

Diocese of Savannah

Each party must be interviewed alone. Only the priest/deacon/pastoral minister will propose the questions and write the given answers. Please indicate below which party this form applies to.

_____ **BRIDE** _____ **GROOM**

In good faith, do you affirm to tell the truth in answering these questions?

1. Name: _____
 Street Address: _____
 Telephone: () _____ How long have you lived at this address? _____
2. What is your religion? _____
3. Birth Date: _____ Age: _____ Place of Birth: _____
 Father's Name: _____
 Mother's Name and Maiden Name: _____
4. Were you ever baptized?
 In what religion/denomination: _____
 Date: _____
 Church: _____
 Place: _____
5. Was any parent or grandparent ever a member of or baptized in an Eastern Catholic Church? _____

Questions 6, 7 and 8 are to be asked of Catholics and Orthodox Christians.

6. First Holy Communion? Yes _____ No _____
7. Confirmation? Yes _____ No _____
8. How do you practice your faith?
 Attend Church: Regularly _____ Seldom _____ Never _____
 To what parish / diocese do you belong? _____
9. Have either your parents or your intended spouse's parents any objections to this marriage? _____
 If so, what are they? _____
10. Are you or your intended spouse bound by any canonical impediment to marriage? (e.g., age, sacred orders, sacred bonds, vows, religious profession, crime, public propriety, impotence). Circle if applicable. Please explain:

11. Has your intended spouse ever been married before or attempted marriage, even a civil marriage? _____
(if yes, complete - Form E)
12. How long have you known your intended spouse? _____
How long have you been engaged? _____
13. Are you related to your intended spouse by blood (kinship) or by a legal relationship (in-laws) or by adoption? _____ (If yes, consult the Tribunal.)
14. Have you ever been treated by a doctor or professional for serious mental or nervous illness?
If yes, please provide details: _____
15. Have you or your intended spouse any physical, psychological or addictive problems which may seriously affect your marriage? _____ If yes, explain: _____
16. Is any person or circumstance forcing you to enter this marriage against your own will? _____
Is any person or circumstance forcing your intended spouse to marry against his own will? _____
(If yes, consult the Tribunal.)
17. Are you attaching any conditions, restrictions or reservations of any kind to your consent to this marriage? _____ (If yes, consult the Tribunal.)
18. In this marriage do you intend:
 - a. To enter a life-long covenant which is dissolved only by death? _____
 - b. To be faithful to your spouse for life? _____
 - c. To give each other the normal marital rights necessary to have children? _____
19. Is there any major fact about you, in regard to either the present or the past, which you have not made known to your intended spouse? _____ Please specify. (If yes, consult the Tribunal)
20. Who will be your witness for the marriage? _____

Signature of Bride/Groom: _____

Church / Place of Marriage _____

Date of Marriage: _____

Date (Today) _____ Place _____

Signature Priest/Deacon/Pastoral Minister: _____

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AFFIDAVIT REGARDING THE FREE STATUS OF BRIDE OR GROOM

Two witnesses for each party must be interviewed using this Affidavit.

Parental testimony is always preferred and should only be neglected for grave reasons.

Witness for _____ **who wishes to marry** _____

1. Your full name: _____
2. How are you related to the above-mentioned party? _____
3. How long have you known him/her? _____
4. Was the above person ever baptized? _____ Date: _____
 Church: _____
 City/State/County: _____
5. As far as you know or have heard, has he/she ever been married at any time in his/her life? _____
 If yes:
 How many times: _____ With whom: _____
 Place of marriage: _____ Approximate date: _____
 Before whom (Priest, Minister, Justice of the Peace, etc.): _____
6. As far as you know, do the parents (or guardians) consent to this marriage? _____
 (If not, please state their objections on additional paper.)
7. Do you know of any reason why this couple should not get married? _____ If so, please explain: _____

8. As far as you know, are there any conditions of any kind being attached to this marriage by either of the parties to the marriage? _____
9. Is any person or circumstance forcing either one to marry against their will? _____ If so, please explain: _____

10. Do you know of any reason on the part of either of these persons, why the forthcoming marriage would not be lawful and valid? _____ If so, please explain: _____

Your Signature: _____

Signature of Priest/Deacon/Pastoral Minister/Notary Public: _____

Parish: _____

City/State: _____

Date: _____

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Diocese of Savannah**DISPENSATION FROM CANONICAL FORM FOR A MIXED MARRIAGE**

Note: A Dispensation from Canonical Form must always originate in the parish and diocese in which the Catholic party has a domicile, or quasi-domicile, regardless of the city or diocese where the ceremony takes place. The pre-nuptial file remains in the originating parish and the marriage is to be recorded in the marriage register of that parish.

