

PRENUPTIAL QUESTIONNAIRE, including convalidations (c. 1067)
(Arch) Diocese of \_\_\_\_\_



Groom: \_\_\_\_\_ Bride: \_\_\_\_\_
Full Legal Name Full Legal Name

Place of Marriage Ceremony: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Ceremony: \_\_\_\_\_
c. 1118 Church City/State (Include a copy of executed civil marriage license in the file.)

Witnesses: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Person(s) providing marriage preparation: \_\_\_\_\_

Priest/Deacon officiating at marriage ceremony: \_\_\_\_\_

Permission granted (if needed) by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Permission: \_\_\_\_\_
cc. 1115; 1118, §1—If officiating at a marriage of a Catholic who is not a parishioner, secure permission from the Catholic’s proper pastor.

Delegation granted (if needed) by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Delegation: \_\_\_\_\_
c. 1111—If officiating at a marriage outside your assigned parish, secure delegation from that pastor or local ordinary (also cf. c. 137).

(Priest, deacon or designated lay pastoral assistant is to complete this form. Groom and bride are to be interviewed separately.)

GROOM

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_
Address (with Apartment/Unit #) County City/State/Zip Code

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_
Home/Work/Cellular: (Area Code) Number

Father’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Rite: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Rite: \_\_\_\_\_
(Include mother’s maiden name.)

Groom’s Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Rite (if other than Latin) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_
Church City/State

- + If not baptized, secure a dispensation from disparity of worship/cult (c. 1086, §2).
+ If baptized non-Catholic, secure a permission for a Catholic to marry a baptized non-Catholic (c. 1124).
Secure: recent Catholic baptismal certificate or proof of baptism for baptized non-Catholic and if required Affidavit(s) of Freedom to Marry.

If Catholic:

→Date of Profession of Faith: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_
(If applicable, secure recent POF certificate.) Church City/State

→Have you received First Eucharist? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_
Church City/State

→Have you received Confirmation? [ ] Yes [ ] No (If no, encourage him to be confirmed if possible before marriage—c. 1065, §1.)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_
Church City/State

→Within what parish do you live? \_\_\_\_\_
Parish City/State

- 1. Do you agree to answer all questions truthfully?..... [ ] Yes [ ] No\*
2. How long have you known each other? \_\_\_\_\_ Dated? \_\_\_\_\_ Engaged? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you regularly participate in the practice of your faith?..... [ ] Yes [ ] No\*
4. Have you ever been married before (church; civil; common law; etc.)? c. 1085 (If yes, complete box on page 2.)..... [ ] Yes\* [ ] No
5. Are you related to your fiancée by blood (c. 1091), marriage (c. 1092), or legal adoption (c. 1094)?..... [ ] Yes\* [ ] No
6. Are you or your fiancée bound by the impediments of age (c. 1083); sacred orders (c. 1087); public perpetual vow of chastity in a religious institute (c. 1088); abduction (c. 1089); crime (c. 1090); public propriety (c. 1093)?..... [ ] Yes\* [ ] No

Type or print clearly.

- 7. Have you or your fiancée experienced or been treated for any mental or emotional, alcohol or drug-related difficulties? (cc. 1057; 1095).....  Yes\*  No  
If yes, are they resolved?.....  Yes  No\*
- 8. Have you signed a prenuptial agreement? (If yes, attach a copy of agreement. Contact the Tribunal/Chancery.).....  Yes\*  No
- 9. Do you understand and agree without any reservations to the nature and obligation of marriage namely:
  - a) To give sacrificially of self for the total well being of each other and the marital partnership? (c. 1055, §1).....  Yes  No\*
  - b) To share in marital intercourse since marriage involves a sexual relationship? (c. 1061, §1; impotence c. 1084).....  Yes  No\*
  - c) To give your spouse the right to have children and see to their educational upbringing? (cc. 1055, §1; 1136).....  Yes  No\*
  - d) To make an unconditional, permanent commitment, lasting until the death of your spouse? (cc. 1056; 1102, §1)...  Yes  No\*
  - e) To be faithful to your spouse? (c. 1056).....  Yes  No\*
  - f) To give your consent freely and without any force or pressure from any person or circumstance? (cc.1057; 1103)..  Yes  No\*
- 10. To be asked if there is suspicion of pressure being exerted—Is your fiancée pregnant? (cc. 1057; 1103).....  Yes\*  No
- 11. Are you placing any conditions on (c. 1102) or have you any serious doubts about this marriage?.....  Yes\*  No
- 12. Does your fiancée, as far as you know, agree to your answers?.....  Yes  No\*
- 13. Is there any important fact about you which you have not shared with your fiancée?.....  Yes\*  No  
(e.g., addictions, illness, trouble with the law; indebtedness; sterility; sexuality; child(ren) from a prior relationship, etc.)
- 14. For a groom under age 18, do your parents consent to this marriage? (cc. 1071, §1, 6°; 1072).....  Yes  No\*
- 15. Do you have any children from *any* previous relationship?.....  Yes  No  
If yes, have the moral and civil responsibilities to any former spouse(s)/party and any child(ren) been fulfilled?.....  Yes  No\*  
(cc. 1071,§1, 3°; 1136; 1689) If no or there is some question about compliance, contact the Tribunal/Chancery.

