



DIOCESE OF COVINGTON PRENUPTIAL INVESTIGATION

Parish: _____

Year: _____ No.: _____

GROOM'S INFORMATION

NAME: _____ RELIGION: _____
First Middle Last

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP + 4: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

BIRTHDATE: ____/____/____ PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

BAPTISM: ____/____/____ CHURCH: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ COUNTRY _____

CONFIRMATION: ____/____/____ CHURCH: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ COUNTRY _____

FATHER'S NAME: _____

MOTHER'S NAME: _____ (maiden) _____

BRIDE'S INFORMATION

NAME: _____ RELIGION: _____
First Middle Last

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP + 4: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

BIRTHDATE: ____/____/____ PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

BAPTISM: ____/____/____ CHURCH: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ COUNTRY _____

CONFIRMATION: ____/____/____ CHURCH: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ COUNTRY _____

FATHER'S NAME: _____

MOTHER'S NAME: _____ (maiden) _____

Parish: _____ Year: _____ Number: _____

Groom's Last Name: _____ Bride's Last Name: _____

WEDDING CEREMONY

PRIEST, DEACON, OR MINISTER: _____
(Title) (First) (Initial) (Last)

CHURCH: _____ ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ COUNTY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

REHEARSAL: ____/____/____ TIME: _____ WEDDING: ____/____/____ TIME: _____

WITNESS: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

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(First) (Middle) (Last)

- ☐ This marriage is occurring after the couple attempted marriage without observing the canonical form. The completed "Wedding According to Canonical Form after Attempting to Marry in Another Manner" form is included here.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(When both parties are Catholic)

I hereby reaffirm my faith in Jesus Christ, in the Catholic Church, and in all that the Church teaches and professes. I promise to practice my religion actively* to the best of my ability. I have every intention of doing all in my power to have any children born of this marriage baptized in the Catholic Church and pledge to do all that I can to provide them with formation in the Catholic faith to the best of my ability. I reaffirm my belief in marriage as a sacrament and affirm that I am committing myself to an exclusive partnership of the whole of life with my intended spouse that is ordered to the well-being of us both and to the procreation and upbringing of children and after consummation, unable to be dissolved except by death of one of the parties.

SIGNATURE OF CATHOLIC GROOM: _____

DATE: ____/____/____

SIGNATURE OF CATHOLIC BRIDE: _____

DATE: ____/____/____

PARISH SEAL

SIGNATURE OF ONE PREPARING COUPLE: _____

**The active practice of the Catholic faith requires one to attend Mass every Sunday and holy day of obligation, to make the Easter duty which includes receiving the sacrament of Penance and Holy Communion during the Easter season, to observe the laws and teachings of the Church, and to strive to conform one's life to that of Jesus Christ.*

Parish: _____ Year: _____ Number: _____

Groom's Last Name: _____ Bride's Last Name: _____

FREEDOM TO MARRY

- ☐ I have known both parties for many years and am sure from my personal acquaintance with them for an extended period of time that neither of them has ever been married previously and that no evident impediments to this marriage exist that have not been resolved by the proper ecclesiastical authority.
- ☐ Two affidavits attesting to the groom's freedom to marry are enclosed in this file.
Two affidavits attesting to the bride's freedom to marry are enclosed in this file.
- ☐ Both parties are Catholic. Banns of marriage have been published in the territorial parishes of both parties and copies of those banns are enclosed in this file.

If this is not the first marriage of one or both of the parties:

- ☐ I have enclosed the notarized declaration(s) of nullity from a competent ecclesiastical tribunal and have fulfilled the terms imposed by any attached *monitum* or *vetitum*.
- ☐ I have enclosed death certificate(s) for the previous spouse(s).

DISPENSATIONS AND PERMISSIONS

- ☐ No requests for dispensation or permission are required.
- ☐ The following dispensation(s) and/or permission(s) are required and the completed Dispensations and Permissions forms are included:
 - ☐ Dispensation from Disparity of Cult (c. 1086; Catholic marrying unbaptized person)
 - ☐ Dispensation from Canonical Form (c.1127 §2)
 - ☐ Permission for Mixed Marriage (cc. 1124-1125; Catholic marrying baptized non-Catholic)
 - ☐ Permission for Catholic wedding outside of a Catholic church or oratory (c. 1118)
 - ☐ Permission from territorial pastor to have wedding in the parish specified above (c. 1115)
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

DELEGATION

I, _____, having the faculty to assist
(Title) (First) (Initial) (Last)

at marriages in the parish in which this wedding is to occur, hereby delegate to

_____ the special faculty to witness
(Title) (First) (Initial) (Last)

this specific wedding in this parish. DATE: ____/____/____ SIGNATURE: _____

If the marriage involves a baptized Oriental Catholic or a baptized Oriental non-Catholic, please contact the Chancery for assistance.

