



# CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON PRENUPTIAL INVESTIGATION

Year \_\_\_\_\_

Number \_\_\_\_\_

## GROOM

Name: First Middle Last

Religion Home Phone Work Phone

## BRIDE

Name: First Middle Last

Religion Home Phone Work Phone

## WEDDING

Priest, Deacon, Minister: Title First Last Name

Church Name Rehearsal Date Time Wedding Date Time

Church Address: Street City State Zip

Witness: First Middle Last

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## CONVALIDATION

Civil Wedding date Official City State

I attest that both parties understand that this convalidation is a **new consent to marry** within the Catholic Church and not merely a continuation or "blessing" of an existing union (c. 1157). A copy of their existing civil marriage license has been obtained.

Signature

## FREEDOM TO MARRY

To be completed by the priest/deacon: (Please check one or two)

\_\_\_\_\_ I have known the bride for many years and I am sure that this bride is free to marry

\_\_\_\_\_ I have known the groom for many years and I am sure that this groom is free to marry

\_\_\_\_\_ Two affidavits of freedom to marry for each parties are attached

## DELEGATION

I, the undersigned minister with general delegation to validly assist the marriage within a parish territory in which this marriage is to take place, hereby delegate \_\_\_\_\_

to witness the marriage in this parish.

Name of priest or deacon officiating the wedding

Signature of the Priest or Deacon

Date

### PERMISSION OF PROPER PASTOR

I, the undersigned pastor of the parish of the bride/groom entering this marriage, hereby give permission to Rev. \_\_\_\_\_ to witness this marriage in the church indicated above, with the understanding that the necessary jurisdiction or delegation has been obtained.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Date

### DISPENSATION (From the Bishop of Lexington)

Name of minister who will preside at wedding \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Church: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Date dispensation was requested \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Date was received \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

### DECLARATION OF FAITH OF THE CATHOLIC PARTY

(This promise must be made in every marriage involving a non-Catholic)

I reaffirm my faith in Jesus Christ and, with God's help, intend to continue living that faith in the Catholic Church actively. At the same time I acknowledge the respect I owe to the conscience of my partner in marriage. I promise to do all in my power to share the faith I have received with our children by having them baptized and reared as Catholics.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Catholic Party

I certify by my signature that the Catholic Party has made the above declaration and promise with full knowledge of its intent and that other party is aware of the promise obliging the Catholic.

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Priest or Deacon

### MIXED RELIGION PERMISSION (marriage of a Catholic and baptized non-Catholic)

Having fulfilled the canonical requirements of canon 1125, and with sufficient reason, I hereby GRANT PERMISSION for the parties named above to marry. This PERMISSION is granted in virtue of the power delegated to me by the Local Ordinary.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Priest or Deacon

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Date

### PRENUPTIAL PREPARATION

God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_ Christian Marriage Weekend \_\_\_\_\_ Married Life \_\_\_\_\_

Natural Family Planning \_\_\_\_\_ FOCCUS \_\_\_\_\_ Couple's reaction to program: Positive \_\_\_ Negative \_\_\_

Any comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### GENERAL NOTATIONS

1. All Prenuptial papers are to be filed in the archives of the parish church where the wedding takes place.
2. If Dispensation from Canonical Form is granted, the Prenuptial papers are filed in the parish of the Catholic party.
3. A notification of the marriage of Catholics is to be sent to the church of their baptism immediately following the wedding.

**Each of the parties should be interviewed alone and under oath.** The interviewer should propose the questions and write the answers given. This interrogatory must be kept on permanent file in the parish of marriage. **If the following questions should reveal an impediment or anything else that may stand in the way of a valid marriage or a licit marriage, please consult the Chancery.**

## GROOM

Name: _____				
First	Middle	Last		
Address: _____				
Number	Street	City	State	Zip
Age: _____ Birthdate: ____/____/____ Occupation: _____				
Place of Birth: _____ Religion: _____				
Do you practice it? _____ Your Parish: _____				
Baptized? ____ In what religion? _____ Date: __/__/__ Church _____				
<i>(Baptismal certificate issued within the last six months is required for Catholics.)</i>				
Confirmed? _____ Date: __/__/__ Place: _____				
Type of education in the faith (e.g., catholic schools/CCD) _____				
_____				
If Convert, date and place of reception into the Catholic Church: _____				
Father's name: _____ Religion: _____				
Address: _____				
Mother's maiden name: _____ Religion: _____				
Address: _____				

### Canonical Information

3. Have you ever attempted or entered a marriage before this day (in a church, civilly, or by common law)?\_\_

If "yes", how many times? \_\_\_\_\_

If "yes", are you fulfilling the obligations you may have to children from your former marriage (c. 1071, § 1,3)?\_\_

(Please give the following information about each prior marriage.)

