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Name of Diocese

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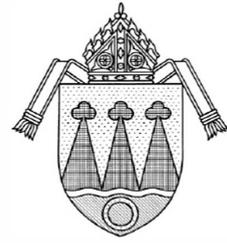
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FORM A
(Updated January 2021)



Tribunal Office
Diocese of Rapid City
225 Main St., Ste. 100
Rapid City, SD 57701-2835

Prenuptial Investigation

Groom _____ Bride _____
First, middle, last First, middle, last

Date of Wedding _____ Place of Wedding _____
Church _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Diocese of Wedding _____

Witnesses _____ and _____

Priest/deacon/minister witnessing the marriage _____

Parish of wedding preparation _____

Priest/deacon/delegate who arranged the wedding preparation _____

Indicate type of preparation instrument used: FOCCUS REFOCCUS
Has the couple attended a Heart to Heart retreat? Yes No If not, please explain: _____
Has the couple attended a Joy Filled Marriage program? Yes No If not, please explain: _____
Has the couple completed the NFP seminar? Yes No If not, please explain: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This form must be completed for each marriage and filed in the parish where the marriage is celebrated.
2. Each party should be interviewed alone and under oath.
3. According to Canon 1071.1, the *Nihil Obstat* will be required and marriage papers received by the Tribunal Office at least two weeks prior to a marriage when:
 - Parties have less than one month residency in the Diocese or no permanent address.
 - Parties have unmet obligations toward another party or children of a prior union.
 - Either party is under age. (see Section III-MARRIAGE, p. 41 in the Pastoral Handbook)
 - One of the parties has notoriously rejected the Catholic Faith.
4. In addition, please send all marriage papers to the Tribunal in the following cases:
 - A declaration of nullity has been granted.
 - A civil marriage is to be validated.
 - The marriage is to be celebrated in another diocese. The Tribunal will forward all papers to the Chancery of the diocese where marriage will take place. The Tribunal should receive the documents no less than four weeks prior to the wedding date.
5. If only a Mixed Marriage or Disparity of Cult form is needed, then the required permission or dispensation (Form B) may be requested without the necessity of sending Form A.

GROOM

BRIDE

PART I

INSTRUCTIONS: Each party is to be interviewed separately and under oath. The priest/deacon/delegate will propose all the questions and record the given answer in legible form.

Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth in answering the questions about to be proposed to you?

Groom: _____ Bride: _____

GROOM

BRIDE

Full Name

Address

Telephone

Email.....

Date of Birth.....

Date of Baptism

Place of Baptism

Place of Confirmation

How long have you lived in this diocese?.....

Father's Name

Religion.....

Mother's Name
W/Maiden Name ...

Religion

What religion do you actively profess?.....

Do you attend church regularly?.....

When courtship began

Date of Engagement ...

For each answer marked with an asterisk () please explain at the bottom of the next page.*

1. Are you bound by any of the following impediments to marriage?

Orders/Vows c. 1087 & 1088

*Yes No

*Yes No

Crime c. 1090

*Yes No

*Yes No

Blood Relationship c. 1091

*Yes No

*Yes No

Affinity c. 1092

*Yes No

*Yes No

Public Propriety c. 1093

*Yes No

*Yes No

Legal Relationship c. 1094

*Yes No

*Yes No

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|---|---|--|---|
| | GROOM | | BRIDE |
| 2. Have you ever attempted or entered marriage previously? | *Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | *Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Are you aware of any physical or psychological condition that would impact or prevent your fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of Christian marriage? | *Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | *Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Are you marrying because of force or fear arising from persons or circumstances? ... | *Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | *Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Do you have any hesitancy about entering this marriage? | *Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | *Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Are you placing any conditions on your marriage consent?..... | *Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | *Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Have you signed, or are you contemplating signing, a prenuptial agreement? | *Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | *Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
- (Any prenuptial agreement must be sent to the Tribunal for approval with an explanation of the reason for agreement.)

A. Previous Marriage(s): GROOM BRIDE

Full Name of first spouse: _____

Religion of first spouse: _____

Date of first marriage: _____

Name of presider: _____

Title of presider: ___ Priest ___ Minister ___ Civil Official ___ Priest ___ Minister ___ Civil Official

Is your first spouse still living? Yes No Yes No

Was a civil divorce granted? Yes *No Yes *No

Do you have unmet obligations toward your first spouse? *Yes No *Yes No

Do you have unmet obligations toward children? *Yes No *Yes No

Was a Catholic decree of Invalidity granted? Yes No Yes *No

If necessary, attach a separate sheet to list all previous marriages. For each marriage, enclose Marriage Certificate, Divorce Decree, Catholic Decree of Invalidity, and if applicable, Death Certificate.

B. To Convalidate a Civil Marriage

Date of your civil marriage _____ Place of civil marriage _____

Reason you were not married in a Catholic Church _____

Do both parties understand that this validation is a new act of marrying and not merely the continuation of the existing attempted marriage? (cc. 1156-1160.) Yes No

Please enclose a copy of the marriage certificate.

C. For Catholics Not Practicing Their Faith:

Do you intend to return to the sacraments before this marriage? _____

D. Unbaptized Persons

How do you know that you are not baptized? _____

Do you profess any religion? _____

Have you ever thought of becoming a Catholic? _____

Further Explanation of each answer marked with an asterisk. Indicate the number of the question to which your explanation is directed. Use additional paper if necessary: _____