Parish: _____ Year: _____ Number: _____

Groom's Last Name: _____ Bride's Last Name: _____

DIOCESAN PRENUPTIAL PREPARATION

PROGRAM: _____ DATES ATTENDED: _____

COUPLE'S REACTION TO PROGRAM: ☐ Positive ☐ Negative

If negative, explain: _____

DATES ATTENDED NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM: _____

COUPLE'S REACTION TO PROGRAM: ☐ Positive ☐ Negative

If negative, explain: _____

CERTIFICATION AND EVALUATION BY THE ONE WHO PREPARED THE COUPLE

I hereby certify that I prepared this couple for marriage.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE ____/____/____

Furthermore, I desire to point out the following issues that may give rise to an invalid marriage between these parties but are not overt enough to me at this time to delay the union:

- ☐ The groom to be may have issues with alcohol or drug addiction
- ☐ The bride to be may have issues with alcohol or drug addiction
- ☐ The groom to be appears to lack maturity regarding marriage and interpersonal relationships
- ☐ The bride to be appears to lack maturity regarding marriage and interpersonal relationships
- ☐ The groom to be appears that he might be incapable of living out the demands of marriage because _____
- ☐ The bride to be appears that she might be incapable of living out the demands of marriage because _____
- ☐ The groom to be seems insistent that his wife must be: _____
- ☐ The bride to be seems insistent that her husband must be: _____
- ☐ The groom to be seems to have manipulated the bride to be to marry him
- ☐ The bride to be seems to have manipulated the groom to be to marry her
- ☐ The groom to be might believe that divorce is regrettable but acceptable
- ☐ The bride to be might believe that divorce is regrettable but acceptable
- ☐ The groom to be seems not to want children
- ☐ The bride to be seems not to want children
- ☐ The groom to be seems to want an open marriage
- ☐ The bride to be seems to want an open marriage
- ☐ The groom to be might be placing the following condition on his marrying the bride to be: _____
- ☐ The bride to be might be placing the following condition on her marrying the groom to be: _____
- ☐ Something seems to be forcing the groom to be into marriage
- ☐ Something seems to be forcing the bride to be into marriage
- ☐ Other, please explain: _____

If any box above has been checked, a letter offering more details about the issue noted can be included with this file.

Parish: _____ Year: _____ Number: _____

Groom's Last Name: _____ Bride's Last Name: _____

CERTIFICATION BY THE ONE WHO ASSISTED AT THE MARRIAGE

I hereby certify that I assisted at the wedding of this couple on the date and at the place indicated.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: ____/____/____

NOTIFICATIONS

☐ COUNTY CLERK, County of _____ Notified: ____/____/____

☐ CATHOLIC GROOM'S CHURCH OF BAPTISM Church: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Notified: ____/____/____

☐ CATHOLIC BRIDE'S CHURCH OF BAPTISM Church: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Notified: ____/____/____

CHECKLIST

THE FOLLOWING ARE ENCLOSED:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current baptismal certificate of groom ¹ | <input type="checkbox"/> Delegation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current baptismal certificate of bride ¹ | <input type="checkbox"/> Dispensation(s) and/or permission(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Territorial pastor's permission | <input type="checkbox"/> Banns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Death certificate(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 freedom to marry affidavits for the groom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Declaration(s) of nullity | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 freedom to marry affidavits for the bride |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Statement of groom | <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage preparation certificate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Statement of bride | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural family planning certificate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage license ² | <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage Certificate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wedding According to Canonical Form after Civil Union Form | |

¹ No older than six months prior to the date of the marriage ceremony

² A copy of the marriage license is to be retained in this file.

OFFICIAL INSPECTION

- ☐ There are no problems with this file.
- ☐ This file must be completed with the following:

DATE: _____ BY: _____

Parish: _____ Year: _____ Number: _____

Groom's Last Name: _____ Bride's Last Name: _____

STATEMENT OF THE GROOM

Answers must be printed in the presence of the priest or deacon who is to assist at the wedding. The bride should not be present.

