Prenuptial Investigation for Catholic Churches in the State of New Jersey

The Parties to the Marriage

Name of Groom: __________________________________  Name of Bride: ____________________________________

The Parties Offering Testimony

Name of Witness: _________________________________  Name of Witness: _________________________________
Witness for: ___________________________  Witness for: ___________________________
  groom  bride  groom  bride
Religion: ___________________________ Age: _________  Religion: ___________________________ Age: _________
How long have you known him/her? __________________  How long have you known him/her? __________________
Relationship to Party: ______________________________  Relationship to Party: ______________________________

Form A-1

Affidavits Verifying this Couple’s Freedom to Marry

1. Has this party ever contracted any kind of marriage before?
   □ yes  □ no
   If so, to whom? __________________________

2. Was he/she baptized?
   □ yes  □ no  □ do not know
   If so, in what religion? __________________________

3. Do you know any reason why this couple should not marry?
   □ yes  □ no
   If so, explain why: __________________________

4. Do you swear these statements are true?
   □ yes  □ no

Signature of Witness No. 1: __________________________  Date: ___________

Signature of Witness No. 2: __________________________  Date: ___________

Signature of Pastoral Minister/Notary: __________________________

Form A-1 is used to verify freedom to marry.
Form A-2 is used for parental permission of the marriage of a minor, that is, a person under age 18.
Form A-3 records information on prior marriages.
Form A-2

PARENTAL PERMISSION FOR THE MARRIAGE OF A MINOR,
I.E., A PERSON UNDER 18

If a parent or guardian will not complete form A-2, the marriage requires the permission of the diocesan bishop (form D-1)

1. Do you consent to the marriage of your son/daughter? □ yes □ no

2. If so, do you feel that this couple is mature enough to marry? □ yes □ no

If not, why not? ________________________________

SIGNATURE OF PARENT NO. 1                          DATE

SIGNATURE OF PARENT NO. 2                          DATE

Form A-3

INFORMATION CONCERNING EACH AND EVERY PRIOR MARRIAGE

Prior Marriage(s) of the Groom

First marriage date: ____________________________________________
To whom? ____________________________________________________
City of marriage: _____________________________________________
Officiant: □ civil □ religious □ common law
How did it end? □ death □ civil divorce/annulment
□ Catholic dissolution/annulment
Date: ________ (Arch)Diocese: ____________________________
Protocol Number: _______________________________________
Current address of former spouse:
Street: _____________________________________________________
City: ____________________ State: ______ Zip: ___________

Second marriage date: _________________________________________
To whom? __________________________________________________
City of marriage: _____________________________________________
Officiant: □ civil □ religious □ common law
How did it end? □ death □ civil divorce/annulment
□ Catholic dissolution/annulment
Date: ________ (Arch)Diocese: ____________________________
Protocol Number: _______________________________________
Current address of former spouse:
Street: _____________________________________________________
City: ____________________ State: ______ Zip: ___________

Prior Marriage(s) of the Bride

First marriage date: ____________________________________________
To whom? ____________________________________________________
City of marriage: _____________________________________________
Officiant: □ civil □ religious □ common law
How did it end? □ death □ civil divorce/annulment
□ Catholic dissolution/annulment
Date: ________ (Arch)Diocese: ____________________________
Protocol Number: _______________________________________
Current address of former spouse:
Street: _____________________________________________________
City: ____________________ State: ______ Zip: ___________

Second marriage date: _________________________________________
To whom? __________________________________________________
City of marriage: _____________________________________________
Officiant: □ civil □ religious □ common law
How did it end? □ death □ civil divorce/annulment
□ Catholic dissolution/annulment
Date: ________ (Arch)Diocese: ____________________________
Protocol Number: _______________________________________
Current address of former spouse:
Street: _____________________________________________________
City: ____________________ State: ______ Zip: ___________

A copy of any and every death certificate, civil divorce decree or civil annulment, Catholic decree of annulment or a Catholic decree of dissolution must be attached to this form.

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