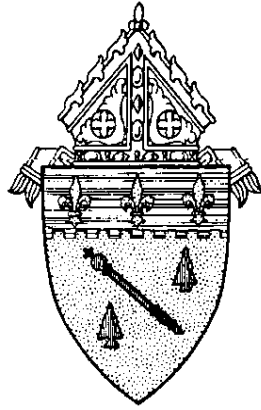


# PRE-NUPTIAL INQUIRY



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The purposes of the Pre-Nuptial Inquiry are (1) to assist the priest, deacon or other Catholic minister preparing the engaged couple for marriage to develop a comfortable catechetical and pastoral relationship; (2) to assist in the determination of the readiness of the couple to marry; (3) to aid the proper planning for a suitable celebration of the wedding; and (4) to assure that all canonical requirements of the Church are met.

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*Please type or write legibly!*

**GROOM**

**BRIDE**

\_\_\_\_\_ FULL LEGAL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ HOME TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ WORK TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ RELIGION \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF FIRST MEETING WITH CATHOLIC PRIEST/DEACON/PASTORAL MINISTER: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF CATHOLIC PRE-NUPTIAL INTERVIEWER: \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF THE WEDDING CEREMONY: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF THE WEDDING CEREMONY: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF THE WEDDING REHEARSAL: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PROPOSED OFFICIANT: \_\_\_\_\_ Check One:  Priest  Deacon  Minister

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# GROOM

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please interview the prospective groom alone and separately. This section should be completed during one or more interview sessions held at the beginning of Phase I of the **Marriage Preparation Process** as outlined on p. 2, Section IV, of the **Marriage Preparation Guidelines** for the State of Louisiana revised in 1988. It may be advisable to complete questions 12 through 20 during a later interview, once good rapport has been established with the groom.

Before beginning any questioning, ask the groom: "Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth in making these statements, so help you God?" If he answers in the affirmative, proceed.

1. GROOM'S FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_
2. FATHER'S FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FATHER'S RELIGION: \_\_\_\_\_  
MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MOTHER'S RELIGION: \_\_\_\_\_
3. GROOM'S BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_
4. GROOM'S RELIGION: \_\_\_\_\_  Baptized DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  Unbaptized  
CHURCH OF BAPTISM: \_\_\_\_\_  Catholic  Non-Catholic  
Church address: \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU EVER FORMALLY LEFT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? \_\_\_\_\_

### For a Catholic only

5. IF EASTERN CATHOLIC, WHICH IS/WAS YOUR AUTONOMOUS CHURCH *SUI IURIS* (e.g., the Maronite Church)? \_\_\_\_\_
6. WHEN DID YOU LAST RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH (e.g., Catholic school or religious education)? \_\_\_\_\_ WHERE? \_\_\_\_\_
7. IF NOT CONFIRMED, WHAT ARE YOUR INTENTIONS IN THIS REGARD? \_\_\_\_\_
8. HOW OFTEN DO YOU ATTEND SUNDAY MASS?  Each weekend  Occasionally  Rarely  Never
9. HOW OFTEN DO YOU GO TO CONFESSION?  At least twice a year  Annually  Rarely  Never
10. NAME OF YOUR CHURCH PARISH: \_\_\_\_\_  
IN YOUR PARISH YOU ARE?  Registered and active in some way  Registered only  Not registered

11. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN MARRIED OR ATTEMPTED MARRIAGE (Church, civil or other)?  Yes  No

If yes, prior wife's maiden name: \_\_\_\_\_ Her religion? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of that wedding: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

How did this prior marriage end?  Ecclesiastical (Church) decree of nullity  Civil divorce  Wife's death

**NOTE:** It is necessary to attach to this form a copy of the ecclesiastical decree of nullity; civil marriage certificate and divorce decree of the prior marriage; or prior wife's death certificate. IF ANY ecclesiastical decree of nullity is still needed, NO WEDDING CAN TAKE PLACE, and so any proposed wedding date remains merely tentative.

12. ARE YOU RELATED TO YOUR FIANCÉE IN ANY WAY?

No  Yes

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

13. IS ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE PRESSURING YOU TO MARRY?

No  Yes

IS ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE PRESSURING THE BRIDE TO MARRY YOU?

