

CONFIDENTIAL



PRE-NUPTIAL ENQUIRY

Date of notice of marriage

Name

Parish Diocese

Proposed partner

Parish Diocese

Witnesses Address

SAMPLE

Address

Date of marriage Place of marriage

..... Diocese

Priest or deacon officiating

Priest to whom papers are to be sent

Name

Address

.....

DOCUMENT A: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

To establish canonical freedom to marry, this document should be completed as soon as can be arranged after notice of the proposed marriage has been given and not later than two months before the proposed date of marriage.

(The priest should interview each candidate separately and alone.)

1. Surname

Christian names

Present address

(telephone)

Date of birth

Religion

Place of Baptism

Date

Place of Confirmation

Date

Occupation

2. Father's name

Address

State if deceased *(N.Ireland only)*

Father's occupation *(N.Ireland only)*

Mother's maiden name

Address

3. Proposed address after marriage

4. (a) Are you related to your proposed partner by blood or marriage or adoption?

If yes, to what degree?

(b) Is your proposed partner baptised?

If yes, in what christian denomination?

(c) *(if the person is a minor in civil law at the proposed date of the marriage)*
Have you the written consent of your parents/guardians/judiciary?

(d) Are you bound by religious vows/promises of celibacy?

(e) Have you ever contracted a religious or civil marriage?

If yes

Name of spouse

Date and place of marriage

Cause and date of cessation of bond

Is your partner aware of your previous marriage(s)?

(f) Have you any obligations arising from a previous union?

If yes, please specify

Is your partner aware of these obligations?

5. Have you been resident for six months or more in a parish other than your present one since reaching the canonical age for marriage?

(a) If yes, where?

(b) Who can establish your freedom to marry?

(If in doubt, written confirmation should be obtained.)

**DOCUMENT B: QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BY THE CANDIDATE
FOLLOWING APPROPRIATE COURSE OF INSTRUCTION**

(The priest should interview each candidate separately and alone.)

1. What marriage preparation have you undertaken?
2. (a) For how long have you known your partner?
- (b) When did the courtship begin?
3. Are you entering marriage free from any kind of pressure from parents, fiancé(e) or anyone else?
4. (a) Do you intend to enter a permanent marriage that can be dissolved only by death?
- (b) Do you accept that marriage involves a lifelong responsibility to love and support each other?
- (c) Do you accept that being married means being faithful to each other for life?
- (d) Do you understand and accept the rights and duties of marriage in relation to having and rearing children?
- (e) Are you quite sure that you are giving full consent to this marriage without reservation?
5. Have you and your partner discussed future married life seriously?

(The following questions are to be asked of all Catholics.)

6. Do you accept that marriage has been instituted by God and made a sacrament by Christ?
7. Are you resolved to remain steadfast in your Catholic faith and to practise it regularly?
8. Do you promise to do what you can within the unity of your partnership to have all the children of your marriage baptised and brought up in the Catholic faith?

Signature of party



Declared orally (and signed) by the party in my presence.

Signature of priest Date

SUPPLEMENTARY OATH

I hereby confirm the above declaration on oath



Signature of party

Signature of priest Date

DOCUMENT C: TO BE FILLED IN BY PRIEST

- 1. (a) Are you satisfied that this person understands and accepts the meaning and implications of christian marriage?
- (b) Are you satisfied that this person is free from all impediments to marriage?
- (c) Are you satisfied that this person is entering marriage of his/her own free will?
- 2. *(if a mixed marriage)*
Is the other party aware of the nature and content of the promises made by the Catholic party?
- 3. Further comments or reservations

Signature of priest Date

PERMISSION TO MARRY OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Parish Diocese
Marriage of and

I hereby give permission for the above marriage to take place outside this parish.

Signature of priest Date

DELEGATION

Parish Diocese

I hereby delegate/sub-delegate
to officiate at the marriage of
to



Signature of party Date
Parish Priest/Curate

I accept the above delegation/sub-delegation

Signature Date

For Curial purposes when necessary

PERMISSION FOR A MIXED MARRIAGE

I hereby grant permission to

a baptised Catholic to contract marriage with

a baptised in virtue of Canon 1125 and in compliance with the conditions stated therein.

Furthermore, if the circumstances require it, a Dispensation from the Impediment of Disparity of Cult is granted.



Date Signature

Diocese

TESTIMONIAL LETTER

Having seen the attached documents, I testify that

..... are free to contract marriage, provided that a Nihil Obstat is granted by the diocese in which the marriage is to be contracted.



Date Signature

Diocese

NIHIL OBSTAT

The documents submitted to this Curia have been examined and there is nothing to prevent the above marriage from being contracted in accordance with the requirements of the law.



Date Signature

Diocese

NOTIFICATION OF MARRIAGE

Church Diocese

Please enter in the baptismal register of the parish of

the marriage of son/daughter of

and who was baptised on and who

on was married in this Church to

Please sign the acknowledgement and return this form to:

Name

Address

.....

I have made the above entry of marriage in the baptismal register of this parish.

Church Date

NOTIFICATION OF FUTURE RESIDENCE

Parish Diocese

..... and

married in this parish on the

are due to take up residence at

.....

I commend them to your welcome and care.

Signature of priest Date

RECORD OF PRE-NUPTIAL ENQUIRY *(to be retained)*

Groom

Address

Bride

Address

Date of marriage Place

Priest to whom papers were sent

Name

Address

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Signature of priest Date