



DIOCESE OF RALEIGH
PRE-NUPTIAL INVESTIGATION

Form A

Bride: _____ Groom: _____

Parish: _____ City: _____

Rehearsal Date: _____ Time: _____

Wedding Date: _____ Place: _____ Time: _____

Officiant: _____

If visiting Catholic Clergyman, date delegated by Pastor or Parochial Vicar: _____

Witnesses: _____

Permission/Dispensation(s) Granted: _____

Chancery Number: _____ Date: _____

REQUIRED PROCEDURES

1. Ordinary cases: Pre-Nuptial Form/Documents are filed in the parish church where the marriage takes place.
2. If a priest/deacon goes to another Catholic church to witness a marriage:
 - a. Obtain delegation from the proper pastor. This is necessary for **VALIDITY**.
 - b. File Pre-Nuptial Form/Documents in the parish where the marriage takes place.
3. Cases of **MIXED RELIGION/DISPARITY OF CULT** (even ad cautelam) when the marriage is to be celebrated according to the Catholic Form in a place other than a Catholic church:
 - a. Permission /Dispensation must be obtained from the Chancery. If the marriage is to take place in a place other than a church, Permission must also be obtained from the local ordinary.
 - b. Priest/Deacon is to obtain delegation of the Catholic pastor in whose territory the place is located. This is necessary for **VALIDITY**.
 - c. Pre-Nuptial Form/Documents are to be filed in the Catholic parish in whose boundaries the marriage took place.

4. Dispensation from CANONICAL FORM

(When a wedding between a Catholic and non Catholic will not be witnessed by a Catholic Clergyman)

- a. If the marriage is to take place in another diocese, the priest/deacon must request the dispensation far enough in advance to allow time to contact the local ordinary of the place where the marriage is to take place (canon 1127 §2).
 - b. The Pre-Nuptial Form/Documents must be filed in the parish from where the dispensation was requested.
5. After the marriage ceremony, the priest/deacon must send notices to:
- a. The Chancery that granted the dispensation from Canonical Form.
 - b. The Chancery that granted the permission for Mixed Marriage (if this is another Chancery).
 - c. The parish of baptism of the Roman Catholic party.

PREVIOUS MARRIAGE: (Decree of ecclesiastical nullity must be included with the Pre-Nuptial Form) Groom/Bride previously married: _____

1. **How many times have you been married? _____**
2. **To whom: _____**
Religion of Person: _____
3. **Date: _____ Place: _____**
4. **Officiant: _____**
Title: _____
5. **If former spouse is deceased:**
Date of Death: _____ Place: _____
Certificate Number: _____
(copy of death certificate must be filed with the pre-nuptial form)
6. **If a former marriage was dissolved or declared null by the Church, give:**
Diocese and protocol number: _____
Date of Decree: _____
Any Restrictions: _____

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Each party must be interviewed alone. Only the priest/deacon/pastoral minister will propose the questions and write the given answers.

GROOM

In good faith, do you affirm to tell the truth in answering these questions? _____

1. Name: _____
Address: _____ Telephone: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
How long have you lived at this address? _____
In What Diocese do you live? _____
Email address: _____

2. What is your religion? _____
To what parish do you belong? _____

3. Date and place of your birth: _____
Father's Full Name: _____ Religion: _____
Mother's Full Maiden Name: _____ Religion: _____

4. Were you ever baptized?
In what religion/denomination: _____
Date: _____
Church: _____
Place: _____
Have you ever made a Solemn Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church?
Date: _____
Church: _____
Place: _____

5. How often do you attend church? Regularly _____ Seldom _____ Never _____

6. Was anyone among your parents or grandparents a member of, or baptized in, an Eastern Catholic Church? _____

Questions 7 and 8 are to be asked of Catholics only:

7. First Holy Communion? Yes _____ No _____
8. Confirmation? Yes _____ No _____

9. Do either your parents or her parents have any objections to this marriage?
(Or adult children as the case may be?) If so, what are they? _____

10. Are you or your intended spouse bound by any canonical impediment to marriage?
(e.g., age, sacred orders, sacred bonds, vows, religious profession, crime, public propriety, impotence). Circle if applicable. Please explain: _____

11. Have you ever previously been married or attempted marriage, even a civil marriage? _____ (If yes, consult page 2.)
12. Has your intended spouse ever been married before or attempted marriage, even a civil marriage? _____ (If yes, consult page 2.)
13. How long have you known your intended spouse? _____
How long have you been engaged? _____
14. Are you related to your intended spouse by blood (kinship) or by a legal relationship (in-laws) or by adoption? _____ (If yes, consult Chancery or Tribunal.)
15. Have you ever been treated by a doctor or professional for serious mental or nervous illness? _____ If yes, please provide details: _____

16. Have you or your intended spouse any physical, psychological or addictive problems which may seriously affect your marriage? _____
Explain: _____

17. Is any person or circumstance forcing you to enter this marriage against your own will? _____ Is any person or circumstance forcing your intended spouse to marry against her own will? _____ (If yes, consult Chancery or Tribunal.)
18. Are you attaching any conditions, restrictions or reservations of any kind to your consent to this marriage? _____ (If yes, consult Chancery or Tribunal.)
19. In this marriage do you intend:
 - a. To enter a life-long covenant which is dissolved only by death? _____
 - b. To be faithful to your spouse for life? _____
 - c. To give each other the normal marital rights necessary to have children? _____
20. Is there any major fact about you, in regard to either the present or the past, which you have not made known to your intended spouse? _____ Please specify. (If yes, consult Chancery or Tribunal.) _____

21. Who will be the best man for the marriage? _____

****Date:** _____

****Church:** _____

SEAL

****Place:** _____

****Groom:** _____

****Priest/Deacon/PastoralMinister:** _____

BRIDE

In good faith, do you affirm to tell the truth in answering these questions? _____

1. Name: _____
Address: _____ Telephone: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
How long have you lived at this address? _____
In What Diocese do you live? _____
Email Address: _____

2. What is your religion? _____
To what parish do you belong? _____

3. Date and place of your birth: _____
Father's Full Name: _____ Religion: _____
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21. Who will be the maid of honor for the marriage? _____

SEAL ****Date:** _____

****Church:** _____

****Place:** _____

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****Priest/Deacon/PastoralMinister:** _____