



Diocese of Fargo
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PRE-NUPTIAL INQUIRY Form A

Please Print All Fields

NIHIL OBSTAT (Diocesan Use Only)		
Date: _____		
_____	_____	_____
Month	Day	Year
Chancellor/Delegate _____		

Date of Marriage _____

Priest/Deacon/Minister Assisting _____

Parish of Marriage _____

(The parish where the marriage is celebrated or recorded. If outside Diocese, send file to Chancellor **six weeks** prior to wedding.)

MARRIAGE OF:

_____ Parish of _____ City _____ State _____

_____ Parish/Cong. of _____ City _____ State _____

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Date of first contact for Marriage Preparation _____ Date of Engagement _____

How long have you known each other? _____

CONVALIDATION attempted marriage: Place _____ Date: _____

Name and Address of Parish in which you intend to reside after Marriage:

Parish _____ City _____ State _____

(Please inform Pastor into whose parish they will be moving)

OFFICIAL WITNESSES: _____

YES NO Has the required Pre-Marital Inventory been taken?

YES NO Has the required Marriage Preparation Course/Engaged Encounter been completed and certificate enclosed?

YES NO Has the required full course in a method of Natural Family Planning been completed and certificate enclosed?

YES NO Have at least three pastoral conferences by the priest/deacon preparing the couple been given?

YES NO Has the couple been instructed about the Church's teaching on the permanence of marriage?

YES NO Has the couple been instructed about the Church's teaching on fidelity?

YES NO Has the couple been instructed about the Church's teaching on openness to children?

YES NO Have there been conferences with sponsoring couples?

YES NO For any marriage when only one party is a practicing Catholic, has there been discussion of the varied religious convictions and the teaching and religious practices involved?

DISPENSATIONS:

Required permissions/dispensations completed & enclosed. List: _____ None needed.

NOTIFICATION OF MARRIAGE (FORM F) – Complete only AFTER the wedding takes place.

Bride - Form F of Catholic sent (Date): _____

Return receipt from Baptismal pastor

Groom - Form F of Catholic sent (Date): _____

Return receipt from Baptismal pastor

NOTE: Consult Form B for permission to relax diocesan policies regarding the use of a pre-marital inventory, a marriage preparation course, preparation time (6 months), completion of a full course in Natural Family Planning, or a youthful marriage (under age 20).

DATA AND INFORMATION (GROOM)

Baptismal Name _____
Age _____ Date of Birth _____
Place of Birth _____
Phone(s) _____
Residence address _____
City State Zip _____
Length of residence in Diocese of Fargo (yrs): _____
Father's name _____
Religion _____
Address _____
City State Zip _____
Mother's maiden name _____
Religion _____
Address _____
City State Zip _____

SACRAMENTAL/FAITH LIFE

In what religion were you **baptized**? _____
When _____
Where _____
In what religion were you **confirmed**? _____
When _____
Where _____
Your religion now _____

If applicable: Date & Place of Reception (RCIA)

YES NO Do you actively practice your faith?
 YES NO Is anyone in your family Eastern Rite Catholic or Eastern Orthodox Christian?

(If a baptized Catholic lists another current religion)

YES NO Did you leave the Catholic Church by a formal act between 11/27/1983 and 10/26/2009?

COMMON IMPEDIMENTS OR PASTORAL CONCERNS

YES* NO Have you ever been married previously, even civilly? YES* NO Do your parents/relatives/friends have reservations regarding your marriage?
 YES* NO Have you ever made a vow inconsistent with the married state? (ie. Ordination, profession, private vow of virginity, etc.) YES* NO Do you have/intend to have a Prenuptial Agreement?***
 YES* NO Are you related to your fiancée by blood or marriage? YES* NO Have you ever had counseling for personal-emotional problems?

