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**PERMISSION FOR MIXED-MARRIAGE**

<b>Roman Catholic Party</b>	<b>Baptized non-Catholic Party</b>
Name _____ <i>(First, Middle, Last, and Maiden Name, if Female)</i>	Name _____ <i>(First, Middle, Last, and Maiden Name, if Female)</i>
Parish _____	Denomination _____

**APPLICABLE NORMS**

- 1) A mixed marriage is the marriage between two baptized persons, one of whom was baptized in the Catholic Church or received into it after baptism, and the other a validly baptized member of a Church or ecclesial community not in full communion with the Catholic Church. The local ordinary must grant the express permission for the lawful celebration of a mixed marriage. (1983 *CIC* c. 1124; Benedict XVI, 29 October 2009 motu proprio *Omnium in Mentem*, art. 5; and the 1993 *Ecumenical Directory* no. 143)
- 2) For a just and reasonable cause, the local ordinary can grant the permission for mixed marriage. Before granting it, however, the following conditions must be fulfilled:
  - 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)
  - ii. The non-Catholic party is to be informed at an appropriate time about “the promises and responsibilities” of the Catholic party. (1983 *CIC* c. 1125, 2° and the 1993 *Ecumenical Directory* no. 150)
  - iii. 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°)
- 3) In a mixed marriage between a Latin Catholic and a Christian from a Church or ecclesial community not in full communion with the Catholic Church, the canonical form of marriage is to be observed. (1983 *CIC* c. 1108) If a mixed marriage is between a Latin Catholic and a non-Catholic Eastern Christian (Ancient Orientals and Eastern Orthodox Churches), however, the observance of canonical form is for lawfulness of the marriage only. For validity, such a marriage must be celebrated using the sacred rite of the non-Catholic Eastern Christian. This involves the presence of the non-Catholic Eastern presbyter, his imparting of the blessing and other formalities required by the non-Catholic Eastern Church. (1983 *CIC* c. 1127 §1 and 1993 *Ecumenical Directory* no. 153)
- 4) For validity, a mixed 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 local ordinary, after prior consultation with the local ordinary of the place in which the marriage is to be celebrated and an acceptable public form of celebration is observed for validity. (1983 *CIC* c. 1127 §2 and 1993 *Ecumenical Directory* nos. 154 and 156)

- 5) In the celebration of a mixed marriage, there should neither be another religious (duplicate) ceremony before or after the first exchange of consent using the canonical form nor the bi-ritual exchange of consent, whether simultaneous or successive, in which the ministers of both parties separately request their marital consent. (1983 *CIC* c. 1127 §3; 1993 *Ecumenical Directory* no. 156; and *Pastoral Guidelines*, “Chapter Five,” #605 and 616).
- 6) In the Diocese of Baker, the celebration of a mixed marriage within the context of the Mass is generally permitted. However, the non-Catholic party is not to be admitted to Holy Communion unless the conditions of the relevant law have been fulfilled. (cf. 1993 *Ecumenical Directory* nos. 159 and 160, and 1983 *CIC* c. 844 §§1 and 4)

**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-CATHOLIC 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 educate the children of our marriage in the Catholic Church.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the non-Catholic Party

*Parish Seal*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Assisting Priest/Deacon/Delegated Person

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

**PERMISSION**

*(Please complete in Block Letters)*

Having observed all the necessary conditions prescribed by law, I hereby grant the above-named parties the permission to contract a mixed marriage on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_\_\_, at the \_\_\_\_\_ Church (or other suitable place with the proper permission). This permission 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Local Ordinary or Delegate

*Seal of Local Ordinary or Delegate*