

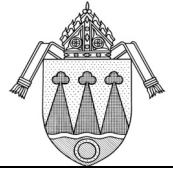
FORM B

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THE DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY

PETITION FOR A MATRIMONIAL DISPENSATION OR PERMISSION

Send to: Tribunal Office, 225 Main St., Ste. 100, Rapid City, SD 57701-2835



Always complete Part I

PART I — GENERAL INFORMATION

Catholic Party _____ Date of Baptism _____
 _____ First, middle initial, last
 Address _____

Non-Catholic or Other Catholic Party _____ Date of Baptism _____
 _____ First, middle initial, last
 Address _____

Religion of Non-Catholic Party _____ or None Professed

Place of Wedding (church & physical address) _____ Wedding Date _____

PART II — PETITION FOR PERMISSION MIXED RELIGION MARRIAGE

The Catholic Church requires permission for a Catholic Party to marry a person baptized in another religion. Because of this ecclesiastical law, the Catholic Party must ask for permission for the interfaith marriage. The following explanation may be helpful:

An interfaith marriage may place an added strain on the marriage bond itself and the faith of the Catholic Party may be weakened. The preparing minister needs to address both of these issues in the marriage preparation, and encourage the Parties to explore how they will respect each other's faith stance in the marriage.

I, _____, a Catholic, domiciled at _____,
 (printed name of the Catholic party) (physical address of the Catholic party)
 and registered in _____, petition for the permission indicated below:
 (parish name, city & state)

- _____ Mixed Religion (The Catholic party wishes to marry a baptized non-Catholic [cc.1124-1125, 1127§1])
- _____ One of the parties has notoriously rejected the Catholic faith (c. 1071 §1, 4°) in accord with cc 1124-1125

MUST indicate below the reason(s) for requesting the permission for mixed religion marriage:

- Founded hope of conversion of the non-Catholic party
- Danger of attempted invalid marriage
- To remove grave scandal
- Spiritual well-being of the Catholic party
- Other _____

DECLARATION AND PROMISE OF THE CATHOLIC PARTY

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

(signature of the Catholic party)

(or) The above Declaration and Promise have been made orally:

STATEMENT OF THE PRIEST / DEACON

The required promise and declaration have been made by the Catholic in my presence. The Party who is not Catholic has been informed of this requirement so that it is certain he/she is aware of the promise and obligation on the part of the Catholic. Both parties are entirely sincere, and I recommend their request be granted.

(signature of priest/deacon)

(church & address)

**** PLEASE INCLUDE BAPTISMAL RECORDS FOR BOTH PARTIES ****

PART III — PETITION FOR OTHER PERMISSIONS

Particular circumstances motivating this request must be elaborated in an accompanying letter.

- _____ One or both parties are bound by the natural obligations toward another party or toward children (c. 1071 §1, 3°)
- _____ One of the parties is bound by a censure (c. 1071 §1, 5°)
- _____ Other (e.g., "baptized Catholic raised in another faith tradition, etc—see rest of c. 1071): _____

PART IV — PETITION FOR DISPENSATION FROM DISPARITY OF CULT

The Catholic Church declares an impediment to exist which prevents a valid marriage between a baptized Catholic and an unbaptized person. Because of this ecclesiastical law, the Catholic Party must ask for a dispensation. The following explanation may be helpful:

The concern of the Church, and the reason for maintaining the impediment of Disparity of Cult, relates to the fact that the marriage is not a sacrament when one of the Parties is unbaptized, but a natural bond. This may place an added strain on both the faith of the Catholic Party and the marriage bond itself. The preparing minister needs to address these issues in the marriage preparation, and encourage the Parties to explore how they will respect each other's faith stance in the marriage.

I, _____, a Catholic, domiciled at _____,
(printed name of the Catholic party) (physical address of the Catholic party)
and registered in _____, petition for the dispensation indicated below:
(parish name, city & state)

_____ Disparity of Cult (c. 1086 §1), one party is not baptized.

_____ Disparity of Cult *ad cautelam* (c.1086 §1), if the baptism of one party is questionable/doubtful.

MUST indicate below the reason(s) for requesting a dispensation from disparity of cult:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Founded hope of conversion of the non-Catholic party | <input type="checkbox"/> Danger of attempted invalid marriage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To remove grave scandal | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual well-being of the Catholic party |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

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(signature of priest/deacon)

(church & address)

****PLEASE INCLUDE THE BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE FOR THE CATHOLIC PARTY****

PART V — PETITION FOR A DISPENSATION FROM THE CATHOLIC FORM OF MARRIAGE

The Catholic party also requests a dispensation from the Catholic Form of Marriage

The canonical reason for requesting a dispensation from Form:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> To achieve family harmony | <input type="checkbox"/> To avoid family alienation | <input type="checkbox"/> To obtain parental agreement to the marriage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A special relationship or friendship with a non-Catholic minister | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To permit the marriage in a church of special importance to the non-Catholic party | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | |

Place of Ceremony (church & physical address) _____

Name of Person Presiding: _____ Title: _____

The petition must be received **no less than six weeks** prior to the anticipated wedding date.

The dispensation from form is only to be requested when one party is not Catholic and the wedding will not take place in a Catholic church, chapel or oratory, and it will not be celebrated by a Catholic clergyman. The dispensation must originate in the parish and diocese where the Catholic party has domicile or quasi-domicile, regardless of the city or diocese where the ceremony takes place. The prenuptial file remains in the originating parish and the marriage is to be recorded in the Marriage Register of that parish.

PART VI — OTHER DISPENSATIONS

Particular circumstances motivating this request must be elaborated in an accompanying letter.

- _____ Consanguinity (c. 1091), parties are first cousins
- _____ Affinity (c. 1092), parties are related by marriage, i.e., step-daughter, mother-in-law, etc.
- _____ Public Propriety (c. 1093), for example, a live-in relationship with an immediate family member of the other party.
- _____ Legal Relationship, (c. 1094), parties are related through adoption.