



Contracting parties _____

DIOCESE OF DAVENPORT

WITNESS AFFIDAVIT

Testimony of a knowledgeable Witness for _____

to be married at _____
(Church, City, and State of Marriage)

Priest or Delegate: Please indicate the purpose(s) for which this questionnaire is to be used:

_____ Part I: To establish freedom to marry when a party is not known to the pastor or his delegate arranging the marriage.

_____ Part II: To obtain parental evaluation of the proposed marriage by a party under the age of 21.

_____ Part III: To prove the baptismal status of a party when other proof is not available.

Two Witnesses are to be interviewed by the pastor or his delegate. Parents or guardians are to complete Part II, and parents are preferred witnesses for Parts I and III. If one form is used for both witnesses, any variations in testimony are to be duly noted.

OATH: Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in answer to questions about to be proposed to you? _____

1. Your full name(s) _____
2. Your address _____
3. How are you related to the person named above? _____
4. How long have you known this person? _____ How well? _____

PART I (Regarding Freedom to Marry)

5. Has the person named above ever been married, whether civilly, in a church or by common law? _____

If "yes," how many times? _____ With whom? _____

When? _____ Where? _____

How did the marriage(s) end? _____

6. Are you aware of any Catholic Church laws which render this person ineligible for marriage at this time? _____

If "yes," please explain _____

7. Is this person mentally, emotionally, and physically able to live a normal married life? _____

If you have any reservations, what are they? _____

8. As far as you know, does this person intend to enter a marriage that is for life, to give his/her spouse the right to have children, and to accept the obligation of fidelity? _____ If "no" to any part, please explain _____

9. Are there special circumstances affecting either party's free choice in the matter of marriage (home life, pregnancy, financial or legal problems)? _____ If "yes", please explain _____

PART II: (Regarding a Person not yet 21)

10. When were you informed of this person's intention to marry? _____
11. How long has this couple been keeping company with a view to marriage? _____
12. In your judgment, how well do the parties know each other? Please explain. _____

13. In your judgment, how has this couple shown maturity and seriousness in preparing for their future life together? Please explain _____

14. Do you know any reason why these two should not enter marriage? _____ Please explain. _____

15. Do you fully approve of this marriage? _____ Please explain. _____

16. What problems do you foresee in their first year of marriage? _____

17. Please answer also questions 8 and 9 of Part I.

PART III: (Regarding Baptism)

18. What religion does the person named now profess? _____
19. Was this person ever baptized? _____ In what religion? _____
When? _____ By whom? _____
In what church and city? _____
Who were the sponsors? _____
How do you know of this baptism? _____
20. If this person was not baptized, how do you know this fact? _____

Signature of Witness(es)

Subscribed and sworn to in my presence this _____ day of _____ 20____

Parish Seal

Signature of Pastor or delegate

Comments of Interviewer:

This affidavit should be returned to the pastor or delegate completing the marriage preparations.
If necessary, please forward to:

