PETITION FOR MATRIMONIAL DISPENSATION

This petition is to be used when one or more of the following cases apply for a marriage between two Roman Catholics, or between a Roman Catholic and a validly baptized Non-Catholic, or between a Roman Catholic and an unbaptized person (whether certain or not).

Name of Priest/Deacon: __________________________________________________________

Church Parish: _________________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________

I, the undersigned Priest/Deacon, do hereby request the granting of a dispensation from:

☐ Age (the male is under the age of 16 and the female is under the age of 14, c. 1083)
☐ Abduction (a male abducts a female for the purpose of marrying her against her will, c. 1089)
☐ Consanguinity (marriage between uncle/niece or between aunt/nephew or between first cousins, c. 1091)
☐ Affinity (marriage between a person and the blood relations of his/her spouse from a valid marriage, c. 1092)
☐ Public Propriety (marriage between a person and his/her partner’s relatives up to and including 1st cousins arising from a stable union other than a valid marriage, c. 1093)
☐ Legal Adoption (marriage between a person and any of his/her adoptive children and their ancestors; nor between adoptive siblings, c. 1094)

for the marriage between

_________________________________________________________________________  and  ______________________________________________________________________

(Man)                                                                                     (Woman)

so that they may enter into a valid and licit marriage in the Roman Catholic Church.

The wedding is scheduled to take place at ____________________________________________

in the city/town of __________________________________________ on ________________.

I recommend the granting of this dispensation for the following reason (check one):

☐ The spiritual good of the spouses  ☐ The validation of an invalid marriage

________________________________________________________  ____________________________
Signature of Priest/Deacon                      Date

N.B.: Before sending in this request for any of the above dispensations, consultation with the Judicial Vicar must first take place as further instructions will be given.