



Diocese of Bismarck  
Office of the Chancery

**Form B** (1/2)

# Request for Dispensations, Permissions, or Relaxations

## DISPENSATION FROM CANONICAL FORM OF MARRIAGE CEREMONY

The marriage is to be contracted in:

\_\_\_\_\_ Church,  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(city, state)  
in the presence of Rev. \_\_\_\_\_  
(name)

### The reason(s) for the request:

- \_\_\_\_\_ To permit marriage in a church of particular importance to the non-Catholic party.
- \_\_\_\_\_ To achieve family harmony or to avoid family alienation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ To obtain parental agreement to the marriage.
- \_\_\_\_\_ To recognize significant relationship/friendship to the non-Catholic minister.
- \_\_\_\_\_ To avoid danger of invalid marriage.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

## DISPENSATIONS FROM IMPEDIMENTS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Impediment of Disparity of Cult (n.b. one party is not baptized)\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Impediment of Disparity of Cult "ad cautelam" (n.b. doubtful baptism)\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other Impediment (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

### The reason(s) for the request:

- \_\_\_\_\_ To achieve family harmony or to avoid family alienation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ To avoid danger of invalid marriage.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Well-founded hope of conversion of non-Catholic
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

## PERMISSIONS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Permission for Mixed Religion\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Permission for Convalidation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Permission due to Declaration of Invalidity
- \_\_\_\_\_ Permission for Marriage to a Non-practicing Catholic\*

### The reason(s) for the request:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Spiritual well-being of the Catholic party
- \_\_\_\_\_ To avoid danger of invalid marriage.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Convalidation of a civil marriage
- \_\_\_\_\_ Well-founded hope of conversion of non-Catholic
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Declaration and Promise required, see page 2/2.

**RELAXATIONS**

*(Preliminary written permission from the Bishop is necessary; such documents from the Bishop are to be attached)*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Inventory (FOCCUS, etc)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-marriage weekend
- \_\_\_\_\_ Natural Family Planning Course
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9-month Timespan of Preparation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Previously Submitted Pre-nuptial Agreement

**Declaration and Promise of the Catholic Party**

*(To be completed for all marriages involving Mixed Marriage, Disparity of Cult, or Non-Practicing Catholic)*

I reaffirm my faith in Jesus Christ and, with God’s help, intend to continue living that faith in the Catholic Church.

- I am prepared to avoid any danger of falling away from my personal practice of the Catholic Faith.
- I promise to do my reasonable best in assuring the Catholic baptism and education of our children *(not applicable to those beyond child-bearing age)*.
- At the same time, I acknowledge the respect I owe to the conscience of my partner in marriage.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Catholic Party*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Preparing Cleric as Witness*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*