



DIOCESE OF SAN BERNARDINO
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PRENUPTIAL EXAMINATION FORM

The Matrimonial 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 offspring, has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament between the baptized. Canon 1055

Each party is to be interviewed under oath and alone. It is preferred that the interview be conducted by the Pastor. If this is not practical the Pastor may delegate another priest, deacon or suitable lay person to conduct the investigation [canon 1070].

“Do you realize the gravity and sanctity of an oath,
 and do you solemnly swear to tell the whole truth in what you are about to be asked?”

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

GROOM

BRIDE

1. _____ NAME _____
2. _____ ADDRESS _____
 _____ CITY, STATE & ZIP _____
3. _____ PHONES _____
4. _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____
5. _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____
6. _____ NAME OF FATHER _____
7. _____ NAME OF MOTHER _____
8. _____ OCCUPATION _____
9. _____ RELIGION _____
10. _____ CURRENT PARISH _____
11. _____ LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN PARISH _____
12. _____ DATE OF BAPTISM / PR. OF FAITH _____
 _____ ADDRESS OF BAPTISMAL PARISH _____
 _____ CITY, STATE & ZIP _____
13. _____ PARISH OF FIRST COMMUNION _____
 _____ CITY, STATE & ZIP _____
14. _____ PARISH OF CONFIRMATION _____
 _____ CITY, STATE & ZIP _____

Notes: a. Canonical ages: 16 for males, 14 for females. If either party is under 18, refer to and follow Diocesan Policy Manual, canon 1072.

b. For Catholics, please include certificate of baptism issued within the last six (6) months.

ADDITIONAL DATA FOR MARRIAGE REGISTER

Date of wedding: _____ Official Minister: _____

Place of wedding: _____ Dispensation (s) _____

Witnesses: 1. _____ 2. _____

License verified _____ Baptism verified _____ Delegation / Permission _____

Notice sent to parish of baptism: Groom’s _____ Bride’s _____

GROOM

15. For Catholics:

- a. Are you a practicing Catholic? _____ Explain. _____

- b. Have you become a member of any non-Catholic denomination? _____

- c. Do you intend to live your Catholic faith, to share it with your children by your teaching and example, and by having your children baptized and brought up in the Catholic Church? _____

16. For non-Catholics: If you have a religion, are you practicing it? _____

17. How long have you known each other? _____

18. (If under 18 years of age) Have you secured the consent of your parents for this marriage? _____

19. Have you or your intended spouse ever previously married in any civil or church ceremony? _____
(If yes, please fill out the section of Information Concerning Previous Marriages on page 4.)

20. If previously married: Has spousal and child support payments been fulfilled as mandated by civil law?
Explain. _____

21. Are you bound by any other impediment to marriage: (Profession in a religious community)? _____

22. Do you understand the nature and obligations of marriage, and do you intend and resolve, without any reservation or condition:
- a. To enter a marriage that is a permanent union for life to be dissolved only by death, and that you are excluding divorce? _____
 - b. To be exclusively faithful to your spouse? _____
 - c. To have children in your marriage? _____

23. To the best of your knowledge and belief, are these the intentions of your intended spouse? _____

24. Is there any physical reason which would prevent you from having children? _____

25. Are you related to each other by blood (consanguinity), marriage (affinity), or adoption? _____
If yes, explain. _____

26. Are you entering this marriage voluntarily, i.e. free from all compulsion or pressure exerted by persons or circumstances? _____

27. As far as you know, is your intended spouse also entering this marriage of her own free choice? _____

28. Have you or your intended spouse ever been treated for any mental or emotional disturbance? _____
If yes, explain. _____

29. Will you now sign this document as evidence of the truth to the answers that you have given? _____

Date

Signature of the Groom

Comments: _____

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29. Will you now sign this document as evidence of the truth to the answers that you have given? _____

_____ Date

_____ Signature of the Bride

Comments: _____

INFORMATION CONCERNING PREVIOUS MARRIAGES

(Answer all questions on separate sheet for each additional previous marriage.)

GROOM

With whom: _____

Before whom: _____

Date of marriage: _____

Place: _____

How did the bond of this marriage cease?

- _____ Death
- _____ Declaration of Nullity or Dissolution by Catholic Church (civil annulment or divorce is not sufficient)

If the former spouse is deceased:

- 1) Date of death: _____
- 2) Place: _____
- 3) Certificate # _____

If the former marriage was dissolved or declared null by the Church:

- 1) Diocese: _____
- 2) Protocol # _____
- 3) Date of decree: _____

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I declare that the persons whose signatures are affixed on the previous pages appeared before me personally; that I proposed to each individually all of the above questions under oath; that I have on file all the necessary documents; and that the parties have been instructed in accord with the law of the Church and have been encouraged to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist.

Furthermore, the parties herein have completed marriage preparation according to canon 1063,2 and diocesan policy by attending (please describe).

Signature

Please print name

If the Pastor has delegated this investigation to another priest, deacon or suitable layperson, the Pastor is to review this document and acknowledge that the investigation was complete and appropriate according to the norms of diocesan policy and canon 1070.

I acknowledge that the foregoing investigation report is complete.

Signature of Pastor

Place

Please print name

SEAL

DELEGATION TO ASSIST AT THIS MARRIAGE

I grant delegation to the Reverend _____ of the Diocese/Religious Community of _____

To assist at the marriage between _____ and _____ which is to take place in the parish where I am assigned.

Given at: _____

I accept delegation _____

Signature of Priest / Deacon to officiate

Please print name

Signature of Priest / Parochial Vicar

Date

After the ceremony, the priest or deacon performing the ceremony and/or preparing the couple for marriage is asked to give his opinion regarding the fitness of the couple for marriage at the time of the marriage. Use additional sheet. N. B.: In case of significant remarks, please place them in a sealed envelope marked "CONFIDENTIAL."