



MARRIAGE PREPARATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Groom _____

Witnesses:

Bride _____

1. _____

Date of Marriage _____

2. _____

Rehearsal _____

Parish _____

City/State/Zip _____

This form is to be filled out by the priest/deacon with the parties separately in order to establish their freedom to marry. The priest/deacon will ask the questions and write the answers. It is an opportunity for engaging in pastoral dialogue and explaining the teachings of the Catholic Church in marriage. The parties are to be reminded of the sacred character and binding force of an oath and then asked to take the following oath:

GROOM

Do you promise, before God, to tell the truth in answer to the questions that shall be asked of you? _____

1. What is your full name? _____

2. When and where were you born? _____

(Groom must be at least 17 years of age)

3. What is your address? _____

How long have you lived there? _____ Telephone: _____

Your parish? _____

4. What is your father's name? _____ His Religion? _____

5. What is your mother's (maiden) name? _____ Her Religion? _____

6. Were you baptized? _____ When? _____ Where? _____

Check if proof was obtained by recent certificate (), or verified from baptismal register () page number _____

7. What is your religion? _____

(If Catholic, have you ever joined a non-Catholic religion or in any formal way have you left the Catholic Church? _____)

8. What other sacraments have you received? _____

9. Have you ever been married before? _____ How many time? _____

If so, give information on marriage(s) below:

a) _____
To whom? _____ When? _____ Where? _____ Priest, Minister or Civil Magistrate? _____

Has this marriage been dissolved or annulled? _____

How? _____ When? _____ Where? _____

b) _____

To whom? _____ When? _____ Where? _____ Priest, Minister or Civil Magistrate? _____

Has this marriage been dissolved or annulled? _____

How? _____ When? _____ Where? _____

c) Are you fulfilling in justice any natural obligations arising from a prior union? _____

10. Was your intended wife ever married before? _____

If so, during the lifetime of her husband did you cause or cooperate in any way in causing his death? _____

11. Are you a relative or "in-law" of your intended wife? _____

12. Are you aware of any physical defect that will prevent you from having marriage relations? _____

13. Have you or she ever suffered from any mental illness? _____

14. Are you entering this marriage unconditionally and freely? _____

15. To the best of your knowledge is your intended wife freely choosing to marry? _____

16. Check whether there are present the impediments of: Public Perpetual Vow of Chastity in a Religious Institute (), Sacred Orders (), Public Propriety (), Adoption ().

17. a) Do you understand and accept that a valid sacramental marriage is permanent and is dissolved only by the death of one of the parties? _____

b) Do you understand and accept that the marriage relationship is absolutely exclusive and that adultery is forbidden? _____

c) Do you understand and accept that one of the main purposes of marriage is to have children and raise a family? _____

d) Do you understand and accept the teaching of the Church concerning marriage and family planning? _____

e) In summary, do you intend to enter a true marriage and accept all its obligations? _____

18. If the bride has not yet completed her eighteenth year, ask: Do your parents consent to the marriage? _____

19. Have you obtained the license and fulfilled the other civil requirements? _____

Groom

Priest/Deacon

To the best of my knowledge I certify that the questions above were answered completely and honestly.

Date

BRIDE

Do you promise, before God, to tell the truth in answer to the questions that shall be asked of you? _____

1. What is your full name? _____

2. When and where were you born? _____
(Bride must be at least 15 years of age)

3. What is your address? _____

How long have you lived there? _____ Telephone: _____

Your parish? _____

4. What is your father's name? _____ His Religion? _____

5. What is your mother's (maiden) name? _____ Her Religion? _____

6. Were you baptized? _____ When? _____ Where? _____

Check if proof was obtained by recent certificate (), or verified from baptismal register () page number _____

7. What is your religion? _____
(If Catholic, have you ever joined a non-Catholic religion or in any formal way have you left the Catholic Church? _____)

8. What other sacraments have you received? _____

9. Have you ever been married before? _____ How many time? _____
If so, give information on marriage(s) below:

a) _____
To whom? _____ When? _____ Where? _____ Priest, Minister or Civil Magistrate? _____

Has this marriage been dissolved or annulled? _____

How? _____ When? _____ Where? _____

b) _____
To whom? _____ When? _____ Where? _____ Priest, Minister or Civil Magistrate? _____

Has this marriage been dissolved or annulled? _____

How? _____ When? _____ Where? _____

c) Are you fulfilling in justice any natural obligations arising from a prior union? _____

10. Was your intended husband ever married before? _____
If so, during the lifetime of his wife did you cause or cooperate in any way in causing his death? _____

11. Are you a relative or "in-law" of your intended husband? _____

12. Are you aware of any physical defect that will prevent you from having marriage relations? _____

13. Have you or he ever suffered from any mental illness? _____

14. Are you entering this marriage unconditionally and freely? _____
15. To the best of your knowledge is your intended husband freely choosing to marry? _____
16. Check whether there are present the impediments of: Public Perpetual Vow of Chastity in a Religious Institute (), Sacred Orders (), Public Propriety (), Adoption ().
17. a) Do you understand and accept that a valid sacramental marriage is permanent and is dissolved only by the death of one of the parties? _____
- b) Do you understand and accept that the marriage relationship is absolutely exclusive and that adultery is forbidden? _____
- c) Do you understand and accept that one of the main purposes of marriage is to have children and raise a family? _____
- d) Do you understand and accept the teaching of the Church concerning marriage and family planning? _____
- e) In summary, do you intend to enter a true marriage and accept all its obligations? _____
18. If the groom has not yet completed his eighteenth year, ask: Do your parents consent to the marriage? _____
19. Have you obtained the license and fulfilled the other civil requirements? _____

Bride

Priest/Deacon

To the best of my knowledge I certify that the questions above were answered completely and honestly.

Date

ADDITIONAL DATA FOR THE MARRIAGE REGISTER

Date of the Marriage _____

Place _____

Married by _____

Notice sent to parish of baptisms _____

Dispensations granted _____

Delegation or permission _____

Receipt from pastor of baptisms _____