**Prenuptial Investigation for Catholic Churches in the State of New Jersey**

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### The Parties to the Marriage

Name of Groom: __________________________________

Name of Bride: __________________________________

### The Parties Offering Testimony

Name of Witness: _________________________________

Name of Witness: _________________________________

Witness for:

- [ ] groom
- [ ] bride

Witness for:

- [ ] groom
- [ ] bride

Religion: ___________________________

Age: _________

Religion: ___________________________

Age: _________

How long have you known him/her? __________________

How long have you known him/her? __________________

Relationship to Party: ______________________________

Relationship to Party: ______________________________

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**Form A-1**

**Affidavits Verifying This Couple’s Freedom to Marry**

1. **Has this party ever contracted any kind of marriage before?**
   - [ ] yes  
   - [ ] no
   
   If so, to whom? _________________________________

2. **Was he/she baptized?**
   - [ ] yes
   - [ ] no
   - [ ] do not know
   
   If so, in what religion? ___________________________

3. **Do you know any reason why this couple should not marry?**
   - [ ] yes
   - [ ] no
   
   If so, explain why: ______________________________

4. **Do you swear these statements are true?**
   - [ ] yes
   - [ ] no

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**Signature of Witness No. 1**

[Signature]

DATE

**Signature of Witness No. 2**

[Signature]

DATE

**Signature of Pastoral Minister/Notary**

[Signature]

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PARISH SEAL

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Form A-2

**PARENTAL PERMISSION FOR THE MARRIAGE OF A MINOR, I.E., A PERSON UNDER 18**

If a parent or guardian will not complete form A-2, the marriage requires the permission of the diocesan bishop (form D-1)

1. Do you consent to the marriage of your son/daughter?  □ yes  □ no
2. If so, do you feel that this couple is mature enough to marry?  □ yes  □ no

If not, why not? __________________________________________

SIGNATURE OF PARENT NO. 1 __________________________ DATE

SIGNATURE OF PARENT NO. 2 __________________________ DATE

Form A-3

**INFORMATION CONCERNING EACH AND EVERY PRIOR MARRIAGE**

**Prior Marriage(s) of the Groom**

First marriage date: _________________________________
To whom? __________________________________________
City of marriage: _________________________________
Officiant:  □ civil  □ religious  □ common law
How did it end?   □ death □ civil divorce/annulment  □ Catholic dissolution/annulment
Date: _______ (Arch) Diocese: ________________________
Protocol Number: __________________________________
Current address of former spouse: __________________
Street: ___________________________________________
City: __________________________ State: ______ Zip: _____

Second marriage date: _________________________________
To whom? __________________________________________
City of marriage: _________________________________
Officiant:  □ civil  □ religious  □ common law
How did it end?   □ death □ civil divorce/annulment  □ Catholic dissolution/annulment
Date: _______ (Arch) Diocese: ________________________
Protocol Number: __________________________________
Current address of former spouse: __________________
Street: ___________________________________________
City: __________________________ State: ______ Zip: _____

**Prior Marriage(s) of the Bride**

First marriage date: _________________________________
To whom? __________________________________________
City of marriage: _________________________________
Officiant:  □ civil  □ religious  □ common law
How did it end?   □ death □ civil divorce/annulment  □ Catholic dissolution/annulment
Date: _______ (Arch) Diocese: ________________________
Protocol Number: __________________________________
Current address of former spouse: __________________
Street: ___________________________________________
City: __________________________ State: ______ Zip: _____

Second marriage date: _________________________________
To whom? __________________________________________
City of marriage: _________________________________
Officiant:  □ civil  □ religious  □ common law
How did it end?   □ death □ civil divorce/annulment  □ Catholic dissolution/annulment
Date: _______ (Arch) Diocese: ________________________
Protocol Number: __________________________________
Current address of former spouse: __________________
Street: ___________________________________________
City: __________________________ State: ______ Zip: _____

* A copy of any and every death certificate, civil divorce decree or civil annulment, Catholic decree of annulment or a Catholic decree of dissolution must be attached to this form.  

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