No  Yes

14. DO YOU INTEND TO ENTER INTO A PERMANENT MARRIAGE, UNTIL DEATH?

Yes  No

15. DO YOU INTEND TO BE FAITHFUL TO YOUR WIFE ALWAYS?

Yes  No

16. DO YOU INTEND PROPER MARITAL SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH YOUR WIFE?

Yes  No

17. DO YOU INTEND TO EXCLUDE CHILDREN PERMANENTLY FROM YOUR MARRIAGE?

No  Yes

DOES YOUR FIANCÉE INTEND TO EXCLUDE CHILDREN FROM YOUR MARRIAGE?

No  Yes

18. ARE YOU GIVING UNCONDITIONAL CONSENT IN THIS MARRIAGE?

Yes  No

19. DO YOU OR YOUR FIANCÉE HAVE ANY PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, OR OTHER PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS WHICH COULD HINDER YOUR LIVING A NORMAL MARRIED LIFE?

No  Yes

20. DO YOUR PARENTS AGREE WITH YOUR DECISION TO MARRY?

Yes  No

DO YOUR FIANCÉE'S PARENTS AGREE WITH HER DECISION TO MARRY YOU?

Yes  No

If the answer to any question no. 13 through 20 is problematic, explain the views of the groom carefully: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Interviewer

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Signature of Groom

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Parish where interviewed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date signed

*The seal of the parish is to be affixed to this page.*

## BRIDE

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please interview the prospective bride alone and separately. This section should be completed during one or more interview sessions held at the beginning of Phase I of the **Marriage Preparation Process** as outlined on p. 2, Section IV, of the **Marriage Preparation Guidelines** for the State of Louisiana revised in 1988. It may be advisable to complete questions 12 through 20 during a later interview, once good rapport has been established with the bride.

Before beginning any questioning, ask the bride: "Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth in making these statements, so help you God?" If she answers in the affirmative, proceed.

1. BRIDE'S FULL MAIDEN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_
2. FATHER'S FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FATHER'S RELIGION: \_\_\_\_\_  
MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MOTHER'S RELIGION: \_\_\_\_\_
3. BRIDE'S BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_
4. BRIDE'S RELIGION: \_\_\_\_\_  Baptized DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  Unbaptized  
CHURCH OF BAPTISM: \_\_\_\_\_  Catholic  Non-Catholic  
Church address: \_\_\_\_\_  
HAVE YOU EVER FORMALLY LEFT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? \_\_\_\_\_

### For a Catholic only

5. IF EASTERN CATHOLIC, WHICH IS/WAS YOUR AUTONOMOUS CHURCH *SUI IURIS* TO (e.g., the Maronite Church)? \_\_\_\_\_
6. WHEN DID YOU LAST RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH (e.g., Catholic school or religious education)? \_\_\_\_\_ WHERE? \_\_\_\_\_
7. IF NOT CONFIRMED, WHAT ARE YOUR INTENTIONS IN THIS REGARD? \_\_\_\_\_
8. HOW OFTEN DO YOU ATTEND SUNDAY MASS?  Each weekend  Occasionally  Rarely  Never
9. HOW OFTEN DO YOU GO TO CONFESSION?  At least twice a year  Annually  Rarely  Never
10. NAME OF YOUR CHURCH PARISH: \_\_\_\_\_  
IN YOUR PARISH YOU ARE?  Registered and active in some way  Registered only  Not registered

11. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN MARRIED OR ATTEMPTED MARRIAGE (Church, civil or other)?  Yes  No  
If yes, prior husband's name: \_\_\_\_\_ His religion? \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of that wedding: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_  
How did this prior marriage end?  Ecclesiastical decree of nullity  Civil divorce  Husband's death

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12. ARE YOU RELATED TO YOUR FIANCÉ IN ANY WAY?  No  Yes

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

13. IS ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE PRESSURING YOU TO MARRY?  No  Yes

IS ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE PRESSURING THE GROOM TO MARRY YOU?  No  Yes

