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DISPENSATION FROM THE IMPEDIMENT OF DISPARITY OF CULT

The Roman Catholic Party	The non-Baptized Party
Name _____ (First, Middle, Last, and Maiden if Female in Block)	Name _____ (First, Middle, Last, and Maiden if Female in Block)
Address _____	Address _____
Parish _____	_____

APPLICABLE NORMS

- 1) The marriage between a baptized Catholic and a non-baptized person is invalid due to the diriment impediment of disparity of cult. (1983 *CIC* cc. 1086 §1)
- 2) The local ordinary can grant dispensation for the valid celebration of a disparity of cult marriage after the conditions for mixed marriage have been fulfilled. (1983 *CIC* cc. 1129. cf. 1983 *CIC* cc. 1086 §1 and 1125 and 1126)
- 3) A marriage celebrated with the commonly held belief that one party was baptized or the baptism was doubtful is presumed valid in accordance with canon 1060, until it is proven with certainty that one party was baptized and the other was not. (1983 *CIC* c. 1086 §3)
- 4) The conditions for mixed marriage are as follows:
 - i. The Catholic party is to declare that he or she is “prepared to avoid the dangers of abandoning the faith and to promise sincerely to do all in his or her power to see that the children of the marriage be baptized and educated in the Catholic Church.” (1983 *CIC* c. 1125, 1° and the 1993 *Ecumenical Directory* no. 150)
 - i. The non-baptized party is to be informed at an appropriate time about “the promises and responsibilities” of the Catholic party. (1983 *CIC* c. 1125, 2° and 1993 *Ecumenical Directory* no. 150)
 - ii. Both parties are to be instructed about the purposes and essential properties of marriage which neither of them is to exclude. (1983 *CIC* c. 1125, 3°)
- 5) For validity, a disparity of cult marriage celebrated by a non-Catholic minister or civil official must be preceded by the dispensation of the Catholic party from the canonical form by his or her proper local ordinary. An acceptable public form of celebration of the marriage must, however, be observed for validity (1983 *CIC* c. 1127 §2 and 1993 *Ecumenical Directory* no. 154 and 156).
- 6) In the celebration of a disparity of cult marriage, the double celebration of the exchange of consent, before or after the dispensation from the canonical form of marriage, whether simultaneous or successive, is forbidden. (1983 *CIC* c. 1127 §3, 1993 *Ecumenical Directory* no. 156, and *Pastoral Guidelines*, “Chapter Five,” # 605 and 616)

- 7) In the Diocese of Baker, “Marriages between a Catholic and a non-baptized person are to be celebrated in a church or some other suitably religious place (cf. 1983 *CIC* c. 1118 §3). The parties should be urged to have the marriage celebrated in a church so that the solemnity of the ceremony may be better emphasized. Marriages between a Catholic and a non-baptized person may not be celebrated during Mass.” (*Pastoral Guidelines*, “Chapter Five,” #594)

DECLARATION AND PROMISE BY THE CATHOLIC PARTY

I hereby declare that I am prepared to avoid the dangers of abandoning the Catholic faith. I sincerely promise to do all that is within my power to have all children born of this marriage baptized and brought up in the Catholic Church.

Signature of the Catholic Party

ATTESTATION BY THE NON-BAPTIZED PARTY

I am clearly aware of the obligations of my intended Catholic spouse to preserve and profess his/her Catholic faith and to do all that is possible to baptize and to educate the children of our marriage in the Catholic Church.

Signature of the non-Baptized Party

Signature of Assisting Minister and Date

Parish Seal

Just cause and reason for dispensation _____

Promise to convert to Catholicism Well-founded hope of the conversion of the non-Catholic Danger of a marriage outside the Catholic Church Danger of apostasy if the dispensation is denied Removal of a serious scandal Pregnancy and legitimation of child Validation of an invalid marriage Preservation of the good name of the parties Serious danger of incontinence Poverty of widow and children

If the non-baptized party does not wish to sign but is clearly aware of the obligations of the Catholic party, please inform the Local Ordinary.

DISPENSATION

(Please Complete in Block Letters)

Having observed all the necessary conditions prescribed by law, I hereby grant the abovementioned Catholic party the dispensation from the impediment of disparity of cult so that he/she can marry the above-named non-baptized party on the _____ day _____ of 201_____ at the _____ Church (or other suitable place with the proper dispensation).

This dispensation is not valid after six months from the date in which it is given.

Given at the Chancery Office of the Diocese of Baker, Redmond, Oregon this _____ day of _____ the year of the Lord 201_____ .

Signature of Local Ordinary or Delegate

Seal of Local Ordinary