

PRENUPTIAL INVESTIGATION

Diocese of Davenport
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Davenport, IA 52804-1901
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For Chancery Use Only

Each party must be interviewed separately and under oath.
The priest/deacon/delegate will propose all the questions
and record the given answers in **legible** form.

THE PROPOSED WEDDING

Groom _____ Bride _____
Place of the Wedding _____ Date of the wedding _____
Church _____
Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Diocese of Wedding _____ County of Record _____
Witnesses _____ and _____
Priest/deacon/delegate arranging the wedding preparation _____
Priest/deacon/minister witnessing the marriage _____
Celebrating Marriage Within Mass? ☐ Yes ☐ No (May need to use Permission II form)

QUESTIONS FOR THE GROOM

Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth in answering the questions about to be proposed to you? ☐ Yes
Full Name _____ Email _____
Current Address _____
Street _____ Apt. No. _____
City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____
Level of Education _____ Place of work _____
Phone _____ Occupation _____
Cell _____ Other _____
Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____
City _____ State _____
Date of baptism _____ Current Religion _____
Place of baptism _____
Church _____ City _____ State _____

If Catholic, obtain certified baptismal certificate with notations issued within the last 6 months

Father's Name _____ Religion _____
Mother's Maiden Name _____ Religion _____
How long have you known your fiancée? _____ How long engaged? _____
1. Are you related to your fiancée by blood, marriage, or legal adoption? Yes* ☐ No ☐
2. Are you bound by any of the following canonical impediments: Age, impotence, Yes* ☐ No ☐
sacred orders, vow of chastity, crime, or public/notorious concubinage? [See canons 1083-1094]?
3. Have you ever been married, whether civilly, in church, or by common law? Yes* ☐ No ☐
[If "yes," proceed immediately to Form 1085, even for a validation.]
4. Do you regularly participate in the practice of your religion? Yes ☐ No* ☐

Additional questions for a Catholic groom:

First Holy Communion? ☐ No ☐ Yes When and where _____
Confirmation ☐ No ☐ Yes When and where _____
A Catholic is to be confirmed prior to marriage if at all possible
Parish to which you belong? _____ Length of membership _____
Diocese in which you reside? _____

GROOM

BRIDE

PARISH NO.

The remaining questions require an understanding of matrimony, and it is appropriate to pose them after marriage preparation and instructions have begun. If these are completed at a time later than the above, remind the groom that he is still under oath as your interview him separately.

5. Do you agree to commit yourself willingly, and without any reservation, condition, or restriction, to the essential obligations of matrimony, namely:
 - a) to enter a permanent marriage that lasts until death? Yes ☐ No* ☐
 - b) to accept the right of your spouse to engage in procreative intercourse with you? Yes ☐ No* ☐
 - c) to accept the obligation to be faithful to your spouse? Yes ☐ No* ☐
6. Have you seriously reflected on the obligations of a marital commitment and judged yourself capable of them? Yes ☐ No* ☐
7. To the best of your knowledge, is your fiancée making this same commitment to the essential obligations listed above? Yes ☐ No* ☐
8. Is your consent to this marriage fully free and without force or pressure of any kind? Yes ☐ No* ☐
9. Is there any indication of physical illness, dependence on drugs or alcohol, or other condition which would affect your marriage? Yes* ☐ No ☐
10. Have you had any emotional or mental disorder requiring psychiatric or other professional treatment? Yes* ☐ No ☐
11. Is there any other major fact about you, either in the present or in the past, which you have not made known to your fiancée and which might affect her willingness to marry you? Yes* ☐ No ☐
12. Do your parents or hers have any objections to this marriage? Yes* ☐ No ☐

N.B. The parents of a party not yet 21 years of age must be interviewed, and their assessment of the parties, along with the priest/deacon/delegate's recommendation for the marriage, must be submitted to the Chancery.

Signature of the Groom

Date

FURTHER EXPLANATION of each answer marked with an asterisk (*). Indicate the number of the question to which your explanation is directed. Use additional paper as necessary:

I, the undersigned, declare that the groom whose signature appears above testified before me personally on the date indicated above.

Priest/Deacon/Delegate

Church Address

NIHIL OBSTAT: These papers are to be submitted to the appropriate Chancery for the granting of the nihil obstat, which is required because the proposed marriage involves:

- ☐ non-resident(s) of Davenport Diocese ☐ a civil law obstacle or prohibition
☐ prior marriage [obligations to a former spouse or to children]
☐ a party who has publicly rejected the Catholic faith
☐ a party who is not yet 21 years of age ☐ a proxy ☐ a party who is bound by a censure

LITTERAE TESTIMONIALES: are required when this investigation is made for a wedding which is to take place in another diocese. Send this form to the Chancery and it will be forwarded to the other diocese. Be sure to include baptismal certificate, witness affidavits, and other documents required for this wedding.

