



Pre-Nuptial Questionnaire

To be completed for all couples who are prepared for Marriage within the Diocese of Bismarck.

*****See Checklist and Instruction Sheet*****

Diocese of Bismarck
Office of the Chancery

Parish Where Couple was Prepared _____

WEDDING INFORMATION

Wedding Date _____ Parish of Ceremony _____
(if different from above) Name City State

Groom's Name _____ Age _____*
First Middle Last

Bride's Name _____ Age _____*
First Middle Last

Best Man's Name _____ Age _____**

Maid/Matron of Honor's Name _____ Age _____**

Celebrant and Title _____

* Per diocesan particular law, parental permission is required if the parties are under the age of 18.
** Per diocesan particular law, witnesses must be at least 18.

DELEGATION *(when necessary)*

I, _____, pastor of the parish of ceremony,

do hereby delegate _____ to ask for and receive the consent of the parties. The above named cleric has presented a letter of good standing to the Chancery. In an emergency, the above named cleric has the faculty to subdelegate, in this instance only. *Delegation is to be given by the pastor of the parish where the wedding is to be held if another priest or deacon from outside the parish is to witness the couple's vows.*

FOR USE BY THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY ONLY

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Permission for Mixed Marriage | <input type="checkbox"/> Dispensation from Impediment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permission for Convalidation | <input type="checkbox"/> Dispensation from Canonical Form |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permission due to Declaration of Invalidity | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Nihil Obstat</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permission for Non-Practicing Catholic | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Visum</i> |

Protocol No.: _____ Date Issued: _____

See attached rescript for the grant of the requested dispensation(s) and/or permissions(s).

Section 1: GROOM

The groom is to be interviewed alone by the preparing cleric.

Name: _____

Residence: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Work Home Cell

Circle one

Phone Number: _____ Work Home Cell

Circle one

Date of Birth: _____

Baptized? Yes No Date: _____

If no, please complete Form A, section 3, part C.

Religion of Baptism: _____ Rite: _____

Place of Baptism: _____

Confirmed? Yes No Date: _____

Catholic confirmations only.

Religion of Confirmation: _____ Rite: _____

Place of Confirmation: _____

Current Religion: _____

Current Parish: _____

Diocese of (Quasi) Domicile _____

If Catholic, are you practicing your faith? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

If no, please complete Form A, section 3, part B.

Father's Name: _____

Father's Religion: _____ Rite: _____

Mother's Name (maiden): _____

Mother's Religion: _____ Rite: _____

How long have you dated? _____

When did you become engaged? _____

What concerns or doubts do you have about this marriage?

The following questions are to be answered with a 'Yes' or 'No' (cf. Help Sheet Explaining Impediments on diocesan website):

_____ Are you freely and willingly entering into marriage with the bride, and without grave fear or force?

_____ Are you open to the possibility of children?

_____ Have you attempted marriage before in any manner

(current relationship excluded)?

If so, and Documents of Freedom to Marry are extant for all priors, please complete Form C.

_____ Are you currently civilly married to each other?

If so, please complete Form A, Section 3, part A.

_____ Have you ever taken a public vow of perpetual chastity or been ordained as a priest or deacon?*

_____ Have you committed a murder in order to marry the bride?*

_____ Have you abducted the bride in order to marry her?*

_____ Were you in a previous relationship with a member of the bride's family that would cause public scandal were you to marry the bride?*

_____ Are you related to the bride by blood? (i.e., second cousins or closer)*

_____ Are you related to the bride by law? (i.e., marriage or adoption)*

_____ Are you placing any conditions on your marriage consent? (i.e., I will marry you if...)*

_____ For Eastern Rite Catholics ONLY: Are you spiritually related to the bride by Baptism (i.e., godparent, godchild)*

_____ Are you aware of any physical or psychological conditions that may prevent you from consummating the marriage?

If yes, please call the Chancery immediately for consultation.

_____ Have you signed or are you contemplating signing a pre-nuptial agreement?*

If yes, draft must be submitted in advance to Chancery for approval.

_____ Is there anything else which you should reveal concerning your proposed marriage? (i.e., pregnancy, children from this union or a previous one, addiction, family opposition, etc.)

Explanation:

* = Dispensation required if answered with a 'yes'; If so, please complete Form B. Prior consultation with Chancery is required.

Section 1: GROOM (cont'd)

Statement of Agreement for Groom:

I understand that marriage is an irrevocable covenant by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life and which is ordered by its nature to the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of children. I also understand that marriage is an exclusive relationship between one man and one woman, and that it is permanent and cannot be dissolved except by death. I am entering this marriage of my own free will. I intend to be faithful to my wife.

