _____

SEAL

Date: _____
Church: _____
Place: _____
Groom: _____

Priest/Deacon/Pastoral Minister

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BRIDE

The Priest or Deacon, having reminded the bride of the sacred character and binding force of an oath, will ask the bride the following questions:

In good faith, do you affirm to tell the truth in answering these questions? _____

- 1. Full Name: _____
Address: _____
How long have you lived at this address: _____ Contact Phone: _____
In what Diocese do you live? _____ Email: _____
To what parish do you belong? _____

- 2. Date and place of birth? _____
Father's Name: _____ Religion: _____
Mother's **Maiden** Name: _____ Religion: _____

- 3. Were you ever baptized? _____ Religion: _____ Date of Baptism: _____
Church of Baptism: _____
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(Note: If baptized Catholic, the bride should present a copy of her updated Baptismal Certificate. If baptized in another Christian church, a copy of the Baptismal Certificate should be secured if possible. If the person is non-baptized and marrying a Catholic, a Dispensation for Disparity of Cult is needed.)

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 - 8. Have you ever been married or attempted marriage, in a religious or civil ceremony to another person?
_____ If so, how many times? _____

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- 9. Have you ever mothered a child/children from any previous relationship? _____ How many? _____
If so, are you fulfilling your moral and legal obligations to the child/children? _____

Is your intended spouse aware of these obligations? _____

- 10. Has your intended spouse ever been married or attempted marriage, in a religious or civil ceremony to another person? _____ If so, how many times? _____
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14. Is any person or circumstance (e.g. parental pressure, pregnancy, etc.) influencing you to enter this marriage or forcing you to do so against your will? _____
15. Is any person or circumstance influencing the groom to enter this marriage or forcing him to marry against his will? _____
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23. Who will be the maid of honor for the marriage? _____

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Place: _____
Bride: _____

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