



FORM B: Prenuptial Witness Testimony

The witnesses (two for the Groom and two for the Bride) should be the parents, siblings, or other close relatives who have known the party all or most of his/her life. If no relative is available, then a friend of many years may complete the form. The witness must be able to answer all questions from personal experience. The PRIEST, DEACON OR DELEGATED PERSON taking the testimony must record the answers. Please print clearly. If any of the questions does not apply, please write "N/A."

Before the testimony is taken, the following is to be asked: <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
Name of Person to be Married:
Name of Witness:
Address of Witness (include City, State, ZIP Code):
What is the relationship of the witness to the above-named party?
How well do you know the above-named party? _____
If you are not a relative, how many years have you known the above-named party? _____ years
Was the party ever baptized? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, when, where, and into which Christian denomination? _____
Which of the 24 Catholic Churches <i>Sui Iuris</i> does the party belong to? _____ (Latin or Roman, Byzantine, Coptic, Chaldean, Armenian, Ukrainian, Maronite, etc.)
Has the party ever contracted or entered marriage (even if only civilly)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, was the marriage ever declared null or dissolved by an Ecclesiastical Tribunal? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, when and where? (If more than one marriage, list details on separate sheet of paper.) _____
Is the party bound by any diriment impediment (age, impotence, <i>ligamen</i> or previous bond, disparity of worship, holy orders, perpetual vow of chastity, abduction, crime, consanguinity, affinity, public propriety, legal relationship resulting from adoption)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, by which impediment is the party bound?
Is the party entering into marriage free from pressure and fear, and does the party intend a permanent exclusive union that is open to having children? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the witness consider the party sufficiently mature to accept and fulfill the responsibilities and obligations of marriage? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the witness wish to make any further comments concerning the proposed marriage? ☐ Yes ☐ No _____

Date

Signature of Witness

Signature of Priest / Deacon / Pastoral Minister

(Seal of Parish)

Testimony was taken at (parish and city):
The wedding is to take place at (parish and city):
The bride and groom are being prepared at (parish and city):

If the deposition is taken outside the Diocese of Sacramento, it must be approved by the Chancery Office of the diocese where the witness resides. The Chancery Office should then forward the completed deposition to the Tribunal of the Diocese of Sacramento.

Visum est: _____

Arch/Diocese: _____

Date: _____

(Seal of Diocese)