

**Diocese of Stockton
Tribunal**

212 N. San Joaquin Street, Stockton CA 95202-2409

PETITION FOR PERMISSIONS/DISPENSATIONS

Date: _____

Your Excellency:

_____, a Catholic residing in the parish of _____, and wishing to marry _____, a (non-) Catholic residing in parish of _____ (who has 1--never been baptized,

2--possibly been baptized, 3--been baptized) requests:

a dispensation i) from the impediment of _____

_____ ii) from the Catholic Form of marriage _____

permission i) for mixed religion _____

_____ ii) or from place _____

The reason for the grant of the dispensation/permission is _____

(If from Place is requested, a letter from the couple to the Bishop is necessary.)

The date scheduled for this wedding is _____

Priest/Deacon requesting the dispensation/permission _____

Church _____

City _____

PROMISE

I reaffirm my faith in Jesus Christ and my intention to maintain that faith as a Roman Catholic. I acknowledge the respect I owe to the conscience of my partner. I promise to do all that I can to share the faith I have received with our children by having them baptized and reared as Roman Catholics.

Catholic Party

For Tribunal Use

Dispensation is granted from _____

Permission is granted for _____

Date: _____ Delegate: _____

INFORMATION FOR PETITION

This petition form can be used in requesting any dispensation or any required permission.

The information requested in this petition is considered essential. Therefore, persons using these forms are requested to give complete and exact information to obviate the necessity of returning the applications for additions or corrections.

METHOD OF APPLICATION

If dispensation from Consanguinity, Affinity, Crimen, etc., are to be applied for in conjunction with Mixed Religion or Disparity of Worship then separate forms should be used for each impediment for which a dispensation is requested.

It should be noted:

1. *Dispensations can be granted in favor of Catholics only.*
2. *When the Catholic party is not a subject of the Bishop of Stockton, the application for dispensation should be sent to one of the following:*
 - (a) The Diocesan Bishop of the Catholic Party.
 - (b) The Diocesan Bishop of the place where the marriage is to be celebrated, provided the Catholic party will be physically present within the limits of that Diocese when the dispensation is granted.

LEGITIMATE REASONS

The priest should be sure to submit reasons which would be sufficient for granting the dispensation. A just, reasonable and legitimate cause for granting the dispensation is the "spiritual well-being of the parties." The Diocesan Bishop may request proof that the grant of the dispensation will be conducive to the spiritual well-being of the parties.

USUAL PERMISSIONS AND DISPENSATIONS NEEDED

Permissions:

- _____ To marry a baptized person who is a member of a church or ecclesial community which is not in full communion with the Catholic Church (C. 1124).
- _____ To marry in a place other than a Catholic Church (C. 1118).
- _____ To marry those mentioned in C. 1071. (Transients, minor children, etc.)

Dispensations:

- _____ Age (C. 1083)
- _____ Baptized Catholic wishing to marry unbaptized person (C. 1086), (Disparity of cult)
- _____ Crimen (C. 1090).
- _____ Consanguinity (C. 1091).
- _____ Affinity (C. 1092).
- _____ Public propriety (C. 1093).
- _____ Legal relationships (C. 1094).
- _____ Catholic form of marriage (C. 1127).