

FORM B

DIOCESE OF STOCKTON

PRE-MARRIAGE WITNESS TESTIMONY

Name of person to be married _____

The witness having been advised of the sanctity of an oath, should be asked to repeat the following:
"I solemnly swear to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth in answer to what I am about to be asked"

QUALIFICATIONS OF WITNESS

What is your full name? _____ Your religion? _____

Your address? _____

What is your relationship with the above named person? _____

Have you been closely associated with him/her? _____

RELIGIOUS STATUS OF THE ABOVE NAMED PERSON

What is his/her religion? _____

Was this person ever baptized? _____

If so, when and where? _____

MARITAL STATUS

Has this person ever contracted or attempted marriage (even if civilly or by common law)? _____

If yes, how many times? _____ (for more than one prior or attempted marriage, include the following information on a separate sheet and attach)

To whom?	When?	Where?

Before whom: (Priest, Minister, Civil Official)? _____

Does this union still exist? _____ If not, how was it dissolved? _____
(by Civil Annulment, Divorce, Death)

Does this person have any obligations arising from justice or charity toward a former spouse/children? _____ If yes, are they being fulfilled? _____

CAPACITY

Is this person related to his/her intended spouse by blood, marriage, adoption? _____
If so, please give details: _____

Is this party being pressured in any way by persons or circumstances (e.g. pregnancy, parental pressure, unhappy homelife) to enter this marriage? _____ If so, please explain: _____

Do you consider this person to be emotionally well-balanced? _____

Has he/she engaged in excessive use of alcohol, drugs or other forms of behavior which could affect this marriage? _____ If so, please explain _____

Do you consider this person sufficiently mature to accept the responsibilities of marriage? _____
(e.g. procreation and education of children; ability to enter into a partnership with spouse by means of self-revelation, caring, understanding)

Are his/her parents/siblings/friends in favor of this marriage? _____

If no, please explain _____

INTENT

Does this person accept and intend to fulfill the following essential elements of marriage:

a) Does he/she intend to enter a permanent union that can be dissolved by death alone?

b) Does he/she intend to be faithful to his/her spouse? _____

c) Is he/she open to the possibility of having children? _____

Is there anything else you wish to make known about this proposed marriage? _____

Do you swear to the truth of your statements? _____

Date _____

Signature of Witness

PARISH SEAL

Signature of Pastor/Delegate

Name of Church

City - State

If deposition is taken outside Diocese of Stockton,
it must be approved by Chancery Office of Diocese
where witness resides

Visum est: _____

Date, Place _____

Seal of Chancery