



## Diocese of Memphis in Tennessee Pre-Nuptial Investigation

This form must be sent to the Catholic Center: (a) if a dispensation, permission, or *nihil obstat* is needed (see page four); (b) if the marriage will take place in another diocese; or (c) if there is a question about the marriage.

Please Print

Groom		Bride	
Religion	Age	Religion	Age
Date and Time of Marriage		Date and Time of Rehearsal	
Priest/Deacon Arranging Marriage			
(Arch)Diocese		Delegation Received	
Church of Marriage			
Denomination			
City	State	Zip Code	
Best Man (Witness) (In convalidation, two witnesses needed for validity)		Maid/Matron of Honor (Witness)	

### Delegation

(Delegation to witness the marriage is needed for the **validity** of the marriage. If the ordained minister officiating is not the local ordinary, the pastor, a parochial vicar assigned to the parish, or deacon assigned to the parish in which the marriage takes place, the minister witnessing the marriage must be delegated by either the local ordinary or pastor of the parish or sub-delegated by the parochial vicar.)

Delegation is granted by  not required:

Parish Priest	Parish	Date
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### Testimonial Letter from Another Diocese

When the forms are filled out in another diocese, they should be sent to the local chancery to be forwarded to the Diocese of Memphis within which the marriage is to take place.

Delegate of the (Arch)Bishop	(Arch)Diocese	Date
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### Permission

If the marriage will take place in a parish other than that (a) of either of the parties, or (b) of the Catholic party in a mixed marriage, permission of his or her own pastor is required. A letter suffices.

Permission is herewith granted by	Date
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Parish	City	State
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## Questionnaire

Each party should be interviewed separately. The interviewer proposes the questions and writes the answers.

Please Print:

### Groom

Full Name

Address

City State Zip Code

Home Telephone Work Telephone

Parish of Residence

Father's Name Religion

Mother's (maiden) name Religion

Parents' Address

Years of Catholic Education

Birthdate Religion

Baptized:  Yes  No

Joined Catholicism:  Yes  No

Date of Baptism Denomination

Church of Baptism

City State Zip Code

First Communion  Yes  No

Where

Confirmation:  Yes  No

Where

Extent to which you practice your faith:

Regularly  Occasionally

Seldom  Never

Length of Exclusive Courtship

### Bride

Full Name

Address

City State Zip Code

Home Telephone Work Telephone

Parish of Residence

Father's Name Religion

Mother's (maiden) name Religion

Parents' Address

Years of Catholic Education

Birthdate Religion

Baptized:  Yes  No

Joined Catholicism:  Yes  No

Date of Baptism Denomination

Church of Baptism

City State Zip Code

First Communion  Yes  No

Where

Confirmation:  Yes  No

Where

Extent to which you practice your faith:

Regularly  Occasionally

Seldom  Never

Length of Exclusive Courtship

	Groom	Bride
Have you ever received Holy Orders or made Religious Vows? (cc. 1087-1088)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you related to each other by blood or marriage? (cc. 1091-1092)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you any mental or emotional difficulties? (c. 1095)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you intend a life-long marriage, totally faithful to your spouse?(cc. 1096, 1056)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you intend to give your spouse the right to have Children? (c. 1055)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are these also the intentions of your fiancée/fiancé?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you consenting to this marriage freely, without force of any kind?(cc. 1089, 1103)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Comments:

**Please Print:**

Have you ever been married previously in a civil or religious ceremony?  
If yes, please complete the following: (c. 1085)

**Groom**

Yes  No

**Bride**

Yes  No

**Groom** (List Previous Marriages Below)

With Whom	When
Where	Ended <i>(Date, Place of Annulment, Divorce, Death)</i>
With Whom	When
Where	Ended <i>(Date, Place of Annulment, Divorce, Death)</i>
With Whom	When
Where	Ended <i>(Date, Place of Annulment, Divorce, Death)</i>
Comments	

**Bride** (List Previous Marriages Below)

With Whom	When
Where	Ended <i>(Date, Place of Annulment, Divorce, Death)</i>
With Whom	When
Where	Ended <i>(Date, Place of Annulment, Divorce, Death)</i>
With Whom	When
Where	Ended <i>(Date, Place of Annulment, Divorce, Death)</i>
Comments:	

**Declaration of Intent**

I understand the rights and essential obligations of Christian marriage. Accordingly, I am entering this marriage freely, I intend to be faithful to my spouse until death, and I pray that our marriage will be blessed with children.

