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Witness 1-The Groom

TESTIMONY OF FREEDOM TO MARRY

Witness should preferably be a parent, grandparent, sibling, aunt, uncle or close friend who has known the Groom most of his life (c. 1067).

ASSISTING PRIEST/DEACON/OTHER DEPUTED PERSON

Reverend (Mr.): _____

Church: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone/Fax _____ Email _____

Concerning the Freedom to Marry of _____ (The Groom)

Deposition of Witness

Priest/Deacon/Deputed Person will instruct the witness regarding the sacred character and binding force of an oath, then ask the witness to take the following oath:

With God as your witness, do you solemnly swear to answer the following questions truthfully? Yes No

1) Name: _____

2) Address: _____

3) City _____ State: _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Email _____

4) What is your relationship to the Groom? _____

5) How long have you known him? _____

6) If you are not related, what qualifies you as his witness? _____

7) Has the Groom ever been baptized in any denomination? Yes No

If yes, which denomination? _____

8) If Groom is Catholic, as far as you know, is he currently practicing? Yes No

9) Has the Groom ever contracted or attempted marriage, even if civilly or by common law? Yes No

If yes: To whom? _____ When? _____ Where? _____ Before whom? Priest
Non-Catholic Minister Civil Official Other (specify) _____

10) Is it likely he might have been married at some (other) time without your knowledge? Yes No

11) As far as you know, is there any impediment (e.g., perpetual and antecedent impotence, prior marriage, disparity of cult, holy orders, blood relationship to intended spouse, age) or reason that would render the party's forthcoming marriage unlawful or invalid? Yes No

12) Do you believe that the Groom intends to contract marriage freely and desire to live faithfully a true Catholic/Christian marriage which is permanent, indissoluble, and open to the procreation and upbringing of children without any condition? Yes No

13) If the Groom is less than 18, are his parents opposed to this marriage? Yes No

If yes, why? _____

14) Is there anything else you wish to divulge regarding this proposed marriage or about the Groom?

Yes No If yes, please specify: _____

Signature of Witness and Date

Remarks of Assisting Priest/Deacon/Deputed Person _____

Signature and Date

Parish _____

Parish Seal

If this deposition is taken outside the Diocese of Baker, it must be notarized by the Chancellor or a duly deputed person from the Chancery Office of the permanent or quasi-diocesan domicile of the Witness.

Visum est: _____
Chancellor or Delegated Person

Chancery Seal

Date

Place