



**DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN**  
**141 West Rayen Avenue**  
**Youngstown, Ohio 44503**

MD FORM  
 MARRIAGE OF LATIN RITE  
 CATHOLIC AND NON-CATHOLIC

**PRENUPTIAL INVESTIGATION**

**GROOM**

**BRIDE**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**BIRTH DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**BIRTH PLACE** \_\_\_\_\_

**RELIGION** \_\_\_\_\_

**BAPTISM DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHURCH AND ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**FATHER** \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRESENT PARISH** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **MARRIAGE** \_\_\_\_\_ **PLACE** \_\_\_\_\_

**WITNESSES** \_\_\_\_\_

We, in the presence of one another, individually declare our freedom to marry and our freedom from any known impediments between us. We hold marriage to be a life-long and faithful union and process of choosing each other for the mutual sharing of our life and our love; it is a union which is open to children; it is a union which is modeled after and symbolizes God's ever-faithful love for His people. It is this partnership of life and love that we seek in marriage and to which we will publicly give our consent.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of GROOM Signature of BRIDE

After a thorough review, I can attest that this couple is free to marry and has the proper intentions in regard to Christian marriage.

**COMMENTS:** \_\_\_\_\_

FOR TRIBUNAL USE ONLY

**Priest/Deacon:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Parish** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Delegation when needed:**  
**Granted to:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Granted by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ASSESSMENT OF THE COUPLE'S READINESS FOR MARRIAGE**

**NOTE: Priest is to note his evaluation in the space provided. He may use any other approved instruments that will assist him in making the necessary evaluation in each assessment area.**

**SPIRITUAL ASSESSMENT**

1. Does spirituality have any influence on their daily lives and their approaching marriage?
2. What value does the Church have for them as a couple? What value will it have in their marriage?
3. Has the Catholic party received the sacrament of Confirmation?
4. Are there areas of religious differences? Will this hinder the rearing of children in the Catholic Church?
5. What role does public worship have in their lives? How will the faith community help them in their relationship to God?
6. Do they consider marriage to be a sacrament? Will their marriage ceremony be pre-eminently a religious celebration?

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**PERSONALITY ASSESSMENT**

1. How long have they known each other? Have they been able to communicate effectively with each other?
2. Do they show signs of a growing maturity? What is their attitude toward parents, authority, and superiors?
3. Do they perceive the basic obligations and responsibilities of marriage, parenthood and job?
4. Have they been under a doctor's care for any mental or physical ailments? Are there problems with drugs or alcohol?
5. Do they seem compatible in personality, character, temperament and feelings?

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**CANONICAL ASSESSMENT**

1. Has either party been married before? If so, how will this previous marriage be dissolved? (Death certificate or decree of nullity enclosed.)
2. Are they entering marriage freely without force, coercion, and social pressure?
3. Do they intend to enter a permanent commitment, be faithful to one another and to rear a family eventually?
4. Are there any impediments to their marriage, namely blood relationship, age, vows, sacred orders, impotency or crimen?
5. Is this a validation of a recognized civil union? If so, give date of civil union.

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APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATIONS AND /OR PERMISSIONS

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Chancery Number \_\_\_\_\_

1. I, \_\_\_\_\_, a Catholic residing in

\_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_ City

wishing to marry \_\_\_\_\_

of \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation \_\_\_\_\_ City

(Check one:)

The other party is Catholic but not practicing the Faith.

( ) Request permission for Mixed Religion

The non-Catholic party is validly baptized and proven by official record.

( ) Request permission for Mixed Religion

The non-Catholic party is validly baptized but no official record is available.

( ) Request permission for Mixed Religion and precautionary dispensation from Disparity of Worship

The non-Catholic party is doubtfully baptized.

( ) Request permission for Mixed Religion and precautionary dispensation from Disparity of Worship

The non-Catholic party is not baptized.

( ) Request dispensation from the impediment of Disparity of Worship

PRENUPTIAL DECLARATION AND PROMISE

By Catholic party:

I reaffirm my faith in Jesus Christ and, with God's help, intend to continue living that faith in the Catholic Church.

I promise to do all in my power to share the faith I have received with our children by having them baptized and reared as Catholics.

\_\_\_\_\_ Catholic Party

Check if necessary: ( ) The Catholic party chose to make the above declaration and promise orally.

*\*I certify that the other party has been informed of the promise obliging the Catholic spouse.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Priest/Deacon

The canonical cause for this request is: (Check one:)

( ) pastoral care of souls

( ) grave spiritual harm to the parties

( ) danger of marriage outside the Church

( ) hope of conversion

2. I, \_\_\_\_\_, request a dispensation from the Catholic  
Catholic Party

form of marriage so that the marriage may be contracted in \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Church, \_\_\_\_\_  
City

with the minister serving as the official witness to our exchange of vows. The reason for this request is:

- (Check one:)** ( ) for family harmony  
( ) for parental agreement to the marriage  
( ) close relationship to non-Catholic minister

3. I request permission for the Catholic Priest to serve as the official witness to our exchange of vows in a non-Catholic church.

Non-Catholic Church \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_

4. I request permission for the marriage to take place in the Orthodox Church with the Orthodox Priest as the principal witness.

Orthodox Church \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_

5. I request a particular permission required by law but not mentioned above.

(Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Catholic Party

*I certify that to the best of my knowledge the parties making the above request are truthful and sincere.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Priest/Deacon