I NOW AFFIRM THE TRUTH OF THE ABOVE STATEMENTS.

Signature of Groom

Signature of Preparing Cleric as Witness

Date

Section 2: BRIDE

The bride is to be interviewed alone by the preparing cleric.

Name: _____

Residence: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Work Home Cell
Circle one

Phone Number: _____ Work Home Cell
Circle one

Date of Birth: _____

Baptized? Yes No Date: _____
If no, please complete Form A, section 3, part C.

Religion of Baptism: _____ Rite: _____

Place of Baptism: _____

Confirmed? Yes No Date: _____
Catholic confirmations only.

Religion of Confirmation: _____ Rite: _____

Place of Confirmation: _____

Current Religion: _____

Current Parish: _____

Diocese of (Quasi) Domicile _____

If Catholic, are you practicing your faith? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

If no, please complete Form A, section 3, part B.

Father's Name: _____

Father's Religion: _____ Rite: _____

Mother's Name (maiden): _____

Mother's Religion: _____ Rite: _____

How long have you dated? _____

When did you become engaged? _____

What concerns or doubts do you have about this marriage?

The following questions are to be answered with a 'Yes' or 'No' (cf. Help Sheet Explaining Impediments on diocesan website):

_____ Are you freely and willingly entering into marriage with the groom, and without grave fear or force?

_____ Are you open to the possibility of children?

_____ Have you attempted marriage before in any manner (current relationship excluded)?

If so, and Documents of Freedom to Marry are extant for all priors, please complete Form C.

_____ Are you currently civilly married to each other?

If so, please complete Form A, Section 3, part A.

_____ Have you ever taken a public vow of perpetual chastity as a religious sister?*

_____ Have you committed a murder in order to marry the groom?*

_____ Have you abducted the groom in order to marry him?*

_____ Were you in a previous relationship with a member of the groom's family that would cause public scandal were you to marry the groom?*

_____ Are you related to the groom by blood? (i.e., second cousins or closer)*

_____ Are you related to the groom by law? (i.e., marriage or adoption)*

_____ Are you placing any conditions on your marriage consent? (i.e., I will marry you if...)*

_____ For Eastern Rite Catholics ONLY: Are you spiritually related to the groom by Baptism (i.e., godparent, godchild)*

_____ Are you aware of any physical or psychological conditions that may prevent you from consummating the marriage?

If yes, please call the Chancery immediately for consultation.

_____ Have you signed or are you contemplating signing a pre-nuptial agreement?*

If yes, draft must be submitted in advance to Chancery for approval.

_____ Is there anything else which you should reveal concerning your proposed marriage? (i.e., pregnancy, children from this union or a previous one, addiction, family opposition, etc.)

Explanation:

* = Dispensation required if answered with a 'yes'; If so, please complete Form B. Prior consultation with Chancery is required.

Section 2: BRIDE (cont'd)

Statement of Agreement for Bride:

I understand that marriage is an irrevocable covenant by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life and which is ordered by its nature to the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of children. I also understand that marriage is an exclusive relationship between one man and one woman, and that it is permanent and cannot be dissolved except by death. I am entering this marriage of my own free will. I intend to be faithful to my husband.

I NOW AFFIRM THE TRUTH OF THE ABOVE STATEMENTS.

Signature of Bride

Signature of Preparing Cleric as Witness

Date

Section 3: Incidental Information

A. To Validate a Civil Marriage which currently exists (*attach copy of Marriage License*)

- When did you begin your present union? _____
- Where were you married? _____
- Before whom? _____
- Why were you not married before a Catholic priest or deacon? _____

B. For a Non-Practicing Catholic:

- | | Yes | No |
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| • Do you intend to receive the Sacraments before this marriage? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Have you ever publicly renounced the Catholic Faith? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Have you ever formally joined another religion or denomination? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Have you ever joined an atheistic party, occult group or cult? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

C. For an Unbaptized person:

- How do you know that you are not baptized? _____
- Were you ever instructed in any religion? _____
- Do you now profess any religion? _____
- Have you ever thought of becoming a Catholic? _____

Section 4: Other Requirements

The couple has completed/observed each of the following:

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| Inventory (FOCCUS, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> | Pre-Marriage Weekend <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>(attach certificate)</i> | NFP Course <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>(attach certificate)</i> | 9-month Timespan <input type="checkbox"/>
of Preparation |
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*Any relaxation of these requirements must be indicated on Form B (2/2)
along with document from the Bishop attached.*

Section 5: Freedom to Marry of the Parties

I personally vouch for the freedom to marry of the Groom of the Bride

OR

A Canonical Witness Affidavit (*Form D*) is attached for the Groom for the Bride

Signature of the Preparer (Priest/Deacon)

Church

Date