I affirm the truth of the above.

Groom's Signature	Bride's Signature
Priest/Deacon's Signature	Date

**Dispensation**

For permission for Mixed Religion or dispensation from Disparity of Cult **only**, the priest or deacon should complete the section which follows. The completed pre-nuptial investigation form as well as all pertinent documents, i.e. baptismal certificates, etc. should be forwarded to the Bishop's delegate for marriage dispensations and permissions. N.B. Pastors, parochial vicars, and deacons assigned to a parish have the faculty in the Diocese of Memphis in Tennessee to permit the marriage between two baptized persons, one of whom was baptized in the Catholic Church or received into it after baptism and who has not departed from the Church by a formal act, and the other of whom belongs to a Church or ecclesial community not in full communion with the Catholic Church.

Dispensation/Permission is requested for:

- Mixed Religion and Disparity of Cult *ad cautelam* if baptized non-Catholic
- Disparity of Cult, if non-Catholic was never baptized
- Permission for circumstances listed in c.1071
- Consanguinity, blood relationship to 4<sup>th</sup> degree of collateral line (c.1091)
- Affinity, any degree of direct line (c.1092)
- Canonical Form

Reasons for the Dispensation (mark all that apply):

Reasons sufficient in themselves:

- Danger of invalid marriage
- Well-founded hope of conversion
- Validation of invalid marriage

Supplementary Reasons:

- Public announcement already made
- All preparations made for wedding
- Other (specify)

Special marriages are noted in canon 1071: marriages of transients, marriages of a person who is bound by natural obligations toward another party or toward children arising from a prior union, marriages of a person who has notoriously rejected the Catholic faith, marriages of a person who is bound by a censure, marriages of a minor child when the parents are aware of it and are reasonably opposed to it, marriages to be entered into by proxy. Please consult with the Tribunal concerning these marriages.

### Declaration and Promise of the Catholic Party

I affirm my faith in Jesus Christ and, with God's help, I intend to continue living that faith in the Catholic Church. I promise to do all in my power to share the faith I have received with our children, by having them baptized and raised as Catholics. We have discussed our religious beliefs and practices. We intend to be faithful to one another until death, and intend a marriage that is permanent.

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Signature

Date

### Declaration by Priest/Deacon Witness (Verbal Consent)

The required promise and declaration have been made verbally by the Catholic party in my presence. The other party has been informed of the requirement, and he/she is aware of the promise and obligation on the part of the Catholic party.

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Pries/Deacon

Date

### Dispensation from the Canonical Form of Marriage

*This dispensation is intended for religious wedding services in a non-Catholic church by a non-Catholic minister.*

Reasons for Dispensation (mark all that apply):

- Significant relationship or friendship with non-Catholic minister
- Particular church has special importance to the non-Catholic
- Achieve family harmony, avoid family alienation
- Other (Please specify)

### Rescript

In virtue of the faculties granted to me, the dispensations requested are herewith granted for the celebration of the marriage described above.

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Delegate of the Bishop

Diocese

Date

Dispensation Number

*N.B. If the dispensation is not used, please return to the Catholic Center with an explanation. A photocopy of this dispensation will be kept in the Tribunal Archives.*

### *Nihil Obstat*

*The nihil obstat is required if the marriage will take place in another diocese.*

On the basis of the documents presented, there is no objection of the witnessing of this marriage.

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Delegate of the Ordinary

(Arch)Diocese

Date