



# Pre-Nuptial Questionnaire

To be completed for all couples who are prepared for Marriage within the Diocese of Bismarck.

Diocese of Bismarck  
Office of Canonical Affairs

\*\*\*See Checklist and Instructions Sheet\*\*\*

## WEDDING INFORMATION

Wedding Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_  
Name City

Groom's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Bride's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Best Man's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*

Maid/Matron of Honor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*

Celebrant \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\*

\* Parental permission is required if the parties are under the age of 20.

\*\* Per diocesan particular law, witnesses must be at least 18.

\*\*\* If the celebrant is not the pastor/associate pastor of the parish, written delegation must be issued by the pastor/associate pastor of the parish of celebration. Also, if the celebrant is coming from outside the diocese, a letter of good standing must be sent separately to the Chancery office by the priest/deacon's superior—either his diocesan bishop or his religious superior.

## DELEGATION *(when necessary)*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, pastor of the above parish, do

hereby delegate \_\_\_\_\_ to ask for and receive the consent of the parties. The above named cleric has presented a letter of good standing to the Chancery. In an emergency, the above named cleric has the faculty to subdelegate, in this instance only.

## FOR USE BY THE OFFICE OF CANONICAL AFFAIRS ONLY

Permission for Mixed Marriage  Dispensation from Impediment

Dispensation from Canonical Form  *Nihil Obstat*

Protocol No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

*See attached rescript for the grant of the requested permission(s) and/or dispensation(s).*

## Section 1: GROOM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Home Cell

*Circle one*

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*Circle one*

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized? Yes No Date \_\_\_\_\_

Religion of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

If Catholic, are you practicing your faith? Yes No

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

\_\_\_\_\_

*If no, please complete Section 3: Part B (Form A, page 4)*

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Rite: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name (maiden): \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Rite: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known your intended spouse? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ How long have you dated? \_\_\_\_\_

When did you become engaged? \_\_\_\_\_

What concerns or doubts do you have about this marriage?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

*Please answer the following questions with a 'Y' or 'N'.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Are you freely and willingly entering into marriage with the bride?

\_\_\_\_\_ Are you open to the possibility of children?

\_\_\_\_\_ Have you ever attempted marriage?

*(If so, complete Form C)*

*In the next section, please answer each question with a 'Y' or an 'N.' Then provide an explanation to those questions in the space provided. Use a separate sheet if necessary.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Have you ever taken a public vow of perpetual chastity or been ordained as a priest or deacon?\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Have you committed a murder in order to marry the bride?\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Have you abducted the bride in order to marry her?\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Were you in a previous relationship with a member of the bride's family that would cause public scandal were you to marry the bride?\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Are you related to the bride by blood? (i.e., second cousins or closer)\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Are you related to the bride by law? (i.e., marriage or adoption)\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Are you marrying because of grave fear or force?

\_\_\_\_\_ Are you aware of any physical or psychological conditions that may prevent you from a full act of intercourse?\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Are you placing any conditions on your marriage consent? (i.e., I will marry you if...)\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Have you signed a pre-nuptial agreement?\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Is there anything else which you should reveal concerning your proposed marriage? (i.e., pregnancy, children from this union or a previous one, addiction, family opposition, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ For Eastern Rite Catholics ONLY: Are you spiritually related to the bride by Baptism (i.e., godparent, godchild)\*

Explanation:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

*\* = Dispensation required if answered with a 'yes'*

I understand that marriage is an irrevocable covenant by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life and which is ordered by its nature to the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of children. I also understand that marriage is an exclusive relationship between one man and one woman, and that it is permanent and cannot be dissolved except by death. I accept the Catholic Church's teaching that marriage is a sacrament between the baptized. I am entering this marriage of my own free will. I intend to be faithful, both physically and emotionally, to my wife. I NOW AFFIRM THE TRUTH OF THE ABOVE STATEMENTS.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Groom

## Section 2: BRIDE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Home Cell  
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Current Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

If Catholic, are you practicing your faith? Yes No

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

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Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Rite: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name (maiden): \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Rite: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known your intended spouse? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ How long have you dated? \_\_\_\_\_

When did you become engaged? \_\_\_\_\_

What concerns or doubts do you have about this marriage?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

*Please answer the following three questions with a 'Y' or an 'N.'*

\_\_\_\_\_ Are you freely and willingly entering into marriage with the groom?

\_\_\_\_\_ Are you open to the possibility of children?

\_\_\_\_\_ Have you ever attempted marriage?  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ Were you in a previous relationship with a member of the groom's family that would cause public scandal were you to marry the groom?\*
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- \_\_\_\_\_ For Eastern Rite Catholics ONLY: Are you spiritually related to the groom by Baptism (i.e., godparent, god child)\*

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Signature of Bride

Date

### Section 3: Additional Information

A. To Validate a Civil Marriage which currently exists: *(attach copy of Marriage License)*

- When did you begin your present union? \_\_\_\_\_
- Where were you married? \_\_\_\_\_
- Before whom? \_\_\_\_\_
- Why were you not married before a Catholic priest or deacon? \_\_\_\_\_

B. For a Non-Practicing Catholic:

- |   | Yes                      | No                       |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| • Do you intend to receive the Sacraments before this marriage?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Have you ever publicly renounced the Catholic Faith?            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Have you ever left the Catholic Church by a formal act?         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Have you ever formally joined another religion or denomination? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Have you ever joined an atheistic party, occult group or cult?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

C. For an Unbaptized person:

- How do you know that you are not baptized? \_\_\_\_\_
- Were you ever instructed in any religion? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you now profess any religion? \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you ever thought of becoming a Catholic? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

### Section 4: Freedom to Marry of the Parties

I personally vouch for the freedom to marry of the Groom  of the Bride   
OR  
A Canonical Witness Affidavit (*Form D*) is attached for the Groom  for the Bride

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of the Preparer*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Church*

### Section 5: Marriage Preparation

The couple has completed the following Marriage Preparation Instrument:

FOCCUS  Prepare  Other  Pre-Marriage Weekend   
*(attach certificates)*

Due to the following circumstances, I have released the couple from the mandatory Pre-Marriage Weekend: