

Pre-nuptial Questionnaire Diocese of Little Rock

General Information

Place of Marriage _____ Date of Marriage _____
 Witnesses _____ and _____
 Pastoral Minister preparing couple _____
 Minister officiating at ceremony _____ Minister's Ark. State License Yes No
 Delegated by (if required) _____ Date of delegation _____

Groom

Name _____ Place of Birth _____
 (First, Middle & Last Name) Date of Birth _____
 Address _____
 Street/P.O. Box _____ City/State/Zip _____
 How long have you lived at this address? _____
 Telephone _____ E-mail: _____
 Father's Name _____ Religion RC Prot Other: _____
 (First, Middle & Last name) (Circle one)
 Mother's Name _____ Religion RC Prot Other: _____
 (First, Middle & Maiden name) (Circle one)
Baptismal Information: Baptized No Yes Date _____ What faith? _____
If baptized Catholic or made a Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church, the name and mailing address of the Catholic parish:

 Name of Church _____ Street/P.O. Box _____ City/State/Zip _____
 Date of Profession of Faith _____ Date of Confirmation in Catholic Faith _____

Bride

Name _____ Place of Birth _____
 (First, Middle & Maiden Name) Date of Birth _____
 Address _____
 Street/P.O. Box _____ City/State/Zip _____
 How long have you lived at this address? _____
 Telephone _____ E-mail: _____
 Father's Name _____ Religion RC Prot Other: _____
 (First, Middle & Last name) (Circle one)
 Mother's Name _____ Religion RC Prot Other: _____
 (First, Middle & Maiden name) (Circle one)
Baptismal Information: Baptized No Yes Date _____ What faith? _____
If baptized Catholic or made a Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church, the name and mailing address of the Catholic parish:

 Name of Church _____ Street/P.O. Box _____ City/State/Zip _____
 Date of Profession of Faith _____ Date of Confirmation in Catholic Faith _____

(Bride and Groom should be interviewed separately.)

| | Groom | Bride |
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| 1. Will you sign this document as evidence of the truth of your answers? | 1. _____ | _____ |
| 2. How long have you known each other? | 2. _____ | _____ |
| 3. How long have you been engaged (length of civil marriage if this is a convalidation)? | 3. _____ | _____ |
| 4. Do you regularly practice your Faith? | 4. _____ | _____ |
| 5. Have you ever married anyone in a religious or civil ceremony (including your current marriage, if this is a convalidation)? (If yes, complete page 4) | 5. _____ | _____ |
| 6. Have you received Holy Orders or taken Vows in a Religious Institute? | 6. _____ | _____ |
| 7. Are you related to your fiancé? | 7. _____ | _____ |
| 8. Have you or your fiancé experienced or been treated for any mental or emotional, alcoholic or drug-related difficulties? If yes, are they resolved? | 8. _____ | _____ |
| 9. Do you understand, and unreservedly agree to, the nature and obligation of marriage, namely: | | |
| a. to enter marriage that is for life? | 9a. _____ | _____ |
| b. to be faithful to your spouse for life? | 9b. _____ | _____ |
| c. to give your consent freely and without force or pressure? (i.e. prenuptial agreement, pregnancy, etc.) | 9c. _____ | _____ |
| d. to give each other the normal rights of marriage necessary to have children? | 9d. _____ | _____ |
| 10. Does your fiancé, as far as you know, agree to the above? | 10. _____ | _____ |
| 11. (For persons under 21 on wedding day) Do your parents agree with your decision to marry? (Complete Marriage Form 6) (For persons under 18 on wedding day, complete Marriage Forms 4 and 6) | 11. _____ | _____ |
| 12. (For convalidation only) Do you accept that by the exchange of vows in this convalidation you are giving consent to marriage as recognized by the Catholic Church? | 12. _____ | _____ |

Signature of Groom

Signature of Bride

Comments of interviewer: _____

Date: _____
(Parish Seal)

Signature of Pastoral Minister

Declaration and Promise of the Catholic Party

(This declaration and promise is required for ALL marriages in which one of the parties is not Catholic, regardless of the ages of the parties. In the case of couples beyond childbearing age only the first sentence applies.)

“I reaffirm my faith in Jesus Christ, and with God’s help, 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 reared as Catholics.”

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Signature of Catholic Party
(unless given orally)

Certification of Pastoral Minister

“The required promise and declaration have been made by the Catholic party in my presence. The non-Catholic party has been informed of this requirement so that it is certain that he/she is aware of the promise and obligation on the part of the Catholic.”

Date:

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Pastoral Minister

For Convalidation of the present civil union, please complete the following:

Where did the civil union take place?

Date of civil union

Before whom?

Minister, Judge, Justice of the Peace, etc

Please include a copy of the civil certificate of marriage in the marriage packet.

Previous Marriage(s) of Groom

- A. If the present union is to be convalidated, please enter the information at the bottom of page 3 of this form.
- B. Give the name(s) of the person(s) with whom you have gone through a marriage ceremony, state before whom, where, and whether it was a Church marriage or a civil marriage, and explain why you are now free to marry.

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- C. Have the moral and educational responsibilities, as well as the civilly declared financial or other arrangements towards your children and former spouse(s) of the prior marriage(s) been satisfied? _____
(If there is some question with regard to compliance, this matter should be further explored.)
- D. If a former spouse is deceased, attach a copy of the death certificate or other proof of death.
- E. If a prior marriage is invalid because of **LACK OF FORM**, a proper ecclesiastical decree of Nullity must be attached.
- F. For any **OTHER** marriages, a Canonical Declaration of Nullity or dissolution must be attached:
 - 1. (Arch)diocese and Protocol Number _____
 - 2. Date of Decree _____

Previous Marriage(s) of Bride

- A. If the present union is to be convalidated, please enter the information at the bottom of page 3 of this form.
- B. Give the name(s) of the person(s) with whom you have gone through a marriage ceremony, state before whom, where, and whether it was a Church marriage or a civil marriage, and explain why you are now free to marry.

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- C. Have the moral and educational responsibilities, as well as the civilly declared financial or other arrangements towards your children and former spouse(s) of the prior marriage(s) been satisfied? _____
(If there is some question with regard to compliance, this matter should be further explored.)
- D. If a former spouse is deceased, attach a copy of the death certificate or other proof of death.
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