QUESTIONS FOR THE BRIDE

Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth in answering the questions about to be proposed to you? ☐ Yes

Full Name _____	Email _____
Current address _____	
Street _____	Apt. No. _____
City _____	County _____ State _____ Zip _____
Level of Education _____	Place of work _____
Phone _____	Occupation _____
Cell _____ Other _____	
Date of Birth _____	Place of Birth _____
	City _____ State _____
Date of baptism _____	Current Religion _____
Place of baptism _____	
Church _____	City _____ State _____

If Catholic, obtain certified baptismal certificate with notations issued within the last 6 months

Father's Name _____	Religion _____
Mother's Maiden Name _____	Religion _____
How long have you known your fiancé? _____	How long engaged? _____
1. Are you related to your fiancé by blood, marriage, or legal adoption?	Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Are you bound by any of the following canonical impediments: Age, impotence, public perpetual vow of chastity, crime, or public/notorious concubinage? [See canons 1083-1094]?	Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Have you ever been married, whether civilly, in church, or by common law?	Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
[If "yes," proceed immediately to Form 1085, even for a validation.]	
4. Do you regularly participate in the practice of your religion?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No* <input type="checkbox"/>

Additional questions for a Catholic bride:

First Holy Communion? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	When and where _____
Confirmation <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	When and where _____
<small>A Catholic is to be confirmed prior to marriage if at all possible</small>	
Parish to which you belong? _____	Length of membership _____
Diocese in which you reside? _____	

The remaining questions require an understanding of matrimony, and it is appropriate to pose them after marriage preparation and instructions have begun. If these are completed at a time later than the above, remind the bride that she is still under oath as your interview her separately.

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| 5. Do you agree to commit yourself willingly, and without any reservation, condition, or restriction, to the essential obligations of matrimony, namely: | |
| a) to enter a permanent marriage that lasts until death? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No* <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) to accept the right of your spouse to engage in procreative intercourse with you? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No* <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) to accept the obligation to be faithful to your spouse? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No* <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Have you seriously reflected on the obligations of a marital commitment and judged yourself capable of them? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No* <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. To the best of your knowledge, is your fiancé making this same commitment to the essential obligations listed above? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No* <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Is your consent to this marriage fully free and without force or pressure of any kind? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No* <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Is there any indication of physical illness, dependence on drugs or alcohol, or other condition which would affect your marriage? | Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Have you had any emotional or mental disorder requiring psychiatric or other professional treatment? | Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. Is there any other major fact about you, either in the present or in the past, which you have not made known to your fiancé and which might affect his willingness to marry you? | Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. Do your parents or his have any objections to this marriage? | Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

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Signature of the Bride

Date

FURTHER EXPLANATION of each answer marked with an asterisk (*). Indicate the number of the question to which your explanation is directed. Use additional paper as necessary:

I, the undersigned, declare that the bride whose signature appears above testified before me personally on the date indicated above.

Priest/Deacon/Delegate

Church Address

DECLARATIONS BY THE PRIEST/DEACON/DELEGATE ARRANGING THE WEDDING

Please check or otherwise indicate.

I. FREEDOM TO MARRY: I, the undersigned, am morally certain of the freedom to marry of the bride and groom whose signatures appear on this form. I have come to this certainty by:

☐ Affidavits of Parents or close relatives Other _____ ☐ Official Documents

Signature of Priest/Deacon/Delegate

II. REQUIRED MARRIAGE PREPARATION: I, the undersigned, verify that the required period of preparation for this marriage has been observed and that the following components will have been completed prior to the wedding:

- 1) ☐ Initial interview and follow-up meetings with parish pastoral minister.
- 2) Premarital Inventory: ☐ FOCCUS ☐ Prepare/Enrich ☐ REFOCCUS
- 3) Marriage Preparation Instructional Program:
☐ Sponsor Couple ☐ Diocesan Approved Marriage Preparation Program ☐ Online Diocesan Approved Preparation Program
- 4) ☐ Introductory Natural Family Planning Instruction
- 5) Post-wedding Couple Contact Plan: _____

Signature of Priest/Deacon/Delegate

If your parishioner is getting married in another parish:

III. PERMISSION: I, the undersigned Pastor of the bride/groom names herein, give my permission for her/his wedding to be celebrated lawfully in a parish other than my own.

Signature of the Pastor

If a visiting cleric is to officiate in your parish:

IV. DELEGATION: I, the undersigned Pastor/Parochial Vicar, hereby delegate the Rev. Father/Deacon _____ to witness the marriage of the bride and groom named herein in the parish of which I am the pastor/parochial vicar.

Signature of the Pastor/Parochial Vicar