



(ARCH) DIOCESE OF _____
PETITION for a CANONICAL DISPENSATION or PERMISSION
for a MIXED MARRIAGE

NOTE: Type or print clearly.

The undersigned requests for the following persons:

_____, a Catholic with domicile or quasi-domicile

in our (Arch) Diocese, of _____
(Parish)

and _____, a non Catholic who

- ☐ has never been baptized.
☐ was baptized in the _____ church (denomination).

Dispensation:

- ☐ Impediment of Disparity of Worship/Cult (to marry a non-baptized person, c. 1086, §2).
☐ Impediment of _____
(Age; Abduction; Public Propriety; Adoption. With Consanguinity or Affinity, draw a diagram on a separate sheet indicating the relationship.)

Permission:

- ☐ To marry a baptized non-Catholic (Canon 1124), with a dispensation from Disparity of Worship/Cult, if needed (Canon 1086, §2).
☐ To marry a Catholic who has notoriously rejected the Faith (Canon 1071, §1, 4°) or to marry a lapsed Catholic.
☐ +For a marriage ceremony in a non-Catholic church or oratory. (Canon 1118, §2)
☐ For a minister of _____ to participate in the Catholic marriage ceremony (see #3).
(Indicate religious affiliation.)

Permission (with a required letter to the (Arch) Bishop stating reasons for request):

- ☐ For a marriage of a minor child whose parents are unaware of it or are reasonably opposed to it. (Canon 1071, §1, 6°)
☐ For a marriage to be entered by means of proxy as noted in canon 1105 (c.1071,§1,7°)
☐ +For a marriage ceremony in a suitable place outside a sacred space. (c. 1118, §2,§3)

+With a Catholic priest/deacon who receives the consent of both parties.

I urge that this permission/dispensation be granted for the following reason(s):

- ☐ Spiritual welfare of the couple and the faithful.
☐ Well founded hope for the non-Catholic to become a Catholic.
☐ Danger of an attempted invalid marriage outside the Catholic Church.
☐ Other: _____

Signature of ☐ Priest or ☐ Deacon or ☐ Other

Parish

Type/print name

City/State

Date signed

PARISH SEAL

MIXED MARRIAGE DECLARATION and PROMISE

1) A permission to marry a baptized non-Catholic (Canon 1124); a Catholic who has notoriously rejected the Faith (Canon 1071, §2) or a lapsed Catholic; and a dispensation from the Impediment of Disparity of Worship/Cult to marry a non-baptized person (Canon 1086) requires that this form be completed in compliance with Canons 1125-1126 as follows:

The Catholic must be informed fully of his/her grave obligation to safeguard, preserve and profess the Catholic faith and to have all children baptized and educated in the faith (Canon 1125, 1°). So that mutual understanding may be achieved and possible disharmony avoided, the non-Catholic must be informed in clear terms of the declaration, promise, responsibility and obligation of the Catholic (Canon 1125, 2°). Both the Catholic and non-Catholic must be instructed about the purposes and essential properties of marriage (Canons 1055-1056) which neither of the two persons is to exclude (Canon 1125, 3°).

2) It is forbidden to have another religious marriage ceremony before or after any Catholic marriage ceremony. (Canon 1127, §3)

3) A non-Catholic minister may participate in the Catholic marriage ceremony, read from the Scriptures, give a brief exhortation and bless the couple, but with the understanding that only the Catholic priest/deacon presides, reads the Gospel and preaches the homily, and receives the consent of both parties. (Canon 1127, §3)

DECLARATION and PROMISE of the CATHOLIC

→I reaffirm my faith in Jesus Christ and with God's help I intend to continue living that faith in the Catholic Church. (Canon 1125, 1°)

→I promise to do all in my power to share the faith I have received with our children by having them baptized and reared as Catholics. (Canon 1125, 1°)

☐ Orally Professed
(Check if applicable.)

Signature of the Catholic

DECLARATION of the PRIEST or DEACON (or his Designate)

→I hereby attest that both persons have been duly instructed according to the norms of canon law, that the declaration and promise above have been made sincerely by the Catholic in my presence, that the non-Catholic has been informed of the promise and obligation of the Catholic, and that there appears to be no grave danger to the faith of the Catholic.

Signature of Priest or Deacon or ☐ Other

Date signed

Note:

→Forward this completed petition to the Tribunal/Chancery.
→If this dispensation/permission(s) is not used within 3 months of the scheduled, Catholic marriage ceremony date, return it to the Tribunal/Chancery for cancellation.

The request for the dispensation/permission(s) in this petition is granted.

Signature of Local Ordinary
Or Delegate of the (Arch) Bishop

Date signed

Seal of the (Arch) Diocese