PRE-NUPITAL INQUIRY
Form A
*Please Print All Fields*

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).

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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 Have you ever made a vow inconsistent with the married state? (ie. Ordination, profession, private vow of virginity, etc.)

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

*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)
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Signature of Bride                          Date

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

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

**PRIEST/DEACON WHO PREPARED COUPLE**

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).

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**PRIEST/DEACON WITNESSING THE WEDDING**

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.

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**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