A Dispensation from the Canonical Form of marriage is requested by:

_____ a baptized **Catholic**, to contract
validly marriage with _____, **non-Catholic**.

Name of person authorized in law who will witness the marriage:

Church or Site: _____

City or Town: _____ State: _____ Date of marriage: _____

PASTORAL REASON(S) FOR DISPENSATION FROM CANONICAL FORM

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> To achieve family harmony | <input type="checkbox"/> Relationship to non-Catholic minister |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To avoid family alienation | <input type="checkbox"/> Friendship with non-Catholic minister |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To obtain parental agreement | <input type="checkbox"/> Permit marriage in church of special importance to non-Catholic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other [specify] _____ | |

DISPENSATION GRANTED (having consulted the local ordinary of the place where the marriage is to be celebrated [c. 1127 § 2]):

Bishop, Vicar General, Chancellor, Delegate of the Ordinary - Diocese of Savannah, Georgia.

Date

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Chancery No: _____

Diocese of Savannah
APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATIONS/PERMISSIONS

Marriage Date: _____

Church of Marriage: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____, a Catholic,
 of (Street Address) _____

wishes to contract marriage with

Name: _____
 of (Street Address) _____

whose religion is _____

petitions the Most Reverend Bishop:

I. **TO GRANT DISPENSATION** from the following impediment:

- ☐ Disparity of Worship (c. 1086 § 1)
- ☐ Disparity of Worship *ad cautelam* (c. 1086 § 1)
- ☐ Other [e.g., consanguinity (cc. 1091, 108); affinity (c. 1092, 109); adoption (c. 1094, 110)]

II. **TO GRANT PERMISSION** for marriage in the following situation:

- ☐ The Catholic party wishes to marry a baptized non-Catholic in accord with cc. 1124-1125, 1127 § 1 as noted on the reverse side
- ☐ The marriage of transients, including migrant workers (c. 1071 § 1, 1)
- ☐ One or both of the parties is bound by natural obligations toward another party or toward children, arising from a prior union (c. 1071 § 1, 3)
- ☐ One of the parties has notoriously rejected the Catholic faith (c. 1071 § 1, 4) in accord with cc. 1124-1125 as noted on the reverse side
- ☐ One of the parties is bound by a censure (c. 1071 § 1, 5)
- ☐ ** Ceremony in place other than parish church (c. 1118 § 1, 2)
- ☐ ** One or both parties is under 18, the parents are unaware of the proposed marriage or are reasonably opposed to it (c. 1071, 1, 6)

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

III. **INDICATE CANONICAL REASON(S)** for Dispensation or Permission:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> grave danger in delay | <input type="checkbox"/> scarcity of Catholics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> spiritual good of the parties | <input type="checkbox"/> probability of conversion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> validation of attempted marriage | <input type="checkbox"/> danger of attempted marriage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> mutual aid in advanced years | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify): |

I have investigated the freedom of the above parties and their readiness to marry, and I have seen to their instruction regarding the Church's teaching on marriage and the duties and responsibilities of the married state.

Priest/Deacon/Pastoral Minister

If previously granted, give date, and by whom: _____

MIXED MARRIAGE PROMISES

Experience has shown that there can be certain dangers in a marriage in which the religious belief of the spouses is different. Individuals can fall away from the practice of their faith, and children may become victims of spiritual indifference and neglect. In order to give assurance that these dangers do not exist in the case of this proposed marriage, the priest/deacon/pastoral minister is directed to discuss with both parties the responsibility of the Catholic, resulting from the very nature of (his/her) Catholic faith and conscience, to share this faith (his/her) children by baptizing and providing proper instruction in the Catholic faith. The declaration and promises required of the Catholic party shall be made in the following words or their substantial equivalent:

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 partner in marriage. I promise to do all in my power to share the faith I have received with our children by having them baptized and reared as Catholics.