1. How actively do you practice your religion?
2. How actively does your fiancée practice her religion?
3. How long have you known your fiancée?
4. How long have you been engaged?
5. Has either of you ever been married before to another person?
6. If so, to whom, and how are you now free to marry?
7. Are you related to your fiancée by blood or by marriage? How?
8. Are you physically able to honor the sexual commitment you are making to your fiancée?
9. Are you aware of any mental, emotional, or nervous illness, disorder, or addictions that would make it difficult for you to live up to the demands of marriage? _____ If yes, explain:
10. Are you aware of any mental, emotional, or nervous illness, disorder, or addictions that would make it difficult for your intended spouse to live up to the demands of marriage? _____ If yes, explain:
11. Are you committing yourself honestly and with no reservations to a marital union with your fiancée that will be binding until death?
12. (If under age 18) Do your parents approve of this wedding?
13. Are you pledging to be totally faithful to your fiancée?
14. Are you giving your spouse the right to have children with you?
 - Are you placing any conditions on handing over that right?
 - If so, what are these conditions?

Parish: _____ Year: _____ Number: _____

Groom's Last Name: _____ Bride's Last Name: _____

15. Are you giving total and unqualified consent to this marriage, free of any restrictions, limitations, or conditions?

16. If you are not Catholic, have you ever been baptized in any religion?

If so, when and where? Date: ____/____/____ Church: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____

By my signature below, I affirm that:

All the answers recorded above are true to the best of my knowledge;

I have given them in the presence of the priest or deacon who is to assist at the wedding or the one preparing this couple for marriage;

The intended bride was not present during this testimony.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: ____/____/____

PLACE WHERE TESTIMONY WAS GIVEN: _____

I affirm that the above statement was made and signed by the groom in my presence.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: ____/____/____

COMMENTS: _____

PARISH SEAL

Parish: _____ Year: _____ Number: _____

Groom's Last Name: _____ Bride's Last Name: _____

STATEMENT OF THE BRIDE

Answers must be printed in the presence of the priest or deacon who is to assist at the wedding. The groom should not be present.

1. How actively do you practice your religion?
2. How actively does your fiancé practice his religion?
3. How long have you known your fiancé?
4. How long have you been engaged?
5. Has either of you ever been married before to another person?
6. If so, to whom, and how are you now free to marry?
7. Are you related to your fiancé by blood or by marriage? How?
8. Are you physically able to honor the sexual commitment you are making to your fiancé?
9. Are you aware of any mental, emotional, or nervous illness, disorder, or addictions that would make it difficult for you to live up to the demands of marriage? _____ If yes, explain:
10. Are you aware of any mental, emotional, or nervous illness, disorder, or addictions that would make it difficult for your intended spouse to live up to the demands of marriage? _____ If yes, explain:
11. Are you committing yourself honestly and with no reservations to a marital union with your fiancé that will be binding until death?
12. (If under age 18) Do your parents approve of this wedding?
13. Are you pledging to be totally faithful to your fiancé?
14. Are you giving your spouse the right to have children with you?
 - Are you placing any conditions on handing over that right?
 - If so, what are these conditions?

Parish: _____ Year: _____ Number: _____

Groom's Last Name: _____ Bride's Last Name: _____

15. Are you giving total and unqualified consent to this marriage, free of any restrictions, limitations, or conditions?

16. If you are not Catholic, have you ever been baptized in any religion?

If so, when and where? Date: ____/____/____ Church: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____

By my signature below, I affirm that:

All the answers recorded above are true to the best of my knowledge;

I have given them in the presence of the priest or deacon who is to assist at the wedding or the one preparing this couple for marriage;

The intended groom was not present during this testimony.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: ____/____/____

PLACE WHERE TESTIMONY WAS GIVEN: _____

I affirm that the above statement was made and signed by the bride in my presence.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: ____/____/____

COMMENTS: _____

PARISH SEAL

Parish: _____ Year: _____ Number: _____

Groom's Last Name: _____ Bride's Last Name: _____

AFFIDAVIT #1 FOR THE GROOM'S FREEDOM TO MARRY

Having known _____ for _____ years,

I, _____, attest and affirm that the following diriment impediment specified in the law of the Catholic Church might prevent him from being free to marry in the Catholic Church:

☐ The wedding is before the day after his sixteenth birthday. (c. 1083)

☐ He is impotent (c. 1084)

☐ He has been married before: (c. 1085)

Name of former spouse: _____

Place where the ceremony occurred: _____

in City: _____, State: _____

☐ He is not baptized (c. 1086)

☐ He has been ordained a priest (c. 1087)

☐ He has taken a perpetual vow of chastity in a religious order (c. 1088)

☐ He has abducted or detained his fiancée for the purpose of marriage (c. 1089)

☐ He murdered or arranged the murder of his fiancée's previous spouse so that he might marry her (c. 1090)

☐ He is related to his fiancée by blood (c. 1091)