***If yes, the priest/deacon MUST attach a *typed* letter explaining this.**

****Prenuptial agreements must be sent to the Tribunal for approval before a wedding can occur.**

YES NO Do you believe this marriage commits you to Christ?
 YES NO Do you believe that this marriage binds you and your future spouse together for the rest of your life?
 YES NO Do you and your fiancée intend to give each other the normal sexual rights necessary to have children?
 YES NO Do you promise to be faithful to your wife until death?

I understand that marriage is an irrevocable covenant that is permanent, and if between the baptized, indissoluble. Thus, I am entering marriage freely and I intend to be faithful to my wife.

I HEREBY DECLARE THE ABOVE ANSWERS ARE TRUE.

Signature of Groom

Date

I HEREBY PERSONALLY CERTIFY TO THE FREEDOM OF THE ABOVE SIGNED PARTY:

Signature of Priest/Deacon conducting investigation

Date

Parish _____ Address _____

(If the free status of the above party is doubtful, the doubt must be resolved by another's testimony with Form C)

DATA AND INFORMATION (BRIDE)

Baptismal Name _____
Age _____ Date of Birth _____
Place of Birth _____
Phone(s) _____
Residence address _____
City State Zip _____
Length of residence in Diocese of Fargo (yrs): _____
Father's name _____
Religion _____
Address _____
City State Zip _____
Mother's maiden name _____
Religion _____
Address _____
City State Zip _____

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When _____
Where _____

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YES* NO Have you ever made a vow inconsistent with the married state? (ie. Profession, private vow of virginity, etc.)

YES* NO Do you have/intend to have a Prenuptial Agreement?*

YES* NO Are you related to your fiancé by blood or marriage?

YES* NO Have you ever had counseling for personal-emotional problems?

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YES NO Do you believe this marriage commits you to Christ?

YES NO Do you believe that this marriage binds you and your future spouse together for the rest of your life?

YES NO Do you and your fiancé intend to give each other the normal sexual rights necessary to have children?

YES NO Do you promise to be faithful to your husband until death?

I understand that marriage is an irrevocable covenant that is permanent, and if between the baptized, indissoluble. Thus, I am entering marriage freely and I intend to be faithful to my husband.

I HEREBY DECLARE THE ABOVE ANSWERS ARE TRUE.

Signature of Bride

Date

I HEREBY PERSONALLY CERTIFY TO THE FREEDOM OF THE ABOVE SIGNED PARTY:

Signature of Priest/Deacon conducting investigation

Date

Parish _____ Address _____

(If the free status of the above party is doubtful, the doubt must be resolved by another's testimony with Form C)

***PRIOR MARRIAGES (Groom)**

	First Marriage	Second Marriage	Third Marriage
Name of Partner			
Date of Marriage			
Date of Cessation of Bond			
How did the bond cease?			
Date of Annulment (if needed)			
Case Number/Diocese			
Was a restriction attached?(list)			

***PRIOR MARRIAGES (Bride)**

	First Marriage	Second Marriage	Third Marriage
Name of Partner			
Date of Marriage			
Date of Cessation of Bond			
How did the bond cease?			
Date of Annulment (if needed)			
Case Number/Diocese			
Was a restriction attached?(list)			

***For all prior marriages, include the death certificate or the declaration of nullity**

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

PRIEST/DEACON WHO PREPARED COUPLE	PRIEST/DEACON WITNESSING THE WEDDING
I testify that these persons whose signatures are affixed have received personal preparation for marriage and it is evident that nothing stands in the way of the valid and licit celebration of their wedding (cc. 1063, 1066).	Marriage preparation has been conducted either by myself or by such persons who have notified me of the results by the authentic documents enclosed with this form.
Signature _____ Date _____	Signature _____ Date _____

DELEGATION BY PASTOR FOR ASSISTING AT THIS MARRIAGE

I, _____ Pastor of _____ Church hereby give delegation to _____ who, having observed the prescriptions of law may witness the marriage of _____ and _____.

I will ensure the recording of this marriage in the sacramental records.

 Pastor's Signature _____ Date _____