



DIOCESE OF MEMPHIS IN TENNESSEE

Witness Affidavit

Groom (print full name) and Bride (print full name)

(Parish of Marriage Preparation and Address)

Affidavit of Witness for Bride or Groom

In keeping with Church law and policies for marriage, the Diocese of Memphis requires two witnesses for each candidate. Each witness must be interviewed individually and fill out a separate form.

- 1. To establish freedom to marry.
2. To assist in proving baptism, when certificate is unavailable.

The testimony of parents is always preferred and should be neglected for grave reasons only.

- 1. Do you solemnly swear to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth in answering the following questions?
2. Name: Address:
3. What is your relationships to the person whose name appears above?
4. How long have you known this person? How well?
5. Has the person mentioned above ever gone through any type of marriage ceremony? If so, how many times? With whom? Does this marriage still exist?
6. Is the person mentioned above related to the other individual to this intended marriage? If so, in what way?
7. To your knowledge, is the person mentioned above entering this marriage freely? To your knowledge, does the person mentioned above intend to enter a life-long union? To your knowledge, does the person mentioned above intend to be faithful for life to the partner in this marriage? If "no" to any part of question 7, explain
8. Do you know of any reason why this person should not get married? If yes, "explain

TO ESTABLISH BAPTISM OR NON-BAPTISM:

9. Was the person mentioned above ever baptized? _____ In what religion? _____
When? _____ In what church and address? _____

By whom? _____
Who were the sponsors? _____
Were you present? _____ If not, how do you know of the Baptism? _____

What religion does this person practice at present? _____
10. If the person above was not baptized, how do you know of the non-baptism? _____

Signature – Witness

Signature – Interviewing Priest/Deacon

Date

Place

PARISH SEAL