



AFFIDAVIT OF FREEDOM TO MARRY

Two witnesses for each party should be interviewed using this Affidavit. Parental testimony is always preferred. If this is not possible, the witness should have known the party long enough to testify about the party's free status.

Witness for

who wishes to marry

Priest Preparing the Couple:

Parish of Preparation:

1. Do you swear to tell the truth before God to the best of your ability in response to the following questions? Yes No
2. Your full name:
Your street address: City, State, Zip:
3. How are you related to the person for whom you are testifying?
4. How long have you known this person?
5. Was this person ever baptized? Yes No In what religion?
Date of Baptism:
Place of Baptism (Church, City, State):
Were you present at this baptism? Yes No
If not, how do you know that it took place?
6. Is this person entering this marriage freely and of his/her own accord (c. 1103)? Yes No
7. Does this person intend in this marriage:
 - a. To give sacrificially of self for the total well being of each other and the marital partnership (c. 1055 §1)? Yes No
 - b. To accept children lovingly from God and see to their upbringing (c. 1055 §1)? Yes No
 - c. To make an unconditional, permanent commitment, lasting until the death of his/her spouse (c. 1056, 1102)? Yes No
 - d. To be faithful to his/her spouse (c. 1056)? Yes No
8. Has this person ever been married before (in church, civilly, or by common law) (c. 1085)? Yes No
(If so, please complete a section on page 2 of this form for each prior marriage.)
9. Is this person related to his/her intended spouse by blood, marriage, or adoption (c. 1091, 1092, 1094)? Yes No
10. Has this person been ordained a Catholic priest/deacon or been in a Catholic religious community (c. 1087, 1088)? Yes No
11. Is any person or circumstance forcing or putting pressure upon this person to marry (c. 1057, 1089, 1103)? Yes No
12. Does this person have or has he/she ever had any physical, mental, or emotional difficulties or alcohol or drug related difficulties (c. 1057, 1084, 1095)? Yes No
13. (If under 21) Have the parents (guardians) of this person given their consent to the coming marriage? Yes No
14. Will you sign the affidavit as evidence of the truth of your answers? Yes No

Signature of Affiant

Date

Signature of Priest/Delegate/Notary Public

Name of Parish

PARISH SEAL

Parish Address

Previous Marriages

Print out as many copies of this page as are necessary to cover all previous marriages.

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| Full Legal Name of Former Spouse: | | | | |
| Date of Marriage: | | Spouse Maiden Name: | | |
| Place of Marriage (church/court, city, state): | | | | |
| Officiant of Marriage: | | | | |
| Was this marriage ever "blessed," convalidated, or sanated in the Catholic Church? | | Yes | No | Unknown |
| Date of Convalidation: | | | | |
| Parish and Location of Convalidation: | | | | |
| Is this former spouse still living? | | Yes | No | Unknown |
| Date of Death: | | | | |
| City, State, Country of Death: | | | | |
| Did this marriage end in a civil divorce? | | Yes | No | Unknown |
| Date of Divorce: | | | | |
| County, State, Country of Divorce: | | | | |
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