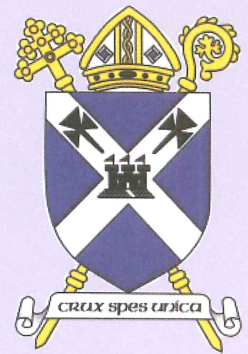


# Pre-Nuptial Enquiry Form

to be used for all marriages

**CONFIDENTIAL**



EDITION 4

Parish .....

Diocese .....

In which the Catholic party(ies) is/are resident.

## FULL NAMES OF COUPLE

..... and .....

.....

## SECTION A

## THE MARRIAGE TO BE CELEBRATED

Date of Wedding: ..... Place of Wedding: .....

(also give name of Diocese if different from above)

Name of Parish Church in which marriage is to be celebrated .....

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## BEFORE THE WEDDING

### Civil Requirements

Registrar Notified ☐

Registrar's Schedule Received ☐

### Church Requirements

Baptism Certificate

Confirmation Certificate

Letter of Freedom

Bride Groom

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## AFTER THE WEDDING

Groom Bride

Details entered in Parish Register ☐ ☐

Notification of Place of Baptism of Catholic Party(ies) ☐ ☐



**BRIDE**

Full Name

Place &amp; Date of Birth

Place &amp; Date of Baptism

Present Religion

Place &amp; Date of Confirmation

Present Address

Postcode

Telephone Number

Email

Your Parish (if Catholic)?

How long have you lived at your present address?

Please list any previous addresses you have had since your sixteenth birthday

Father's Name

Your present Occupation

Mother's Name

Mother's Maiden Name

Are you related to the person you intend to marry by blood, by marriage or by adoption? YES / NO

Have you ever been married before, either in church or some other place? YES / NO

If your answer is YES, please complete the following section.

To whom were you married? ..... When? .....

Where? ..... Marriage Certificate No. ....

Has your former spouse died? ..... Please present a copy of the death certificate

Has the marriage been dissolved by a civil decree of DIVORCE? ..... Decree No. ....

Please present a copy of the decree

Have you ever been PERPETUALLY PROFESSED as a Religious? Decree No. ....

Please present a copy of the decree

Has a DECREE OF NULLITY been granted by the Church? ..... Decree No. ....

Please present a copy of the decree

Except when a marriage has been dissolved by death and an authentic death certificate has been presented, requests for dispensations for a second marriage must be referred to the Chancery. NO DEFINITE ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE FOR THE MARRIAGE TO TAKE PLACE UNTIL CLEARANCE HAS BEEN GIVEN.

The details I have given above are, to the best of my knowledge, accurate.

Date

Signature of Bride



Full Name

Place & Date of Birth

Place & Date of Baptism

Present Religion

Place & Date of Confirmation

Present Address

Postcode

Telephone Number

Email

Your Parish (if Catholic)?

How long have you lived at your present address?

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Where? ..... Marriage Certificate No. ....

Has your former spouse died? ..... Please present a copy of the death certificate

Has the marriage been dissolved civilly by DIVORCE? YES/NO Decree No. ....  
Please present a copy of the decree

Have you ever been PERPETUALLY PROFESSED as a Religious or  
ORDAINED as a priest or deacon Decree No. ....  
Please present a copy of the decree

Has a DECREE OF NULLITY been granted by the Church? YES/NO Decree No. ....  
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Date Signature of Groom



The priest or deacon preparing the couple for marriage has the duty to ensure that potential spouses receive a full and understandable explanation of the meaning of Christian Marriage; its obligations, unity and indissolubility. He should be satisfied that they are entering marriage freely, without pre-conditions and with sufficient knowledge of the responsibilities of marriage.

The following questions should be asked **after** the required marriage preparation course has been given and each partner should be interviewed separately.

**BRIDE**

**GROOM**

**Concerning Free Will**

**YES/NO**

Are you coming to this marriage freely, without conditions attached to your consent?

**YES/NO**

**YES/NO**

Is anyone (or any situation) putting any pressure on you to enter this marriage?

**YES/NO**

**YES/NO**

As far as you know, is the person you hope to marry under any pressure to do so?

**YES/NO**

**Concerning the Lifelong Nature of Marriage**

**YES/NO**

Are you willing to undertake marriage as a lifelong commitment to your future spouse?

**YES/NO**

**Concerning Children**

**YES/NO**

Are you willing to see your marriage as an invitation to bring children into the world and to care for them and bring them up wisely and well as their first educators?

**YES/NO**

**Concerning Faithfulness in Marriage**

**YES/NO**

Are you willing in your conjugal relationship to be completely faithful to your future spouse?

**YES/NO**

After interviewing the couple the **priest or deacon** should complete the following:

What form of preparation has the couple received? .....

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In your personal opinion, are the parties ready for marriage? .....

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Are you satisfied that each is entering the marriage of his/her own free will? YES / NO

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Are you aware of any other invalidating impediments to this marriage?

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Any further comments:

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Signature of Priest / Deacon ..... Date .....



## PERMISSIONS AND DELEGATIONS FROM THE PARISH

### SECTION B PERMISSION TO MARRY OUTSIDE THE PARISH OF DOMICILE

**Permission to marry outside the parish** (IN A PLACE WHERE NEITHER PARTY HAS THE RESIDENCE QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY CANON 1115). Has the Catholic a residential qualification in your parish? YES / NO. Have you obtained written permission from the parish priest of the bride/groom for the marriage to take place outside their parish of domicile? YES / NO

Signature of the Priest / Deacon .....