\*Explain below any response that included an asterisk (\*). For #9a-f and #11, an asterisked response prevents a couple from marrying. For #4-6, see impediments on page 5. Contact the Tribunal/Chancery. Other comments may be added below or on additional paper.

\*\*\*PARISH SEAL\*\*\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Place signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Groom

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature  Priest or  Deacon or  Designated Lay Pastoral Assistant → → → Type/print name

### PREVIOUS MARRIAGE(S) of GROOM

- ❖ If you are presently in a non-Catholic union and seeking to be married in the Catholic Church (convalidation), is your consent to this convalidation an act of the will by which you intend to enter into a valid Catholic marriage? (c. 1157).....  Yes  No\*
  - A Catholic who exchanges marital vows in any non-Catholic ceremony without a dispensation from canonical form is not married validly in the eyes of the Catholic Church and is not able to receive the Sacraments licitly.
  - The Church is not ‘blessing’ this union. A valid marriage begins with the Catholic marriage ceremony (convalidation).

Date of present non-Catholic union: \_\_\_\_\_ *Attach a copy of that civil marriage license.*

- ❖ How many times were you married before and it ended in divorce, civil annulment or death of the previous spouse? \_\_\_\_\_  
List name(s) of previous spouse(s); name of church(s) or place(s) of marriage ceremony—city/state; title of officiant(s); date(s).  
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→ Explain how the groom is free to marry in the Catholic Church. (Without a death certificate and/or decree of nullity/dissolution issued only by the Catholic Church, one cannot marry in the Catholic Church.)

- Former spouse is deceased. *Attach a copy of the death certificate.*
- For every failed marriage: *Attach a decree of nullity for:*  Formal Case;  Prior Bond;  Lack of Canonical Form or  Other.  
*OR attach a decree of dissolution for:*  Pauline Privilege;  Privilege of the Faith or  Rátum et non consummátum.

Name of (arch)diocese that issued the decree: \_\_\_\_\_  
Protocol number and date of the *Catholic* decree: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** No provisional date for a marriage ceremony may be set until the final Decree(s) of Nullity/Dissolution is obtained. Indicate how compliance with any Tribunal stipulations occurred prior to any marriage ceremony (c. 1684).

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BRIDE

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_
Include maiden name

Address: \_\_\_\_\_
Address (with Apartment/Unit #) County City/State/Zip Code

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_
Home/Work/Cellular: (Area Code) Number

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Rite: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Rite: \_\_\_\_\_
(Include mother's maiden name.)

Bride's Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Rite (if other than Latin) \_\_\_\_\_

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Church City/State

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Signature of Bride

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**PREVIOUS MARRIAGE(S) of BRIDE**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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→ Explain how the bride is free to marry in the Catholic Church. (Without a death certificate and/or decree of nullity/dissolution issued only by the Catholic Church, one cannot marry in the Catholic Church.)

- Former spouse is deceased. *Attach a copy of the death certificate.*
- For every failed marriage: *Attach a decree of nullity for:*  Formal Case;  Prior Bond;  Lack of Canonical Form or  Other.  
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Name of (arch)diocese that issued the decree: \_\_\_\_\_

Protocol number and date of the *Catholic* decree: \_\_\_\_\_

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- + 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 (c. 1086, §2) or a *permission* for a Catholic to marry a baptized non-Catholic (c. 1124) 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. (c. 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. (c. 1125, 1°)

The above declaration and promise is to be completed and signed on the (Arch) Diocesan Petition for a Canonical Dispensation or Permission for a Mixed Marriage.