

DIOCESE OF VICTORIA

REPORT of the MARRIAGE CEREMONY that occurred for which a DISPENSATION from the CANONICAL FORM was granted.

Verification that the non-Catholic marriage ceremony occurred:

- I, the non-Catholic officiant, witnessed the marriage ceremony of the couple below. I have made any necessary corrections of the marriage information below.

Signature of non-Catholic officiant Date signed

- A Catholic priest or deacon was present at this marriage ceremony.

 Priest or Deacon (Print name)

- Other means of verification:
- Secured photocopy of the civil marriage license signed by a non-Catholic officiant.
 - Groom/bride contacted the Catholic priest or deacon.
 - Family member/friend contacted the catholic priest or deacon.
 - Catholic priest or deacon contacted Groom/Bride or family member/friend.
 - Or: _____

Signature of Catholic Priest or Deacon Date Signed

The marriage ceremony of _____, a Catholic,
and _____, a non-Catholic, did occur.

Name and title of person who received the consent of both parties (exchange of vows)

Name of church or place where the non-Catholic marriage ceremony was celebrated

Address

City/State/Zip Code Date of non-Catholic marriage ceremony

INSTRUCTIONS for Catholic Priest or Deacon:

In a mixed marriage for which there has been granted a dispensation from canonical form (Canon 1127, §2), an ecclesiastical record of the marriage shall be kept in the Chancery of the diocese which granted the dispensation and in the marriage records of the parish from which application for the dispensation was made (Canon 1121,§3).

It is the responsibility of the priest or deacon who requested the dispensation that the following occurs the manage ceremony is celebrated:

- (a) Complete this form. Type or print clearly.

Indicate that the marriage ceremony did occur by one of the following options:

→Send this form to the non-Catholic officiant to be signed.

OR

Give this form to the Catholic groom/bride to secure the non-Catholic officiant's signature.

→Indicate if a Catholic priest or deacon was present at this marriage ceremony.

→Indicate the Other means of verification".

- (b) Fax this completed form to the Chancery (361-827-7176) and place this completed form in the marriage file (Canon 1121, §3).

- (c) Place all documents, dispensation(s), permission(s), and records pertaining to this marriage in the usual marriage file of the parish where the pre-nuptial investigation and request for this dispensation from canonical form occurred (Canon 1121, §3).

- (d) Make notation of this marriage in the same parish marriage register where the pre-nuptial investigation and request for this dispensation from canonical form occurred, indicating the name of the minister, place and date of the non-Catholic marriage ceremony, and the granting of the necessary dispensation(s), permission(s) (Canon 1121, §3).

- (e) Send the notice of marriage to the place of baptism of the Catholic spouse (Canon 1122).

A dispensation from canonical form was granted by the Chancery Office of the Diocese of
Victoria on _____.
(Month, Day, Year)

This marriage has been recorded on _____ in the marriage register
(Month, Day, Year)
of _____ in _____.
(Parish) (City, State)

Signature of Priest or Deacon Parish

Type/print name City/State

Date Signed

PARISH SEAL

DIOCESE OF VICTORIA

PETITION for a DISPENSATION from the CANONICAL FORM in a MIXED MARRIAGE

If grave difficulties hinder the observance of canonical form in a mixed marriage, the local ordinary of the Catholic party may dispense the Catholic from the canonical form for a just pastoral cause, after having consulted the ordinary of the place in which the marriage is celebrated and with some public form of celebration for validity (Canon 1127, §2). If there is a dispensation from canonical form, the presence of a Catholic priest or deacon is permissible though not required. One may not have a Catholic marriage ceremony before or after the non-Catholic marriage ceremony. (Canon 1127, §3)

If there has been a dispensation from canonical form, ordinarily the marriage ceremony is celebrated in a non-Catholic church or oratory. In some exceptional circumstances (e.g. certain Catholic-Jewish marriages), it may be necessary that the dispensation be granted so that a civil ceremony may occur. A public form that is civilly recognized for the celebration of marriage is required.

NOTE:

1. A Petition for a Canonical Dispensation or Permission for a Mixed marriage **MUST** accompany this completed petition.
2. Type or print clearly.
3. Fax this completed petition to the Chancery (361) 827-7176

The undersigned requests for the following persons:

_____, a Catholic with domicile or quasi-domicile in
our diocese, of _____ and _____,
(parish) (intended spouse)

_____, a dispensation from the canonical form of marriage which will allow
(Religious affiliation)

- A minister of _____ to receive the exchange of vows.
- A civil magistrate to receive the exchange of vows. (A letter to the Bishop explaining the exceptional circumstances requiring a civil ceremony must be attached to this petition.)

For the Following reason(s):

- To achieve family harmony or to avoid family alienation.
- To obtain parental agreement to the marriage.
- To recognize the significant claims of relationship of special friendship with a non-Catholic Minister
- To permit the marriage in a church that has particular importance to the non-Catholic.
- Other: _____

Permission(s) for:

- A marriage ceremony in a non-Catholic church or oratory.
- A marriage ceremony in a suitable place outside a sacred space. (A letter to the Bishop stating the serious reason for this request must be attached to this petition.)
- A Catholic Priest or Deacon: _____
to participate in this non-Catholic marriage ceremony by offering other appropriate prayers, read from Scriptures, give a brief exhortation and bless the couple. Only the non-Catholic officiant receives the consent of both parties during a non-Catholic marriage ceremony. (Canon 1127, §3).

Name and title of person who will receive the consent of both parties (exchange of vows)

Name of church or place where the non-Catholic marriage ceremony will occur

Address

City/State/Zip Code

Date of non-Catholic Marriage Ceremony

I, the undersigned priest/deacon, declare that after this dispensation from canonical form is granted and the non-Catholic marriage ceremony is celebrated, I will:

- (a) Send to the Chancery a completed "Report of the Marriage Ceremony that occurred for which a Dispensation from Canonical Form was granted".
- (b) Place all documents, dispensation(s), permission(s), and records pertaining to this marriage in the usual marriage file of the parish where the pre-nuptial investigation and request for this dispensation from canonical form occurred (Canon 1121, §3).
- (c) Make notation of this marriage in the same parish marriage register where the pre-nuptial investigation and request for this dispensation from canonical form occurred, indicating the name of the minister, place and date of the non-Catholic marriage ceremony, and the granting of the necessary dispensation(s), permission(s) (Canon 1121, §3).
- (d) Send the notice of marriage to the place of baptism of the Catholic spouse (Canon 1122).

Note: If this dispensation from canonical form is not used within 3 months of the scheduled, non-Catholic ceremony date, return it to the Chancery for cancellation.

Signature of Priest or Deacon

Parish

Type/Print Name

City/State

Date signed

*****PARISH SEAL

In accord with Canon 1127, §2, the request for the dispensation from canonical form is granted.
The permission(s) in this petition is granted.

Signature of Local Ordinary

Date signed

Protocol No. _____

****Seal of the Diocese****