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DISPENSATION FROM THE CANONICAL FORM OF MARRIAGE

This petition may be used when grave difficulties hinder the observance of canonical form in a mixed or disparity of cult marriage. The local ordinary of the Catholic party may dispense him/her from the canonical form for a just cause, after having consulted the ordinary of the place in which the marriage is to be celebrated and with some public form of celebration observed, for validity (1983 *CIC* c. 1127 §2 and 1993 *Ecumenical Directory* nos. 154 and 156). If there is a dispensation from the canonical form, the presence of a Catholic priest or deacon is permissible though not required (1993 *Ecumenical Directory* no. 157). One may not have a Catholic marriage ceremony before or after the non-Catholic marriage ceremony or have one ceremony with double exchange of consent. (1983 *CIC* c. 1127 §3 and 1993 *Ecumenical Directory* no. 156)

THE PARTIES

(Please Complete in Block Letters)

The Catholic Party (*maiden name, if female*) _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____ Date of Baptism _____

Place of Baptism _____

Full Address _____

Phone (home/cell) _____ Email _____ Occupation _____

Proper Parish _____

The Non-Catholic/Unbaptized Party (*maiden name, if female*) _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____ Date of Baptism _____

Place of Baptism _____

Full Address _____

Phone (home/cell) _____ Email _____ Occupation _____

Religious Denomination/Affiliation _____

PROPOSED MARRIAGE

Date of Marriage _____ Church/Place of Marriage _____

Full Address _____

Name and Denomination of Officiant _____

Name of Common Witnesses _____

Name of Catholic Priest or Deacon who will attend _____

Parish and Phone (of Catholic Priest or Deacon) _____

Dear Local Ordinary:

The above-named Catholic party hereby petitions for a Dispensation from the Canonical Form of Marriage (1983 *CIC* c. 1127 §2 and 1993 *Ecumenical Directory* nos. 154 and 156) so that he/she may contract marriage with the concerned baptized non-Catholic/unbaptized party. This dispensation is being requested for serious reason(s), especially:

- To achieve family harmony or avoid family alienation
- To obtain parental agreement to the marriage
- Special friendship with the officiating minister or civil functionary
- Close family connection with the non-Catholic Church
- Other _____

Name of Assisting Pastor/Parochial Administrator or Vicar/Deacon

Name and Full Address of Church

Parish Seal

Signature and Date

DISPENSATION

In accordance with Church law (1983 *CIC* c. 1127 §2 and 1993 *Ecumenical Directory* nos. 154 and 156), I hereby grant the requested Dispensation from Canonical Form, *servatis de iure servandis*. 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, this _____ day of _____ the year of our Lord 201 .

Seal of the Local Ordinary

Signature of Local Ordinary/Delegate

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO MARRY IN A NON-CATHOLIC CHURCH/ CIVIL CEREMONY

As part of the request for this permission, the Catholic party is to propose a letter to the Bishop of Baker, attach it to this document, stating the serious reason(s) for which he or she wishes to marry in a non-Catholic church or oratory/other suitable place outside a sacred space.

A Catholic Priest or Deacon will participate in this non-Catholic marriage ceremony by offering other appropriate prayers, read from the Scriptures, give a brief exhortation and bless the couple. Only the non-Catholic officiant receives the consent of both parties during a non-Catholic marriage ceremony.

Name and title of person who will receive the consent of both parties (exchange of vows)

Name of Church or place where the non-Catholic marriage will be contracted.

Full Address

I, the undersigned, declare that after this dispensation from canonical form is granted and after the non-Catholic marriage ceremony is celebrated, I will:

- a) Send to the Chancery of Baker a completed "Report of the Marriage Ceremony after the Dispensation from Canonical Form."
- b) Place all documents: dispensation(s), permission(s), and records pertaining to this marriage in the usual marriage register of the parish where the pre-nuptial investigation and request for this dispensation from canonical form occurred. (1983 *CIC* c. 1121 §3)
- c) Make notation of this marriage in the same parish marriage register where the pre-nuptial investigation and request for this dispensation from canonical form occurred, indicating the name of the minister, place and date of the non-Catholic marriage ceremony, and the granting of the necessary dispensation(s), permission(s). (1983 *CIC* c. 1121 §3)
- d) Send the notice of marriage to the place of baptism of the Catholic party (1983 *CIC* c. 1121 §3). Note: If this dispensation from canonical form is not used within six months of the scheduled, non-Catholic ceremony, return it to the Chancery of Baker for revocation.

Signature of Priest Deacon or Other Deputed Person

Print Name, City/State

Parish Seal

Date

DECREE OF PERMISSION

In accord with Church law, I hereby grant the Catholic party in this petition the necessary permission to contract marriage in a non-Catholic church or other suitable place, observing an acceptable public form of marriage.

Signature of Local Ordinary or Delegate

Seal of Local Ordinary

Date

REPORT OF THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY AFTER THE DISPENSATION FROM CANONICAL FORM

Verification that the non-Catholic marriage ceremony occurred in consonance with the law

I, the non-Catholic officiant, witnessed the marriage ceremony of the concerned Catholic and non-Catholic parties. I have made any necessary corrections of the marriage information below.

Signature of non-Catholic officiant

Official Seal

Date

- A Catholic priest or deacon was present at this marriage ceremony
- Priest or Deacon (Print Name) _____
- Other means of verification:
- Authentic photocopy of the civil marriage license signed by a non-Catholic officiant
- Groom/Bride contacted the Catholic priest, deacon, or other Church person
- Family member/friend contacted the Catholic priest, deacon, or other person
- Catholic priest, deacon, other contacted Groom/Bride or family member/friend
- Other _____

 Signature of Catholic Priest Deacon Other Deputed Person

Parish Seal

 Date

INSTRUCTIONS

In a mixed marriage for which there has been granted a dispensation from canonical form, an ecclesiastical record of the marriage shall be kept in the Chancery of the Diocese which granted the dispensation and in the marriage records of the parish from which application for the dispensation was made. It is the responsibility of the priest or deacon who requested the dispensation that the following occurs after the marriage ceremony is celebrated:

- 1) Complete this form. Type or print clearly. Indicate that the marriage ceremony did occur by one of the following options:
 - Send this form to the non-Catholic officiant to be signed

OR

 - Give this form to the Catholic Groom/Bride to secure the signature of the non-Catholic officiant
- 2) Indicate if a Catholic priest or deacon was present at this marriage ceremony
- 3) Indicate the "Other means of verification"
- 4) Place a copy of this completed form into the marriage file and then forward this form to the Chancery
- 5) Place all documents: dispensation(s), permission(s), and records pertaining to this marriage in the usual marriage file of the parish where the pre-nuptial investigation and request for this dispensation from canonical form occurred
- 6) Make notation of this marriage in the same parish marriage register where the pre-nuptial investigation and request for this dispensation from canonical form occurred, indicating the name of the minister, place, and date of the non-Catholic marriage ceremony, and the granting of the necessary dispensation(s), permission(s)
- 7) Send the notice of marriage to the place of baptism of the Catholic party

A dispensation from canonical form was granted by Local Ordinary of the Diocese of (Name of Archdiocese or Diocese) _____ on (month/day/year) _____.

This marriage has been recorded on (date) _____ in the marriage register of (Name and Address of Parish) _____

 Name/Signature of Catholic Priest Deacon or Other Deputed Person

Parish Seal

 Date