

Blessed Trinity Marriage Preparation

To get a head-start on the paper work download this PDF-file and prepare the Pre-Nuptial Investigation forms with all the known information, the Freedom to Marry forms, and bring them, along with the updated Baptismal Certificates to the first meeting that you have with either Fr. Ray Basilious or Fr. Peter J. Rayder

FORMS NEEDED FOR THE FIRST MEETING

1. An up to Date Baptismal Certificate of both Bride and Groom. You can obtain from the Church you were baptized. Operative Word Is "Updated!"
2. Testimonial Letters of Freedom to Marry for both, the Bride and Groom
3. Previous Marriage Divorce Decree if not married in the Catholic Church (copy) (if previously married)
4. Previous Marriage Annulment Decree if married in the Catholic Church if previously married)

Pre-Cana Preparation is a must in order to receive the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony in the Diocese of Brooklyn. See Diocese of Brooklyn Webpage in regards to Pre-Cana <https://dioceseofbrooklyn.org/marriage/getting-married-in-the-church/>

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TESTIMONIAL LETTERS OF FREEDOM TO MARRY

N.B. These affidavits are required for every marriage

FOR THE BRIDE

I hereby swear that: _____

- 1) has never been married before;
- 2) Is not related to the party she intends to marry; and
- 3) Is not affected by any other impediment to marriage

Signature of 1st Witness

Relationship/Years of Friendship

Signature of 2nd Witness

Relationship/Years of Friendship

Notary

Date: _____

This affidavit may be notarized by a priest or deacon if it is signed in his presence; otherwise, it should be attested to by a Notary Public

If convenient, the persons making the affidavit should do so at their local Church parish; for reasons of conscience, Non-Catholics may choose to appear before a Notary Public.

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FOR THE Groom

I hereby swear that: _____

- 1) has never been married before;
- 2) Is not related to the party she intends to marry; and
- 3) Is not affected by any other impediment to marriage

Signature of 1st Witness

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**DIocese OF BROOKLYN****PRE-NUPTIAL INVESTIGATION**

Important! Please use in conjunction with the DIALOGUE GUIDELINES form.

Groom _____

Bride _____

Church _____

Place of Wedding (if other than Church of preparation) _____

Day of Wedding _____ Date _____ Time _____

Wedding date should not be set until all information required in Session One is gathered, including the completion of the Interrogation of the Parties. If there are less than six (6) months between Session One and the proposed wedding date, please consult the Chancery.

Marriage License # _____ County _____

SESSION ONE – DATE: _____

I. BASIC INFORMATION:

GROOM		BRIDE
	Name	
	Address	
	City, State, Zip Code	
	Home Phone	
	Work Phone	
	Occupation	
	Date of Birth	
	Place of Birth	
	Present Religion	
	Parish	
	In Parish Since When?	
	Extent of Religious Practice	
	Father's Name	
	Father's Religion/Rite	
	Mother's Name	

II. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED *(Please check boxes indicating required documentation):*

Baptismal Certificate: Groom Bride Confirmation Certificate: Groom Bride
 Civil Divorce Decree: Groom Bride Annulment Decree: Groom Bride
 Testimonial of Freedom: Groom Bride Death Certificate of Former Spouse: Groom Bride

As documentation becomes available, please record below:

GROOM		BRIDE
	Date of Baptism	
	Place of Baptism	
	Date of Confirmation*	
	Place of Confirmation	
	Date of Testimonial of Freedom	
	Name of former spouse	
	<i>If former spouse is deceased</i>	
	Date of Death	
	Place of Death	
	Certificate Number	
	<i>If former marriage was annulled</i>	
	Date of Decree	
	Protocol Number	
	Diocese where obtained	

**If any party has not been confirmed, arrangements should be made to provide the appropriate catechesis so that the sacraments may be received either before or, without undue delay, after the celebration of the wedding.*

III. DISPENSATIONS/PERMISSIONS NEEDED

APPLIED RECEIVED

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1. CATHOLIC MARRIAGE AFTER PRIOR UNION WITH ANOTHER PARTY – If either party was previously married to a third party, or if either party was involved in a previous non-marital union from which there are children, this form must be filed with the Tribunal, and **NO DATE MAY BE SET** until the permission is granted. This is the form to use for DF (Defect of Form) situations, ecclesiastical annulment or dissolution, and death of a former spouse. *Use one form per prior union.*

2. DISPENSATION FROM DISPARITY OF WORSHIP. If either party is *non-baptized (even a catechumen)*, this Petition must be filed with the Chancery.

3. PETITION FOR MIXED MARRIAGE. If either party is a *baptized non-Catholic*, this Petition must be filed with the Chancery.

4. PETITION TO BE MARRIED IN A NON-CATHOLIC CEREMONY (DISPENSATION FROM CANONICAL FORM) – If, for serious pastoral reasons, a couple requests to be married in a non-Catholic ceremony, this Petition must be filed with the Chancery along with a request for either a dispensation from disparity of worship or permission for a Mixed Marriage.

5. PERMISSION FOR A PRIEST/DEACON TO OFFICIATE AT MARRIAGE OUTSIDE A CATHOLIC CHURCH EDIFICE – If, for serious pastoral reasons, a couple requests to be married outside a Catholic Church by a priest or deacon, permission must be sought from the Chancery. The bishops of New York State will not give permission for marriages to take place outdoors.

6. MARRIAGE WITH LESS THAN SIX (6) MONTHS OF PREPARATION – If, for serious pastoral reasons, a couple requests to be married within less than six (6) months of preparation, the Chancery must be consulted.

7. DISPENSATION FROM CONSANGUINITY OR AFFINITY – If the share a common ancestry to the third or fourth degree (total collateral lines), or through a valid marriage in the direct line, a dispensation must be obtained from the Chancery.

8. REQUEST FOR CATHOLIC CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE WHEN AT LEAST ONE PARTY IS UNDER 18 – If either party is under 18, a request must be submitted to the Chancery, and **NO DATE MAY BE SET** until the permission has been granted.