



**PRENUPTIAL INQUIRY FORM  
AND  
NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION**

**ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES  
OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE  
(213) 637-7228**

Groom: \_\_\_\_\_ Bride: \_\_\_\_\_

Date/time of the nuptial celebration: \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

- Celebration of Matrimony within Mass       Celebration of Matrimony without Mass  
 Celebration of Matrimony between a Catholic and a Catechumen or a Non-Christian

Presider of the Liturgy: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Rehearsal: \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Best Man: \_\_\_\_\_

Maid/Matron of Honor: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered in Marriage Register: Volume \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

Church and date of Groom's Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Notification of Marriage: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ or entered in Baptismal Register: Volume \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

Church and date of Bride's Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Notification of Marriage: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ or entered in Baptismal Register: Volume \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

Required notification sent to appropriate state agency on: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

I hereby delegate Reverend/Deacon \_\_\_\_\_ to witness, within the limits of this parish, at the marriage of the parties named above.

Name of Pastor or Archbishop's Delegate: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The Groom & Bride must be interviewed separately by the Priest or Deacon who is required to pose and write the answers to the following questions. This is a confidential Church document and must be kept in a secured file.

### GROOM

The Priest or Deacon, having reminded the Groom of the sacred character and binding force of an oath, will ask the Groom the following questions:

Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth and nothing but the truth in answering the questions that shall be asked, so help you God? \_\_\_\_\_

1. Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Address: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived at this address: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Date and place of your birth? \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Were you ever baptized? \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_ Church of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Country: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Note: If baptized Catholic, the Groom should present a copy of his Baptismal Certificate. If baptized in another Christian church, a copy of the Baptismal Certificate should be secured if possible. If the person is non-baptized and marrying a Catholic, a Dispensation for Disparity of Worship is needed.)*

4. What religion do you presently practice? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Questions 5, 6, 7 are to be asked of Catholic only**

5. First Holy Communion: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Church/Place: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Confirmation: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Church/Place: \_\_\_\_\_

7. To what parish do you presently belong? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you describe the practice of your religion? \_\_\_\_\_

8. What are the names and addresses of two persons (preferably parents or relatives) who could testify to your freedom to marry:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. Are you civilly married to your intended spouse? \_\_\_\_\_ How long? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been married or attempted marriage, in a religious or civil ceremony to another person? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, how many times? \_\_\_\_\_

*If any prior union(s) the following questions also need to be asked:*

Name(s) of former spouse(s): \_\_\_\_\_

If ended by death, has a death certificate(s) been submitted? \_\_\_\_\_

If ended by divorce, has the Catholic Church issued a "Declaration of Nullity" or ecclesiastical dissolution for the union(s)? \_\_\_\_\_ *(If yes, the ecclesiastical decree(s) must be presented.)*

10. Have you ever fathered a child/children in any previous relationship? \_\_\_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_\_\_  
 If so, are you fulfilling your moral and legal obligations to the child/children? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is your intended spouse aware of these obligations? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Has your intended spouse ever been married or attempted marriage, in a religious or civil ceremony to another person? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, how many times? \_\_\_\_\_  
*(If the Bride has had any former union(s), she is to be asked fuller details during her interview.)*  
***(If the answer "Yes" is given to questions 12 through 15, please obtain details and consult Canonical Services.)***
12. Are you and your intended spouse related by blood (as first cousins or closer) or by a legal relationship (in-laws)? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 If so, please describe the relationship: \_\_\_\_\_
13. Do you or your intended spouse suffer from any of the following:  
 a) a serious physical disease or other health problem that could create difficulties in your marriage? \_\_\_\_\_  
 b) a significant psychological impairment? \_\_\_\_\_  
 c) alcohol or other substance abuse? \_\_\_\_\_  
 If yes, please give details: \_\_\_\_\_
14. Is any person or circumstance (e.g. parental pressure, pregnancy, etc.) influencing you to enter this marriage or forcing you to do so against your will? \_\_\_\_\_ Is any person or circumstance influencing the Bride to enter this marriage or forcing her to marry against her will? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Are you attaching any conditions, restrictions, or reservations of any kind to your consent to this marriage? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Have you entered any type of prenuptial agreement? \_\_\_\_\_  
 If "yes" to either, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
***(If the answer "No" is given to questions 16 through 18, please obtain details and consult Canonical Services.)***
16. Do you intend to enter a permanent marriage that can be dissolved only by death? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Do you intend to be faithful to your wife always? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Do you understand that one of the purposes of marriage is the begetting and rearing of children, God willing? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you intend to accept and fulfill this aspect of marriage? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Does your intended Bride accept and intend to fulfill this aspect of marriage? \_\_\_\_\_
19. How long have you known your intended spouse? \_\_\_\_\_  
 How long have you been engaged? \_\_\_\_\_
20. Is there any major fact about you, either in the present or the past, which you have not made known to your proposed spouse and which might affect her willingness to marry you? \_\_\_\_\_  
 If so, what is that fact? \_\_\_\_\_
21. Has any close family member raised any objections to this marriage? \_\_\_\_\_  
 If so, please describe the nature of those objections: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Groom: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Priest/Deacon: \_\_\_\_\_ *(Please Attach Parish Seal)*

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### BRIDE

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Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth and nothing but the truth in answering the questions that shall be asked, so help you God? \_\_\_\_\_

1. Full Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Address: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived at this address: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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If so, what is that fact? \_\_\_\_\_

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If so, please describe the nature of those objections: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Bride: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Priest/Deacon: \_\_\_\_\_ *(Please Attach Parish Seal)*

## Date of Marriage and Necessary Documentation

### Check List

**Priest/Deacon Preparing the Couple:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Date of Initial Appointment:      Date: \_\_\_\_\_      Time: \_\_\_\_\_
- Additional Appointment:      Date: \_\_\_\_\_      Time: \_\_\_\_\_
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**Marriage is Clear of Impediments:**

- Marriage reserved in the Mass Book  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_      Time: \_\_\_\_\_
- Marriage date noted celebrant Appointment Book

**Marriage Preparation:**

- Marriage Preparation Program (Proof of Attendance)
- Prenuptial Inquiry Form

**Copy of Records for the File:**

**Groom    Bride**

- Current** Baptismal Certificate (6 months or less before the wedding date)  
*(Note: Check back of Baptismal Certificate for "Notations" of prior valid bonds and First Communion and Confirmation information)*
- First Communion if Catholic
- Confirmation if Catholic (Note: c. 1065 § 1 Catholics who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation are to receive it before they are admitted to marriage **if it can be done without serious inconvenience**)
- Marriage License (Note: Valid for 90 days from date obtained)

**Additional Records (If Required):**

- Declaration of Nullity
- Death Certificate

**Dispensations or Permissions (If Required):**

- Disparity of Worship
- Mixed Marriage
- Canonical Form
- Lack of Form
- Testimonial Letters

**NOTES:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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