



DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

PRE-NUPTIAL INVESTIGATION

Important! Please use in conjunction with the DIALOGUE GUIDELINES form.

Groom _____

Bride _____

Church _____

Place of Wedding (if other than Church of preparation) _____

Day of Wedding _____ Date _____ Time _____

Wedding date should not be set until all information required in Session One is gathered, including the completion of the Interrogation of the Parties. If there are less than six (6) months between Session One and the proposed wedding date, please consult the Chancery.

Marriage License # _____ County _____

SESSION ONE – DATE: _____

I. BASIC INFORMATION:

GROOM		BRIDE
	Name	
	Address	
	City, State, Zip Code	
	Home Phone	
	Work Phone	
	Occupation	
	Date of Birth	
	Place of Birth	
	Present Religion	
	Parish	
	In Parish Since When?	
	Extent of Religious Practice	
	Father's Name	
	Father's Religion/Rite	
	Mother's Name	
	Mother's Religion/Rite	

II. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED (Please check boxes indicating required documentation):

Baptismal Certificate: Groom Bride Confirmation Certificate: Groom Bride
 Civil Divorce Decree: Groom Bride Annulment Decree: Groom Bride
 Testimonial of Freedom: Groom Bride Death Certificate of Former Spouse: Groom Bride

As documentation becomes available, please record below:

GROOM		BRIDE
	Date of Baptism	
	Place of Baptism	
	Date of Confirmation*	
	Place of Confirmation	
	Date of Testimonial of Freedom	
	Name of former spouse	
	<i>If former spouse is deceased</i>	
	Date of Death	
	Place of Death	
	Certificate Number	
	<i>If former marriage was annulled</i>	
	Date of Decree	
	Protocol Number	
	Diocese where obtained	

*If any party has not been confirmed, arrangements should be made to provide the appropriate catechesis so that the sacraments may be received either before or, without undue delay, after the celebration of the wedding.

III. DISPENSATIONS/PERMISSIONS NEEDED

APPLIED RECEIVED

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1. **CATHOLIC MARRIAGE AFTER PRIOR UNION WITH ANOTHER PARTY** – If either party was previously married to a third party, or if either party was involved in a previous non-marital union from which there are children, this form must be filed with the Tribunal, and NO DATE MAY BE SET until the permission is granted. This is the form to use for DF (Defect of Form) situations, ecclesiastical annulment or dissolution, and death of a former spouse. Use one form per prior union.

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2. **DISPENSATION FROM DISPARITY OF WORSHIP.** If either party is *non-baptized (even a catechumen)*, this Petition must be filed with the Chancery.

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3. **PETITION FOR MIXED MARRIAGE.** If either party is a *baptized non-Catholic*, this Petition must be filed with the Chancery.

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4. **PETITION TO BE MARRIED IN A NON-CATHOLIC CEREMONY (DISPENSATION FROM CANONICAL FORM)** – If, for serious pastoral reasons, a couple requests to be married in a non-Catholic ceremony, this Petition must be filed with the Chancery along with a request for either a dispensation from disparity of worship or permission for a Mixed Marriage.

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5. **PERMISSION FOR A PRIEST/DEACON TO OFFICIATE AT MARRIAGE OUTSIDE A CATHOLIC CHURCH EDIFICE** – If, for serious pastoral reasons, a couple requests to be married outside a Catholic Church by a priest or deacon, permission must be sought from the Chancery. The bishops of New York State will not give permission for marriages to take place outdoors.

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6. **MARRIAGE WITH LESS THAN SIX (6) MONTHS OF PREPARATION** – If, for serious pastoral reasons, a couple requests to be married within less than six (6) months of preparation, the Chancery must be consulted.

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7. **DISPENSATION FROM CONSANGUINITY OR AFFINITY** – If the share a common ancestry to the third or fourth degree (total collateral lines), or through a valid marriage in the direct line, a dispensation must be obtained from the Chancery.

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8. **REQUEST FOR CATHOLIC CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE WHEN AT LEAST ONE PARTY IS UNDER 18** – If either party is under 18, a request must be submitted to the Chancery, and NO DATE MAY BE SET until the permission has been granted.

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9. **PERMISSION TO MARRY WHEN THERE HAS BEEN ANY MENTAL OR EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE** – If either party has undergone treatment for any mental or emotional disturbance, the Chancery must be consulted, and NO DATE MAY BE SET until this matter has been investigated and approval is given for a wedding.

IV. INTERROGATION OF THE PARTIES

The priest or deacon interviews the parties individually. The groom is invited to leave, perhaps being offered some pertinent literature to read, while the bride is interviewed, separately, under oath.

INTERVIEW WITH BRIDE

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| 1. Do you promise before God to answer the following questions truthfully? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Do you both intend to enter a marriage that is for life? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Do you both intend to be faithful to each other for the rest of your lives?
If yes, do you understand that the Church's teaching on marital fidelity excludes homosexual activity and extramarital relations? | <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Do you both intend to have children from this marriage? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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The following four questions deal with serious issues that, if present, must be dealt with by consulting either the Chancery or the Tribunal.
NO DATE MAY BE SET until these issues have been resolved.

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| 5. Have you ever been married in any way, manner or form? This would include any ceremony – civil, religious or non-religious – in any country or state, by any officiant whatsoever, for any kind of reason (including immigration).
<i>Priest/deacon: if yes, please record information in Part II and apply to Tribunal for permission (Part III, #1).</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Do you have any natural or moral obligations toward any previous partner or any children from any prior union?
<i>Priest/deacon: if yes, please apply to Tribunal for permission (Part III, #1).</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Will you or your fiancé be under eighteen (18) at the time of your proposed wedding?
<i>Priest/deacon: If yes, Please consult with Chancery (Part III, #8).</i>
If yes, do you have the permission of your parents to marry? | <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Are you being or have you ever been treated for a physical, emotional or psychological problem that might affect your capacity to enter into marriage?
<i>Priest/deacon: if yes, please consult with Chancery (Part III, #9).</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| 9. Are you aware of any impediments to marriage, such as:
(a) relationship by blood, marriage or adoption?
<i>Priest/deacon: If yes, please apply to Chancery for dispensation (Part III, #7).</i>
(b) religious vows or sacred orders?
(c) physical or psychological difficulty that would prevent you from functioning sexually (impotence)?
(d) other impediments?
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| 10. Are you under any pressure to get married due to, for instance, illness, age, legal status, immigration issues, finances?
Are you under any pressure to have a Catholic wedding? | <input type="checkbox"/>
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YES NO

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| 11. | Are you pregnant?
Is pregnancy a factor leading you to marry at this time?
<i>If yes to either, the six-month preparation period is ordinarily required nonetheless.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. | Are either of you in any way affected by abuse of alcohol and/or drugs? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. | Are you aware of any other conditions that could affect your marriage, such as: | | |
| | (a) a recent previous engagement? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | (b) military service in the near future? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | (c) any hereditary or infectious diseases?
<i>If yes, have you discussed this with your future spouse?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | (d) notable age difference between the two of you? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | (e) different cultural backgrounds? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | (f) different religious backgrounds? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | (g) significant differences in your educational backgrounds? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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If any questions above were answered "yes," how are they being resolved? _____

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| 14. | <i>(If applicable)</i> Have your parents or guardians given approval to your marriage? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15. | Is there anything not yet discussed with your fiancé that, if known, might influence your relationship, or cause him to postpone or cancel the wedding? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16. | Will you now sign this document as evidence of the truth of your answers? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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