Date .....

I.s.

### SECTION C DELEGATION OF MARRIAGE

**Delegation** (When the marriage is to take place BEFORE ONE WHO IS NOT THE PARISH PRIEST OR HIS ASSISTANT IN THE CHURCH IN WHICH THE MARRIAGE TAKES PLACE). This delegation is required for the **valid** celebration of the marriage (c.1111).

I hereby delegate/sub delegate ..... to assist at the above mentioned marriage.

Signature of the Priest / Assistant ..... Date .....

I.s.

### DISPENSATIONS AND OTHER CANONICAL ACTS

Please note that application **must** be made to the Chancery Office for:

- a) Marriages involving EASTERN RITE CATHOLICS or members of ORTHODOX CHURCHES
- b) Dispensations from DISPARITY OF CULT; MIXED MARRIAGE permissions; dispensations from CANONICAL FORM
- c) Marriages requiring RADICAL SANATION

### SECTION D CATHOLIC PARTY'S DECLARATION OF INTENT

**To be completed by the Catholic Party in ALL cases seeking dispensations/permissions**

The **Catholic Party** to any marriage where the other party is not a Catholic must make the following declaration and promise

#### DECLARATION OF INTENT

**I declare that I am ready to uphold my Catholic faith and to avoid all dangers of falling away from it. Moreover, I sincerely undertake that I will do all that I can, within the unity of our marriage, to have any children resulting from our union baptised and brought up in the Catholic Church alone.**

Signature of Catholic Party ..... Date .....

**To be completed by the Priest/Deacon preparing the paperwork in ALL cases as above**

**The Priest or Deacon makes the following declaration:** The Catholic Party has read and signed or made verbally before me the above declaration and promise with the knowledge of, and following an explanation to, the non-Catholic party. In my opinion the non-Catholic will not oppose the fulfilment of these undertakings in such a way as to make them meaningless. The couple have completed a programme of Catholic marriage preparation and **I submit the following REASONS in support of this application:** (please indicate if the application is for a CONVALIDATION).

Signature of the Priest / Deacon ..... Date .....

### SECTION E PERMISSION FOR MIXED RELIGION MARRIAGE

#### PERMISSION FOR A MIXED MARRIAGE (and/or for Convalidation)

Having given due consideration to the reasons given above, I am satisfied that the requested permission for a Mixed Religion Marriage should be granted. Therefore I grant permission to the above named Catholic to enter into marriage with the above named non-Catholic. Furthermore, if the circumstances require it (viz. to provide against the possible invalidity of the non-Catholic's baptism), a dispensation from the impediment of Disparity of Worship is granted, *ad cautelam*.

Given at .....

I.s.

Ordinary / Chancellor ..... Date ..... Prot No.



**SECTION F                  DISPENSATION FROM THE DISPARITY OF CULT**

**DISPENSATION FROM THE IMPEDIMENT OF DISPARITY OF CULT**

**Application:** I request a Dispensation from the impediment of Disparity of Cult so that the above named Catholic can enter into a valid marriage with the above named **non-baptised person**, and I submit the **following reasons**:

*I.s.*

Parish Priest / Assistant ..... Date .....

In accordance with canons 1078; 1086, §1; 1125 & 1126, I hereby grant a Dispensation from the Impediment of Disparity of Cult so that the above mentioned Catholic may enter into a valid marriage with the above named un-baptised person.

Given at .....

Ordinary / Chancellor ..... Date ..... Prot No. ....

**SECTION G                  DISPENSATION FROM CANONICAL FORM**

**DISPENSATION FROM THE CANONICAL FORM OF MARRIAGE**

**Application:** The couple named herein wish to be married according to the rites of .....

The ceremony will take place at .....  
(Please give full address)

I submit the **following reasons** in support of their application for the required Dispensation from the Canonical Form of Marriage:

Parish Priest / Assistant ..... Date .....

In accordance with canons 1127 §2, I hereby grant a Dispensation from the Canonical Form of Marriage so that the above mentioned Catholic may enter into a valid marriage with the above named non-Catholic in the place of worship named above and according to the marriage rite indicated above.

*I.s.*

Given at .....

Ordinary / Chancellor ..... Date ..... Prot No. ....



**SECTION H TESTIMONIAL LETTERS****LITTERAE TESTIMONIALES**

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Datum ..... Ordinarius / Cancellarius .....

Locus .....

I.s.

**SECTION I FINAL PERMISSIONS - For office use only****NIHIL OBSTAT & EXSEQUATUR**

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Datum ..... Ordinarius / Cancellarius .....

Locus .....

I.s.

✂ ..... detach here and post to place of baptism .....

**ARCHDIOCESE OF ST ANDREWS & EDINBURGH****Notification of Marriage**

Name of Catholic Spouse .....

son / daughter of ..... and .....

Baptised at ..... on ..... (Your Ref: .....)

was married to .....

son / daughter of ..... and .....

in the church of .....

Address ..... on .....

Please enter these details in the baptismal registers in your care, complete this form and return it to the address above.

**I confirm that the above details have been entered in the baptismal registers:**

Signed ..... Priest Date .....

✂ ..... detach here and post to place of baptism .....

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Your data will be stored securely and only use for the purposes for which it was collected.

We will not transfer your data to third parties to use for their own marketing or fundraising purposes.

Please note that we may be required to forward your personal data in connection with your marriage that we are providing to other dioceses in UK or abroad.

Signed .....

Signed .....

Date .....

Date .....