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**PERMISSION FOR A CATHOLIC TO MARRY
OUTSIDE HIS OR HER PROPER PARISH**

APPLICABLE NORMS

Church law requires that all Catholics must observe the canonical form for the validity of marriage. As articulated in 1983 *CIC* c. 1108 §1, "Only those marriages are valid which are contracted before the local ordinary, pastor, or a priest or deacon delegated by either of them, who assist, and before two witnesses according to the rules expressed in the following canons and without prejudice to the exceptions mentioned in cann. 144, 1112, §1, 1116, and 1127 §§1-2." The abovementioned law binds only Latin Catholics, who are ordinarily required to contract marriage in their proper parish. If a Catholic party wishes to contract marriage in another Catholic church, he or she must seek permission from his or her proper ordinary or pastor. (cf. 1983 *CIC* c. 1115 and *Pastoral Guidelines*, "Chapter Five," #592)

The proper ordinary/pastor/parish of a Catholic is determined by his or her domicile or quasi-domicile. (cf. 1983 *CIC* c. 107) Permanent domicile is acquired after a person has lived in the territory of a diocese or parish for five protracted years or expresses the intention to do so permanently. (cf. 1983 *CIC* c. 102 §1) Quasi-domicile is acquired when a person intends to live in the territory of a diocese or parish for at least three months or actually resides in the same territory for three protracted months. (cf. 1983 *CIC* c. 102 §2) In the case of transients (*peregrini*) and wanderers (*vagi*) (cf. 1983 *CIC* c. 100), who have neither domicile nor quasi-domicile, the pastor cannot grant them the permission to marry even though they actually reside in the territory of his parish. Only the local ordinary can for a just cause grant permission to the proper pastor of such persons before he can intervene. (cf. 1983 *CIC* c. 1071 §1, 1°)

PERMISSION

(Please Complete in Block Letters)

I, the undersigned, hereby grant _____, a faithful of _____ Church, the permission to marry outside his or her proper parish, namely, at the _____ on the ____ day of _____ 201 . This permission is not valid after six months from the date in which it is given.

Given at _____, this ____ day of _____, the year of the Lord 201 .

Parish/City/Zip/State

Signature of Pastor/Administrator/Parochial Vicar

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