Previous Marriages	First Marriage	Second Marriage	Third Marriage
a. With whom?			
b. What was her religion?			
c. Date of the marriage			
d. Place of marriage			
e. Date of Divorce/ Spouses' death			

***(The Death Certificate or the Decree of Nullity must be attached for any prior marriage.)***

With any **Decree of Nullity**, check that no required counseling (**Vetitum/prohibition**) or recommended counseling (**Monitum/warning**) have been imposed by the Tribunal. If a Vetitum has been imposed, any future marriage is illicit unless permission has been given by the Tribunal. Furthermore, a future marriage might even be invalid. Please consult the Tribunal if there are questions.

4. Has your intended spouse ever been in a previous marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

If "yes", how many times? \_\_\_\_\_

5. If you were married before, did you cooperate in any way in causing the death of your former wife? \_\_\_\_\_ If your intended spouse was married before, did you cooperate in any way in causing the death of her former husband? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Were you ever married to or did you ever cohabit with your intended spouse's mother or daughter? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you feel forced in any way, by any person or situation, to enter this marriage? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Are you related to your intended spouse by blood, marriage or adoption? \_\_\_\_ If "yes" explain \_\_\_\_
9. Have you ever been ordained, or made religious profession? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Are you aware of any emotional or psychological problems on your part that may affect the marriage, or of any alcohol or drug abuse? \_\_\_\_ If "yes", please explain \_\_\_\_\_
11. Are you aware of any emotional or psychological problems on the part of your intended spouse that may affect the marriage, or of any alcohol or drug abuse? \_\_\_\_ If "yes", please explain \_\_\_\_\_
12. Are there any reasons why you or your intended spouse may be unable to fulfill the sexual commitment of marriage? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Have you concealed anything from your intended spouse that might affect her willingness to marry you? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Are you attaching any condition or reservation to your marriage consent? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Do you intend to be completely faithful to your intended spouse? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Do you intend to enter a permanent and lifelong marriage, one which even divorce does not dissolve? \_\_\_\_\_
16. Do you understand that one of the purposes of marriage is to have children, and do you accept and intend to fulfill this aspect of marriage, if God so allows you? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Have you consulted your parents about this marriage? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do they approve? \_\_\_\_\_
18. In case of future marital problems do you promise to consider marriage counseling? \_\_\_\_\_
19. Is there anything else you wish to make known regarding this marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

I now affirm the truth of the above by my signature.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Groom

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Date

## DECLARATION OF MATRIMONIAL INTENT

We, in the presence of one another, individually declare our freedom to marry and our freedom from any known impediments between us. We hold marriage to be a lifelong, faithful union and process of choosing each other for the mutual and total sharing of our life and our love. It is a union which is open to children. It is union, which is modeled after and symbolizes God's ever-faithful love for His church. It is partnership of the whole of life and love that we seek to live and to which we will publicly give our consent in marriage.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Groom

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Bride

# BRIDE

Name: _____				
First	Middle	Last		
Address: _____				
Number	Street	City	State	Zip
Age: _____ Birthdate: ____/____/____ Occupation: _____				
Place of Birth: _____ Religion: _____				
Do you practice it? _____ Your Parish: _____				
Baptized? ____ In what religion? _____ Date: __/__/__ Church _____				
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Confirmed? _____ Date: __/__/__ Place: _____				
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Type of education in the faith (e.g., catholic schools/CCD) _____				
_____				
Father's name: _____ Religion: _____				
Address: _____				
Mother's maiden name: _____ Religion: _____				
Address: _____				

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  18. Have you consulted your parents about this marriage? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do they approve? \_\_\_\_\_
  19. In case of future marriage problems do you promise to consider marriage counseling? \_\_\_\_\_
  20. Is there anything else you wish to make known regarding this marriage? \_\_\_\_\_
- I now affirm the truth of the above by my signature.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Bride

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Date

### DATA FOR THE MARRIAGE REGISTER

<i>Groom's name:</i> _____		<i>Bride's name:</i> _____	
<i>Parent's names:</i> _____		<i>Parent's names:</i> _____	
<i>Date of the marriage:</i> ____/____/____		<i>Place of marriage:</i> _____	
<i>Who presided at the marriage:</i> _____		<i>Dispensations granted:</i> _____	
<i>Delegation or Permission granted:</i> _____			
<i>Witnesses:</i> _____ and _____			
<i>Notice sent to County Clerk</i> ____/____/____			
<i>Notice sent to parish of baptism: (Bride)</i> ____/____/____		<i>(Groom)</i> ____/____/____	
<i>Receipt from parish of baptisms: (Bride)</i> ____/____/____		<i>(Groom)</i> ____/____/____	

I, the undersigned, declare that the persons whose signatures are affixed above appeared before me personally; that I asked each one individually the above questions under oath and personally recorded the answers given; that each party was interviewed separately; that I am satisfied as to the identity of the parties; that I have on file all necessary documents, and that the parties have been instructed in accord with the law of the Church.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

*Place:* \_\_\_\_\_

Affix Parish Seal Here