14. DO YOU INTEND TO ENTER INTO A PERMANENT MARRIAGE, UNTIL DEATH?  Yes  No

15. DO YOU INTEND TO BE FAITHFUL TO YOUR HUSBAND ALWAYS?  Yes  No

16. DO YOU INTEND PROPER MARITAL SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH YOUR HUSBAND?  Yes  No

17. DO YOU INTEND TO EXCLUDE CHILDREN PERMANENTLY FROM YOUR MARRIAGE?  No  Yes

DOES YOUR FIANCÉ INTEND TO EXCLUDE CHILDREN FROM YOUR MARRIAGE?  No  Yes

18. ARE YOU GIVING UNCONDITIONAL CONSENT IN THIS MARRIAGE?  Yes  No

19. DO YOU OR YOUR FIANCÉ HAVE ANY PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, OR OTHER PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS WHICH COULD HINDER YOUR LIVING A NORMAL MARRIED LIFE?  No  Yes

20. DO YOUR PARENTS AGREE WITH YOUR DECISION TO MARRY?  Yes  No

DO YOUR FIANCÉ'S PARENTS AGREE WITH HIS DECISION TO MARRY YOU?  Yes  No

If the answer to any question no. 13 through 20 is problematic, explain the views of the bride carefully: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Interviewer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Bride

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parish where interviewed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date signed

*The seal of the parish is to be affixed to this page.*

**INSTRUCTIONS:** In Phases II and III of the **Marriage Preparation Process** as outlined on pp. 2-3, Section IV, of the **Marriage Preparation Guidelines** for the State of Louisiana revised in 1988 the interviewer is to discuss marriage with the parties, beginning by assessing their readiness for it. During the course of preparation, the truths about conjugal life and love which the Church teaches are to be explained as needed. During this time, the engaged couple is to participate in a preparation program (such as Engaged Encounter, Evenings for the Engaged, the Sponsor Couple program, or the Life-Choice weekend) which is organized principally by married couples themselves. The final determination as to the couple's readiness to marry is then made. Lastly, details of the wedding liturgy are finalized prior to the rehearsal.

### FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION STARTERS

Do you understand the reasons for the **Marriage Preparation Process**? Why are they important? How do you feel about this process?

Describe your personal and family background. What do I need to know about you in order to know you well? Why do you think you are personally ready for marriage? In what areas of life do you still need to grow?

When did you first meet each other? What has your courtship been like? What has attracted you to each other? What remains the most difficult part of your relationship? When did you decide to marry? What would you say is your greatest strength as a couple? Why? What will be your most difficult challenge? Again, why?

Do you understand Catholic teachings about marriage? Can you accept the truths about sexuality, about children, about faithfulness, and about permanence that we know are God's will? Why do you feel this way?

*NOTE: In the event of some special circumstance (e.g., age under 18, premarital pregnancy, parental opposition, extreme religious indifference, etc.) the couple is to be referred for additional evaluation on the diocesan level. In the event that the proposed officiant decides the wedding must be delayed, appropriate continuing marriage preparation is to be offered to the couple and Section V of the Marriage Preparation Guidelines. Both interviewer and officiant are urged to add personal notes and evaluative remarks to the prenuptial file, along with all required and useful documentation.*

### WEDDING CHECKLIST

Pre-Marital Inventory or FOCCUS completed?  Yes  No Discussed on date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Premarital Preparation Program attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptismal certificate(s) obtained?  Yes  No Permission of each party's pastor obtained?  Yes  No

Has permission for a "Mixed Religion" marriage been granted?  Yes  Not applicable since both are Catholic

Check dispensation(s) needed:  Disparity of Cult  Consanguinity  Canonical Form  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Check off once obtained:  Disparity of Cult  Consanguinity  Canonical Form  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**IF THE PROPOSED CATHOLIC OFFICIANT IS NOT A PRIEST CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE PARISH IN WHICH THE WEDDING TAKES PLACE, HE MUST BE SPECIFICALLY DELEGATED TO OFFICIATE:**

DELEGATION GRANTED BY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Have these various liturgical norms and guidelines, especially for the specific church-building, been explained:

Liturgical music  Photography  Videotaping  Flowers and other décor  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Will there be a Nuptial Mass?  Yes  No Is this wedding a convalidation or sanation?  No  Yes

Printed names of two official witnesses: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_