



Diocese of Sacramento

The Tribunal

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Submit \$10 fee with application.

Application for Matrimonial Dispensation & Permissions

Date: _____

Your Excellency,

_____, a Catholic
*Name (Use **maiden name** if woman)*

Street Address / City / State / ZIP Code

Parish and City of Catholic Party

child of _____ and _____
*Father's Full Name (even if deceased) Mother's Full **Maiden** Name (even if deceased)*

And having lived in the Diocese of Sacramento since _____ wishes to marry

*Name (Use **maiden name** if woman)* ☐ a non-Catholic / ☐ non-practicing Catholic (c. 1071 §2)

whose status is: ☐ Not Baptized ☐ Possibly Baptized ☐ Is Baptized

If the non-Catholic party is baptized, please complete the following:

Church of Baptism _____

Denomination _____

Date of Baptism _____

(Month / Day / Year)

The following conditions must be fulfilled (Canon 1125):

1. I request on their behalf, permission/dispensation to solemnize the marriage for the following canonical reasons:
☐ Danger of civil marriage ☐ For the spiritual good of the Catholic party
2. The required declaration and promise has been made by the Catholic party in my presence. The non-Catholic has been informed of this requirement so that it is certain that he/she is aware of the promise and obligation on the part of the Catholic. ☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Both have been instructed concerning the ends and essential properties of marriage. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature of Priest or Deacon

Date the Couple Intends to Marry – MONTH / DAY / YEAR required

Print Name

Church and City Where Wedding Will Take Place

Parish and City of Priest or Deacon

1. The declaration and promise of the Catholic are made in the presence of a priest or deacon either orally or in writing, as the Catholic prefers. It is preferable that the Catholic be encouraged to sign the declaration and promise as printed below.
2. At an opportune time before marriage, and preferably as part of the usual premarital instructions, the non-Catholic must be informed of the promise and responsibility of the Catholic. This may be done by the priest or deacon or the Catholic party. No formal statement is required of the non-Catholic.
3. The priest who presents the request for the dispensation shall certify that the declaration and promise have been made by the Catholic and the non-Catholic has been informed as directed, and that both have been instructed concerning the ends and essential properties of marriage.
4. No judgment (on the part of the priest) is necessary about the likelihood that the promise of the Catholic can be fulfilled. Nevertheless, if the priest has reason to doubt the sincerity of the promise he may not recommend the request for the dispensation, but should submit the matter to the Bishop.

DECLARATION AND PROMISE (Canon 1125)

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 further promise to do all that I can to share the faith I have received with our children by having them baptized and reared as Catholic Christians.

Date

Church and City

Signature of Catholic Party

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☐ Disparity of Worship / Cult

☐ Mixed Religion / Disparity of Worship *ad cautelam* (doubtful baptism)

☐ Mixed Religion (permission)

☐ Permission for marriage with non-practicing Catholic

Signature of Delegate

Date