



(ARCH) DIOCESE of _____

WITNESS AFFIDAVIT of FREEDOM TO MARRY

(cc. 1067; 1069)

Purpose: To seek your understanding of the bride/groom's intention and readiness to enter into a sacred marriage (including convalidation).

If required, witnesses are necessary for the bride and for the groom.

Witnesses *ideally* should be family members or friends who have known the bride/groom for at least ten years.

The Signature of Witness must be certified by Catholic clergy/staff, or a Notary Public (lower right corner of this form).

Name of ☐ Bride or ☐ Groom: _____

1) Do you agree to answer the following questions truthfully insofar as you are aware?

☐ Yes ☐ NoHow are you related to this person? _____ Year you met this person: _____
(father, mother, brother, sister, friend, etc.)

2) Does this person intend in this marriage:

a) To give sacrificially of self for the total well being of each other and the marital partnership? (c. 1055, §1)

☐ Yes ☐ No*

b) To accept children lovingly from God and see to their upbringing? (c. 1055, §1)

☐ Yes ☐ No*

c) To make an unconditional, permanent commitment, lasting until the death of his/her spouse? (cc. 1056; 1102, §1)

☐ Yes ☐ No*

d) To be faithful to his/her spouse? (c. 1056)

☐ Yes ☐ No*

3) Was this person ever baptized? (c. 1086)

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Uncertain If yes, which denomination? _____

4) Has this person ever been married at any time in his/her life by a priest, deacon, minister, rabbi, civil official, common law, etc.? (c. 1085)

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, how many times? _____

List the full name(s) of previous spouse(s): _____

How did the marriage(s) end? ☐ Divorce ☐ Death of spouse ☐ Catholic annulment ☐ Other: _____

If married previously, is this person meeting his/her moral/civil responsibilities to the former spouse(s) and any child/children? (c. 1071, §1, 3°)

☐ Yes ☐ No*

5) Is this person related to his/her intended spouse by blood, marriage or legal adoption? (cc. 1091-1092; 1094)

☐ Yes* ☐ No

6) Has this person been ordained a Catholic priest/deacon or been in a Catholic religious community? (cc. 1087-1088)

☐ Yes* ☐ No

7) Is any person or circumstance forcing or putting pressure upon the bride/groom to marry? (cc. 1057; 1103)

☐ Yes* ☐ No

8) Does this person have or has ever had any physical, mental or emotional, alcohol and/or drug related difficulties? (cc. 1057; 1084; 1095)

☐ Yes* ☐ No

9) Do the parents (guardians) of the bride/groom have any reservations about this marriage?

☐ Yes* ☐ No

Explain any previous response that included an asterisk ().

If you know any reason(s) why this marriage should not occur or information you believe should be made known about this proposed union, explain:

Signature of Witness_____
Type/print name_____
Signature of ☐ Priest or ☐ Deacon or ☐ Lay Pastoral Assistant or ☐ Notary Public_____
Type/print name_____
Parish (or Notary Public)

PARISH SEAL

(or Notary Public Seal)

City/State_____
Date signed