

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 the Catholic faith 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. Have both Catholic parties 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?

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?

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 the date of the civil union.

DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN
APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION

Date _____

Chancery Number _____

_____, a Catholic, residing in _____,
_____ Parish _____ City

wishing to marry _____, also a Catholic,
of _____ Parish _____ City

Requests permission to be married:

- () In the Eastern Rite of the Bride instead of the Latin Rite of the Groom.
- () In the Latin Rite of the Bride instead of the Eastern Rite of the Groom.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Two Latin Rite Catholics requesting to be married in an Eastern Rite Catholic Church

_____, a Latin Rite Catholic
residing in _____,
_____ Parish _____ City

wishing to marry _____, also a Latin Rite Catholic
residing in _____,
_____ Parish _____ City

request permission to be married in the Eastern Rite Catholic Church of _____
in the presence of _____, priest of the Eparchy of _____,
_____, who requests proper delegation from the Bishop of
Youngstown to perform this nuptial ceremony. Father _____ also requests of the Apostolic
Nuncio permission to celebrate this wedding in the Eastern Rite Catholic Liturgy

