



FORM A: Premarital Testimony for the Bride/Groom

Check one: **Groom** ☐ **Bride** ☐

To complete this form, each party must be interviewed separately. The PRIEST, DEACON OR DELEGATED PERSON conducting the interview must record the answers. Please print clearly. If any of the questions do not apply, please write "N/A."

Before beginning the interview, the person conducting it is to ask the following: <i>Do you declare, under oath, that you will answer with the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth to the following questions?</i> ☐ Yes ☐ No			
Parish and city where the testimony is being taken			
Full name (First, Middle, Last)			
Address (Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code)			
Home Telephone			
Work Telephone			
Mobile Telephone			
E-Mail Address			
Date of Birth		Place of Birth	
Father's Full Name		Religion	
Address (Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code)			
Mother's Full Maiden Name		Religion	
Address (Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code)			
Have you been baptized? ☐ Yes ☐ No		If yes, into what religion?	
When and where were you baptized?			
Note: If the party is a baptized Catholic, a recent baptismal certificate with notations is required, issued within the past six months.			
What is your religion now?		Do you practice it?	☐ Yes ☐ No
To be asked only if the party is a convert:			
When and where were you baptized or fully received into the Catholic Church?		Date	
		Place	
To be asked of the Catholic party:			
Which of the 24 Catholic Churches <i>Sui Iuris</i> do you belong to? (Latin or Roman, Byzantine, Coptic, Chaldean, etc.)			
If the Catholic party, or one of their parents, does not belong to the Latin Church (i.e., Roman Catholic), but to one of the other 23 <i>Sui Iuris</i> or Eastern Catholic Churches (e.g., Byzantine, Coptic, Maronite, Chaldean, Syro-Malabar, Armenian, etc.), please contact the Tribunal for further information. (See c. 1109)			
When and where were you confirmed?			
Have you ever left the Church by a formal act? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please indicate date, place, etc.: _____			
In which parish do you reside?			
How long have you lived within the territory of the parish where you reside?			
Whom do you intend to marry?			
How long have you known each other?			
How long have you been engaged?			
Has your intended spouse been married before, even if only civilly? ☐ Yes ☐ No			
If yes, to whom, where, and who was the officiant? _____			
How did this marriage cease? ☐ By Death ☐ By Divorce ☐ By Annulment			
If this marriage has been declared null by an ecclesiastical Tribunal, provide the following information:		Date of Decree: _____	
		Arch/Diocese: _____	
		N° of Protocol: _____	
Have you been married before, even if only civilly? ☐ Yes ☐ No			
If yes, to whom, where, who was the officiant? _____			
How did this marriage cease? ☐ By Death ☐ By Divorce ☐ By Annulment			
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		N° of Protocol: _____	



Carefully ask if any of the following canonical prohibitions apply:

Is this a Mixed Marriage, i.e., one between a baptized Catholic and a baptized non-Catholic?	☐ Yes ☐ No
If you received a declaration of nullity of a previous marriage, were you given a <i>Vetitum</i> or prohibition from marrying again?	☐ Yes ☐ No

Carefully ask if any of the following canonical diriment impediments apply: See cc. 1083-1094

Age (c. 1083)	☐ Yes ☐ No	Abduction (c. 1089)	☐ Yes ☐ No
Impotence (c. 1084)	☐ Yes ☐ No	Crime (c. 1090)	☐ Yes ☐ No
Ligamen o Previous Bond (c. 1085)	☐ Yes ☐ No	Consanguinity (c. 1091)	☐ Yes ☐ No
Disparity of Worship (c. 1086)	☐ Yes ☐ No	Affinity (c. 1092)	☐ Yes ☐ No
Holy Orders (c. 1087)	☐ Yes ☐ No	Public Propriety (c. 1093)	☐ Yes ☐ No
Perpetual Religious Vow of Chastity (c. 1088)	☐ Yes ☐ No	Legal Relationship by Adoption (c. 1094)	☐ Yes ☐ No

Inquire if any of the following apply: See c. 1071

Do you have a fixed residence?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Can this marriage be recognized under civil law?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Are you subject to any obligations to another person or children from a previous relationship?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Have you publicly rejected the Catholic faith or openly professed another religion?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Are you currently under a canonical censure (excommunication, interdict, or suspension)?	☐ Yes ☐ No
If you are a minor according to canon law, will you be entering into this marriage with the reasonable consent of your parents?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Do you intend to marry by proxy, in accordance with c. 1105 of the Code of Canon Law?	☐ Yes ☐ No

Carefully ask the following regarding the essentials for a valid marriage:

Do you sincerely intend to enter into this marriage of your own free will and without any pressure and fear?	☐ Yes ☐ No	Do you consider yourself mature enough to enter into this marriage?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Do you sincerely intend a permanent marriage, one that excludes the possibility of divorce?	☐ Yes ☐ No	Do you have the psychological and physical capacity to fulfill the essential obligations of marriage?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Do you know, understand and accept the ends and properties of a Catholic marriage?	☐ Yes ☐ No	Are you open to the possibility of having children from this marriage?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Do you sincerely intend to be always faithful to your future spouse?	☐ Yes ☐ No	Do you believe your future spouse has these same intentions?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Have you ever received psychiatric or psychological therapy? If yes, please explain: _____			☐ Yes ☐ No
Have you withheld any important information about yourself or your condition from your intended spouse? If yes, please explain: _____			☐ Yes ☐ No
Is there any other relevant information you believe should be disclosed before entering into this marriage? If yes, please explain: _____			☐ Yes ☐ No

In addition to the mandatory six-month marriage preparation requirements at the parish level, participation and a certificate of completion of at least one of the following marriage preparation programs is required (please check which program the couple has chosen:

☐ Parish-Based Program ☐ Engaged Encounter ☐ catholicmarriageprep.com ☐ Other: _____

Date Signature of Groom/Bride Signature of Priest/Deacon/Pastoral Minister and Parish Seal

The Priest/Deacon responsible for the pre-marriage preparation and/or who will witness the marriage records the following:

1. Date and Place of the wedding _____
2. Dispensations granted _____
3. Delegation asked for or given _____
4. Permission asked for or given _____
5. Date of notice sent to parish of baptism _____