

DIOCESE OF CROOKSTON

Prenuptial Questionnaire

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This form must be completed for each marriage by a representative of the Church and filed in the parish archives where the marriage takes place (consult special regulations for dispensation from canonical form).
2. The Nihil Obstat will be required from the Chancery only when:
 - a) a dispensation from any impediment (CAN. 1083-1094) is required or when permission (CAN. 1071) is required.
 - b) either party is under eighteen years of age.
 - c) a declaration of nullity has been granted.
 - d) the marriage is to be validated.
 - e) no established domicile or quasi-domicile (CAN. 102).

Some Pertinent Minnesota Law Regarding Marriage

Age of the Parties

A man and a woman must be eighteen years of age to marry without consent of parents. If they are at least 16, the consent of both parents or guardian must be given on behalf of the minor, in writing, and sworn to before a notary public. In addition, consent of the marriage must be obtained from Juvenile Court. A minor under 16 years of age may not marry in Minnesota.

Witnesses

Witnesses to marriage must be at least 16 years of age in Minnesota.

Civil License

A license is required for every marriage.

Divorce

Under some circumstances, a divorced person may not marry within 3 months after the divorce decree is filed inasmuch as the right of appeal extends 90 days from the date of filing of the decree by the Clerk of Court.

Relationship

Parties to the marriage may not be more closely related than second cousins.

NIHIL OBSTAT

Date _____
month day year

Chancery delegate

GROOM

BRIDE

(Name) _____ (Age) _____

(Name) _____ (Age) _____

(Present address - street, city, state) _____

(Present address - street, city, state) _____

(Home number) _____ (Work number) _____

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(Religion and parish) _____

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PARISH AND CITY OF MARRIAGE _____ DATE OF MARRIAGE _____

PERSON ARRANGING MARRIAGE: _____ ADDRESS _____

PRESIDER _____ ADDRESS _____

GENERAL INFORMATION:

GROOM

BRIDE

1) Date of Birth _____

2) Place of Birth _____

3) How long have you lived at above address? _____

4) How long have the parties known each other? _____

5) Father's name _____

6) Mother's name (maiden) _____

7) Into what religion were you baptized? _____

8) Have you changed religion since baptism? _____

9) Has your name changed since birth? _____

(If YES, please provide information.)

10) If CATHOLIC: a) Are you confirmed? _____

b) Are you a practicing Catholic? _____

c) Have you ever received
Holy Orders or Religious
Profession?
(CAN. 1078)

(If YES, provide proof that you are no longer bound thereby.)

11) Witnesses for Marriage: Name: _____ Age _____

Name: _____ Age _____

12) DELEGATION: I grant the Rev, Father/Deacon _____ to witness the marriage of the
bride and groom named herein, in the parish of which I am assigned.

Signature of Priest /Deacon _____

TESTIMONY

GROOM

BRIDE

- 1) Do you swear to tell the truth in answering these questions?
- 2) Have you ever been married before, attempted marriage civilly, or lived in a common law union? (If YES, confer page 4)
- 3) Are you related to your intended spouse by blood or marriage? (even attempted marriage, CAN. 1091 - 1094)
- 4) Do you and your intended spouse plan to have children?
- 5) Do you intend to enter a life-long union, to be dissolved only by death?
- 6) Are you marrying freely, without hesitancy and without conditions or reservations?
- 7) Do your parents have any objections to this marriage?
- 8) Is there any cause for concern on either physical or psychological grounds about sexual adjustment in your marriage?

I UNDERSTAND THE NATURE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MARRIAGE. ACCORDINGLY, I AM ENTERING MARRIAGE FREELY AND I INTEND TO BE FAITHFUL UNTIL DEATH. I AFFIRM THE TRUTH OF ALL OF THE ABOVE.

Signature of Groom: _____ Signature of Bride: _____

Signature of Witness: _____ Parish _____

Date _____

BAPTISMAL DATA

(NOTE: Provide baptismal certificate with notations UNLESS party was baptized in your parish. The certificate for the Catholic Party MUST be issued within the last six (6) months.)

GROOM

BRIDE

Date:

Date:

Church:

Church:

City, State:

City, State:

TO BE COMPLETED BY PERSON ARRANGING MARRIAGE

An approved pre-marriage course has been attended. _____

The PMI/Prepare/Foccus has been taken and reviewed. _____ Sponsor couple _____

I personally vouch for the freedom to marry of the _____ groom _____ bride.

I enclose a freedom affidavit for the _____ groom _____ bride.

NOTE: If one of the parties is non-Catholic, enclose application for dispensation/permission.

Questions for Particular Cases

A. For A Former Valid or Invalid Marriage That No Longer Exists

Where there has been a previous marriage by Bride _____ Groom _____ Both _____

Previous marriages of Bride

Previous marriages of Groom

1. Name of First Spouse
Religion of First Spouse
When did marriage take place?
Was marriage invalid? If so, why?
Name of Officiant
Priest _____ Minister _____ Civil official _____
Is spouse still living?
(if deceased, attach certificate)
Was marriage dissolved by
Divorce? (Attach decree)
By church decree? (attach document)

2. Name of Second Spouse _____
 Religion of Second spouse _____
 When did marriage take place? _____
 Was marriage invalid? If so, why? _____
 Name of Officiant _____
 Priest _____ Minister _____ Civil official _____
 Is spouse still living? _____
 (if deceased, attach certificate) _____
 Was marriage dissolved by _____
 Divorce? (Attach decree) _____
 By church decree? (attach document) _____

N.B. Before your lawful spouse died, was there a promise of marriage (or an attempt at marriage) with the one you now want to marry in the church? (c.1090)

N.B. What obligations do you have toward any previous spouse or children of a prior union?
(cf. Divorce decree, c.1154)

B. To Validate a Marriage Which Currently Exists (attach certificate)

- a) When did you begin your present union? _____
Where were you married? _____
Before whom? _____
- b) Why were you not married by a Catholic priest or deacon? _____

C. For under Eighteen Years of Age

- a) Have your parents consented to your marriage? _____
b) Do they have any objections? _____
If so, what is it? _____
c) When did you first consult with the priest about your marriage? _____

D. For Catholic Not Receiving the Sacraments

- a) Do you intend to receive the Sacraments before this marriage? _____
- b) Have you ever publicly renounced the Catholic faith? _____
- c) Formally joined another religion or denomination? _____
- Joined an atheistic party or occult group? _____
- Joined a cult? _____

E. Unbaptized person

- a) How do you know that you are not baptized? _____
- b) Were you ever instructed in any religion? _____
Do you now profess any religion? _____
- c) Have you ever thought of becoming a Catholic? _____