

DIOCESE OF SAINT JOHN

FORM III

Declaration Concerning the Preparation of the Parties to a Mixed Marriage

This form must be filled out by the priest who conducts the pre-nuptial inquiry.
One copy is sufficient.

It is to be sent to the Chancery Office with the Petition for the "*Nihil obstat*,"
and will be returned to the parish to be included in the file.

CATHOLIC PARTY	PROMISE OF THE CATHOLIC PARTY
Name: _____	The Catholic party has been carefully instructed concerning his/her responsibility to live according to his/her faith, to give witness to his/her faith, to avoid anything that could weaken his/her faith, and to do his/her best to have the children born of this marriage baptized and educated in the Catholic faith.
Address: _____	
NON -CATHOLIC PARTY	The Catholic party has explicitly promised to be faithful to these responsibilities.
Name: _____	PREPARATION OF NON-CATHOLIC PARTY
Address: _____	The non-Catholic party has been instructed on the doctrine of the Catholic Church with regard to the marriage/ he/she wishes to enter into to be one and indissoluble. The non-Catholic party is aware of the responsibilities of the Catholic party with regard to the Catholic baptism, education, and religious practice of the children. (Briefly describe the non-Catholic party's attitude.
Religion: _____	
(State whether baptized) Yes [<input type="checkbox"/>] No [<input type="checkbox"/>]	
Date: _____	Preparation for Marriage
Place: _____	Both parties have been adequately prepared, or are committed to completing preparation for their forthcoming marriage.
Signature of Priest: _____	Opinion of the Priest
	I am morally certain that the Catholic party will be faithful to these obligations.

When a Catholic marries a non-Catholic, either non-baptized or baptized non-Catholic, the Catholic must make the following declaration and promise so that a *dispensation* from disparity of worship/cult or *permission* for a Catholic to marry a baptized non-Catholic will be granted by the local Ordinary or his delegate:

- I reaffirm my faith in Jesus Christ and with God's help I intend to continue living that faith in the Catholic Church.
- 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.

The above declaration and promise is to be completed and signed on the Diocesan Petition – Form III.

Post Marriage Checklist

- ☐ Marriage has been entered in the sacramental register of the parish.
- ☐ Notifications of marriage have been sent to both parishes of baptism of the parties.
- ☐ Civil registration of marriage has been sent to the Province.

***(Priest or deacon is to complete the following forms.
Groom and bride are to be interviewed separately.)***