Diocese of Bismarck
Office of the Chancery

Canonical Witness Affidavit

Form D (1/1)

To be used by the preparer when a canonical witness is required to determine a party's freedom to marry or baptismal status

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Name of Groom or Bride

Canonical Witness Information

Phone Interview ❑ Personal Interview ❑

Name: _____ Street Address: _____

City and State: _____ Phone No.: _____

Relationship to the person to be married: _____

How long have you known this person? _____

Baptismal Status Information

Was this person baptized? Yes ❑ No ❑

How do you know? Was present ❑ Have seen baptismal certificate ❑

Denomination, Location, and Approximate Date of Baptism: _____

Marital Status Information

Has this person ever contracted or attempted marriage in any manner? Yes ❑ No ❑

Name of Previous Spouse: _____ Marriage Date: _____

Place of Marriage: _____

Officiated by: Priest ❑ Minister ❑ Civil Official ❑

How did it end? Death ❑ Divorce ❑

	Yes	No
• Is this person bound by any civil or ecclesiastical impediments to this marriage?	❑	❑
• Is this person marrying because of force or fear arising from persons or circumstances?	❑	❑
• Do you believe that this person understands the nature and responsibilities of marriage?	❑	❑
• If this person is under the legal age, do the parents or guardians consent to the forthcoming marriage?	❑	❑
• Do you know of any reason why this person should not be married in the Catholic Church?	❑	❑
• Do you know of anything else that should be disclosed in regard to this person's forthcoming marriage?	❑	❑

Explanation: _____

I NOW AFFIRM THE TRUTH OF THE ABOVE STATEMENTS, TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY

_____
Signature of Person Interviewed *Date*

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Signature of Preparer or Interviewer *Date*

Parish Seal (required)