Signature of Catholic Party

Signature of Priest Witnessing this Promise given orally

After the priest/deacon/pastoral minister has discussed this with both parties and is satisfied that the Catholic party realizes and fully accepts (his/her) responsibility to provide for the Catholic baptism and upbringing of the children and that this requirement will not violate the other party's conscience, the priest/deacon/pastoral minister attests to this by signing the following statement:

I have discussed the responsibilities of the Catholic party described above with both parties, and as far as I can judge, the Catholic party is sincere in (his/her) intention to fulfill them.

Date

Signature of Priest/Deacon/Pastoral Minister

Place

Granted by: _____ **Date:** _____

Diocese of Savannah**PREVIOUS MARRIAGE:**

Name of Spouse previously married: _____

1. How many times have you been married? _____
2. To whom: _____
Religion: _____
3. Date: _____ Place: _____
4. Officiant: _____
Title: _____
5. If former spouse is deceased:
Date of Death: _____ Place: _____
Certificate Number: _____
(copy of death certificate must be filed with the pre-nuptial form)
6. If a former marriage was dissolved or declared null by the Church, give:
Diocese and protocol number: _____
(decree of ecclesiastical nullity must be filed with the pre-nuptial form)
Date of Decree: _____
Any Restrictions: _____

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Diocese of Savannah
LETTER OF DELEGATION

Required whenever the priest or deacon who performs the marriage is neither the pastor, nor the assistant of the parish in which the marriage is to be celebrated

I, the undersigned, do hereby delegate:

Name of the Priest who is to perform the marriage

to perform the marriage of:

Groom _____

and

Bride _____

which will take place in this Parish.

Date

Priest

Church

Seal of the Church

Address

City

State

AFFIDAVIT CONCERNING BAPTISM

(Name of party concerning whom affidavit of Baptism is requested)

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. Do you believe in the sanctity of an oath? _____
2. Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth in answer to the questions, so help you God and this Holy Bible you touch with your hand?

3. What is your name and address? _____
4. What is your religion? _____

Do you practice this religion faithfully? _____
5. What is your relationship to the person whose name appears above? _____
6. How long and how well have you known this person? _____

7. Was the above mentioned person ever baptized? _____
8. If so, in what religion? _____
9. When was the above mentioned person baptized? _____
10. In what church and place? _____
11. By Whom? _____
12. Who were the sponsors? _____
13. Were you present at the baptism? _____
14. If not, how do you know of the Baptism? _____
(A complete explanation of the circumstance is to be made on the reverse side of this page)
15. What religion does this person practice at present? _____
16. Please give the name and address of anyone else whom knows of the Baptism of the above mentioned person.

I have had the above questions re-read to me and I solemnly swear that my answers are true and correct according to my knowledge and belief.

(If deposition is taken outside the Diocese of Savannah it must be approved by the Chancery where the witness resides.)

Visum est.: _____
Cancellarius

Date, place: _____

Seal of the Chancery

Witness

Priest

Parish

CITY

STATE

DATE

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(Priest-Interrogator will please note whether or not the witness is known personally to him and give his judgment regarding the truthfulness and sincerity of the witness.)

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NOTICE OF MARRIAGE

Father:

Please record this marriage on the proper baptismal record, and return the accompanying receipt to me.

Groom _____

Bride _____

contracted marriage on the _____ day of _____, year, _____ at the Church of
 _____ in _____

The groom/bride was baptized in your church on _____, year, _____

Sincerely yours in Christ,

 Priest/Deacon/Pastoral Minister

 Church

Seal of the Church

 Address

 City

 State

NOTICE OF INSCRIPTION

Father:

This is to acknowledge receipt of the notification of the marriage of:

(Mr./Miss) _____

who was baptized in this parish. I have entered this notice of marriage on the proper baptismal record, in accordance with the prescripts of Canon 1122, § 2.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Date _____

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Required whenever a Catholic is to be married outside of his or her proper parish

Form P

**Diocese of Savannah
AFFIDAVIT OF THE PROPER PASTOR OF**

_____ Street

_____ City State

1. How long have you known the party whose name appears above?

2. How well do you know this party?

3. In the light of your pastoral knowledge, can you state with certainty that this party is free to enter marriage?

If not, please give your reasons in detail.

4. Do you give your permission for this marriage to take place outside of the parish?

Date: _____

Pastor Signature: _____

Parish: _____

Address: _____

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