FORM M-E: APPLICATION FOR MATRIMONIAL PERMISSION/DISPENSATION

Marriage __ Validation __ of:

GROOM ____________________________
Religion ____________________________ If Catholic: ____________

BRIDE ____________________________
Religion ____________________________ If Catholic: ____________

PERMISSION REQUIRED FOR
__ A marriage to take place outside of Mass (if both parties are Catholics)
__ A priest to officiate in a non-Catholic Church
__ One of the parties has notoriously rejected the Catholic faith
   (Canons 1071 & 1125)
__ Mixed Religion; valid non-Catholic Baptism (Canons 1124 & 1125)
__ Nihil Obstat
__ Testimonial Letters
__ Other ________________________________

DISPENSATION(S) REQUIRED FOR
__ Mixed Religion and for precaution Disparity of Cult
   (Doubt remains concerning validity of non-Catholic’s Baptism)
__ Disparity of Cult (marriage to a non-baptized person)
   (Canons 1086 & 1125)
__ Other Impediment (i.e., affinity, consanguinity, legal adoption relationship) (Canons 1092, 1091, 1094)
__ Other ________________________________

REASONS FOR PERMISSION/DISPENSATION
__ Hope of conversion
__ Danger of marriage outside of the Church
__ Spiritual welfare of the parties
__ Removal of grave scandal
__ Validation of an invalid marriage
__ Other ________________________________

If a dispensation from the Canonical Form of Marriage is requested, please indicate the name and title of the Officiant, i.e., Orthodox priest, Protestant Minister, Rabbi, Imam, or Civil Official:
DECLARATION AND PROMISES BY THE CATHOLIC SPOUSE IN A MIXED RELIGION MARRIAGE

The following declaration is made by the Catholic party: (Canon 1125)
I reaffirm my faith in Jesus Christ and, with God’s help, intend to continue living in the faith in the Catholic Church. I promise to do all in my power to share the faith I have received with our children by having them baptized and reared as Catholics.

Signature of the Catholic party _______________________________ Date ______________________

Certification of the Catholic Priest/Deacon:
The required promise and declaration have been made by the Catholic spouse in my presence. The non-Catholic party has been informed of this requirement so that it is certain that he/she is aware of the promise and obligation on the part of the Catholic.

Signature of the Catholic priest (deacon) _______________________________ Date ______________________

IF THIS IS TO BE A MARRIAGE VALIDATION, do both parties understand that this validation is a new act of marrying, and not merely the continuation of the existing attempted marriage? (cc. 1156-1160) ______________________

(Please enclose a copy of the marriage certificate)

MOST REVEREND BISHOP,
ON BEHALF OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM, I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THE AFOREMENTIONED REQUIRED PERMISSION(S) AND/OR DISPENSATION(S) FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE.

Fraternally yours in Christ,
Reverend ___________________________________________ (signature)
Date ______________________________________________

THE AFOREMENTIONED PERMISSION(S)/DISPENSATION(S) AS REQUESTED IS (ARE) GRANTED AT THE DIRECTION OF THE MOST REVEREND DIOCESAN BISHOP.

Canonical Services Use Only

Granted by: ___________________________________________
Date: ______________________________

Priest (deacon) making this application is asked to PRINT the following:
Reverend ___________________________________________
Parish _______________________________________________
Address _______________________________________________
City ______________________________ State _______
Zip _______________________________________________