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TESTIMONIAL LETTERS (LITTERAE TESTIMONIALES) and NIHIL OBSTAT

When a couple is being married outside the Diocese of Sacramento, the following materials are required to be submitted from the parish where the couple is being prepared. If the wedding is taking place within the United States, submit the materials ***a minimum of four weeks prior to the wedding.*** If the wedding is taking place outside the United States, submit the materials ***a minimum of eight weeks*** to ensure the timely delivery of the materials to the diocese where the wedding will take place.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS *(original documents only, unless otherwise noted)*

On behalf of the **GROOM**:

- ☐ Pre-Marriage Testimony (Form A)
- ☐ Pre-Nuptial Witness Testimony (Form B), from two witnesses
- ☐ Catholic Baptismal Certificate *(must be an original document, issued within six months and include notations)*
- ☐ Catholic Confirmation Certificate, if not noted on the baptismal certificate
- ☐ Dispensation *(if needed on behalf of Catholic party)*
- ☐ Final decree(s) from any/all marriage nullity cases *(certified copy)*

On behalf of the **BRIDE**:

- ☐ Pre-Marriage Testimony (Form A)
- ☐ Pre-Nuptial Witness Testimony (Form B), from two witnesses
- ☐ Catholic Baptismal Certificate *(must be an original document, issued within six months and include notations)*
- ☐ Catholic Confirmation Certificate, if not noted on the baptismal certificate
- ☐ Dispensation *(if needed on behalf of Catholic party)*
- ☐ Final decree(s) from any/all marriage nullity cases *(certified copy)*

On behalf of **BOTH PARTIES**:

- ☐ Letter of Permission to Marry *(signed by the pastor)*
- ☐ Certificate of Completion of Marriage Preparation (parish-based, Engaged Encounter, or CatholicMarriagePrep.com)
- ☐ Certificate of Completion of Premarital Assessment or Inventory (FOCCUS, Prepare/Enrich, PMI, or Fully Engaged)
- ☐ Certificate of Completion of Natural Family Planning (NFP) overview session
- ☐ Civil Marriage Certificate *(if already married civilly)*

Place of Marriage

Name of Church and City	
Name of (Arch)Diocese	
Priest/Deacon Celebrant	
Phone (inc. area code)	
Date of Wedding	

Only original, signed documents are accepted, unless otherwise noted. The Tribunal verifies the materials submitted and sends them to the diocese where the marriage will take place. If anything is missing, the packet will be sent back to the parish submitting it. The Tribunal is not responsible for any delays due to incomplete packets in sending materials to the diocese where the wedding will take place. There is no fee for this service; however, the parish submitting the packet will be billed for the mailing/shipping costs of sending the materials to the diocese where the marriage will take place.

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