Describe how: _____

☐ He is related to his fiancée by marriage (c. 1092)

Describe how: _____

☐ His fiancée is the mother or daughter of someone with whom he once lived (c. 1093)

☐ He is related to his fiancée by adoption (c. 1094)

Describe how: _____

☐ None

Signature: _____ Date: _____

This declaration was made in my presence: _____

(Signature of a priest or deacon before whom this declaration was made)

Parish: _____ Year: _____ Number: _____

Groom's Last Name: _____ Bride's Last Name: _____

AFFIDAVIT #2 FOR THE GROOM'S FREEDOM TO MARRY

Having known _____ for _____ years,

I, _____, attest and affirm that the following diriment impediment specified in the law of the Catholic Church might prevent him from being free to marry in the Catholic Church:

☐ The wedding is before the day after his sixteenth birthday. (c. 1083)

☐ He is impotent (c. 1084)

☐ He has been married before: (c. 1085)

Name of former spouse: _____

Place where the ceremony occurred: _____

in City: _____, State: _____

☐ He is not baptized (c. 1086)

☐ He has been ordained a priest (c. 1087)

☐ He has taken a perpetual vow of chastity in a religious order (c. 1088)

☐ He has abducted or detained his fiancée for the purpose of marriage (c. 1089)

☐ He murdered or arranged the murder of his fiancée's previous spouse so that he might marry her (c. 1090)

☐ He is related to his fiancée by blood (c. 1091)

Describe how: _____

☐ He is related to his fiancée by marriage (c. 1092)

Describe how: _____

☐ His fiancée is the mother or daughter of someone with whom he once lived (c. 1093)

☐ He is related to his fiancée by adoption (c. 1094)

Describe how: _____

☐ None

Signature: _____ Date: _____

This declaration was made in my presence: _____

(Signature of a priest or deacon before whom this declaration was made)

Parish: _____ Year: _____ Number: _____

Groom's Last Name: _____ Bride's Last Name: _____

AFFIDAVIT #1 FOR THE BRIDE'S FREEDOM TO MARRY

Having known _____ for _____ years,

I, _____, attest and affirm that the following diriment impediment specified in the law of the Catholic Church might prevent him from being free to marry in the Catholic Church:

☐ The wedding is before the day after her fourteenth birthday. (c. 1083)

☐ She is impotent (c. 1084)

☐ She has been married before: (c. 1085)

Name of former spouse: _____

Place where the ceremony occurred: _____

in City: _____, State: _____

☐ She is not baptized (c. 1086)

☐ She has taken a perpetual vow of chastity in a religious order (c. 1088)

☐ She has abducted or detained her fiancé for the purpose of marriage (c. 1089)

☐ She murdered or arranged the murder of her fiancé's previous spouse so that she might marry him (c. 1090)

☐ She is related to her fiancé by blood (c. 1091)

Describe how: _____

☐ She is related to his fiancé by marriage (c. 1092)

Describe how: _____

☐ Her fiancé is the father or son of someone with whom she once lived (c. 1093)

☐ She is related to her fiancé by adoption (c. 1094)

Describe how: _____

☐ None

Signature: _____ Date: _____

This declaration was made in my presence: _____

(Signature of a priest or deacon before whom this declaration was made)

Parish: _____ Year: _____ Number: _____

Groom's Last Name: _____ Bride's Last Name: _____

AFFIDAVIT #2 FOR THE BRIDE'S FREEDOM TO MARRY

Having known _____ for _____ years,

I, _____, attest and affirm that the following diriment impediment specified in the law of the Catholic Church might prevent him from being free to marry in the Catholic Church:

☐ The wedding is before the day after her fourteenth birthday. (c. 1083)

☐ She is impotent (c. 1084)

☐ She has been married before: (c. 1085)

Name of former spouse: _____

Place where the ceremony occurred: _____

in City: _____, State: _____

☐ She is not baptized (c. 1086)

☐ She has taken a perpetual vow of chastity in a religious order (c. 1088)

☐ She has abducted or detained her fiancé for the purpose of marriage (c. 1089)

☐ She murdered or arranged the murder of her fiancé's previous spouse so that she might marry him (c. 1090)

☐ She is related to her fiancé by blood (c. 1091)

Describe how: _____

☐ She is related to his fiancé by marriage (c. 1092)

Describe how: _____

☐ Her fiancé is the father or son of someone with whom she once lived (c. 1093)

☐ She is related to her fiancé by adoption (c. 1094)

Describe how: _____

☐ None

Signature: _____ Date: _____

This declaration was made in my presence: _____

(Signature of a priest or deacon before whom this declaration was made)