

Marriage Preparation Check List-Outside Diocese

These two pages provide information required for marriage preparation outside the Diocese of Sioux Falls. The following materials are required to be submitted to the Tribunal from the parish where the couple is being prepared at least two months prior to the wedding in order to ensure all dioceses involved process the paperwork prior to the date of the wedding. Only original, signed documents will be accepted and the Tribunal will verify the materials submitted and send them to the diocese where the marriage is happening. Please continue to submit your letter.

There are additional requirements if the marriage is to take place in the diocese of Sacramento and Honolulu.

Sacramento:

- two freedom to marry affidavits for both the bride and groom.
- Catholic confirmation certificate if it is not noted on the baptismal certificate.
- Natural Family Planning certificate as well as an Engaged Encounter Certificate and Focus certificate.
- Paperwork must be sent four months in advance.

Honolulu:

- two freedom to marry affidavits for both the bride and groom.
- Catholic confirmation certificate if it is not noted on the baptismal certificate.
- Natural Family Planning certificate as well as an Engaged Encounter Certificate and Focus certificate.
- Paperwork must be sent three months in advance.

Please feel free to contact the Tribunal office with any questions that you may have.

**Required Documents for Marriage File to be Sent to Another Diocese: Preparation in the
Diocese of Sioux Falls, Wedding Elsewhere**

On behalf of the GROOM: _____

- Catholic Baptismal Certificate or Reception into Full Communion Certificate
(MUST BE AN ORIGINAL DOCUMENT, ISSUED WITHIN SIX MONTHS W/ FULL SACRAMENTAL RECORDS LISTED)
- Pre-Marriage Testimony (Form A-Diocese of Sioux Falls Information sheet).
- Permission/Dispensation (Form B-Mixed Marriage/Disparity of Cult sheet, if necessary).
- Pre-Nuptial Witness Testimony (From C-Freedom to Marry sheet) from a family member
(cc. 1066; 1067 & USCCB Complementary Norms. Must be original signed document).
- IF** you have been married prior to this marriage, a copy of the Final Judgement and Decree of Divorce and Annulment letter(s) demonstrating freedom to marry are required.

On behalf of the BRIDE: _____

- Catholic Baptismal Certificate or Reception into Full Communion Certificate
(MUST BE AN ORIGINAL DOCUMENT, ISSUED WITHIN SIX MONTHS W/ FULL SACRAMENTAL RECORDS LISTED)
- Pre-Marriage Testimony (Form A-Diocese of Sioux Falls Information sheet).
- Permission/Dispensation (Form B-Mixed Marriage/Disparity of Cult sheet, if necessary).
- Pre-Nuptial Witness Testimony (From C-Freedom to Marry sheet) from a family member.
(cc. 1066; 1067 & USCCB Complementary Norms. Must be original signed document).
- IF** you have been married prior to this marriage, a copy of the Final Judgement and Decree of Divorce and Annulment letter(s) demonstrating freedom to marry are required.

On behalf of BOTH PARTIES:

- Completed FOCCUS
- Certificate of Completion of Engaged Encounter (if attended)
- Original of Civil Marriage Certificate (if already married civilly)

Contact Information

Name of Groom: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Name of Bride: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

DIOCESE OF SIOUX FALLS

523 North Duluth Avenue, Sioux Falls SD 57104-2714

FORM A

Marriage of:

(Groom)

(Bride)

(Parish)

(Parish)

(Diocese)

(Diocese)

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Name _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

How long have you lived in the Diocese of Sioux Falls? _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Father's Name _____ Mother's Maiden Name _____

In what religion were you baptized? _____

Where were you baptized? _____ Date of Baptism? _____

What religion do you practice? _____

When do you intend to marry? _____ Where? _____

Have you been previously married? ___ Yes ___ No If yes, please answer the following:

a. To whom were you married? _____

b. Who officiated at the ceremony? _____ Date _____

Place _____

c. Has the Catholic Church declared this marriage invalid? ___ Yes ___ No

d. Is this former spouse deceased? ___ Yes ___ No (Submit documents verifying declaration of nullity or death.)

e. Did you have any children with this previous spouse? ___ Yes ___ No If yes, are you fulfilling your civil and religious obligations to them? ___ Yes ___ No

Are you bound by any impediments to this marriage: crime (C.1090), impotence (C.1084), sacred orders (C.1087), religious vows (C.1088)? ___ Yes ___ No

Are you related by blood (C.1091), affinity (C.1092), public propriety (C.1093), or legal relationship (C. 1094)? ___ Yes ___ No

Are you and your future spouse entering marriage of your own free will? ___ Yes ___ No

Do you intend to enter a permanent partnership of your whole life that can be dissolved only by death? ___ Yes ___ No

Do you intend to have children? ___ Yes ___ No

Do you believe each other to be physically and psychologically adequate for a successful marriage? ___ Yes ___ No

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I HEREBY DELARE THE ABOVE TO BE TRUE

NB: If the free status of the above

party is doubtful, resolve the doubt by supporting testimony.

ONLY when certitude is attained should the priest/deacon sign.

(Party of Marriage) _____ (Date)

I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE FREEDOM FOR MARRIAGE OF THE ABOVE SIGNED PARTY.

(Priest/Deacon) _____ (Date)

seal

Parish _____

Address _____

_____ Telephone _____



Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls
Application for Permission/Dispensation

FORM B

Promises made by Catholic Party: I reaffirm my faith in Jesus Christ, and with God's help, intend to continue living that faith in the Roman 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. I also attest that my intended spouse knows of this Declaration and Promise which I make in all sincerity.

Signed by Catholic party _____

Please print: _____, a Catholic member of _____ Parish in

(city) _____, wishing to marry _____,

(unbaptized) (baptized) in the (denomination) _____, respectfully petitions

the Most Reverend Bishop to grant the following:

- Permission for Mixed Religion (non-Catholic party was validly baptized)
Dispensation from Disparity of Cult (non-Catholic party was never baptized, or baptism was evidently invalid)
Dispensation from Disparity of Cult, Ad Cautelam and Mixed Religion (cannot establish the validity of baptism of the non-Catholic party)
Permission for marriage to a non-practicing Catholic

Canonical reasons:

- Promise or well founded hope of joining Catholic Church
Suspected familiarity or cohabitation
Danger of civil marriage
Pregnancy or legitimization of child
Validation of a previous marriage (include civil certificate, annulment(s) and/or death record(s))

Dispensation from the Canonical Form of Marriage:

(name) _____, also requests a dispensation from the Form of Marriage so that the marriage may be contracted in _____ Church, located at _____, in the presence of Rev. _____, a member of the clergy of _____.

The reason for this request:

- Preserve family harmony
Obtain parental agreement for marriage
Significant relationship with non-Catholic minister
Other (please specify) _____

Please complete for all requests:

Date of wedding: _____ Location: _____

Minister: _____

Statement by the priest/deacon

The required Declaration and Promise have been made by the above-named Catholic in my presence. The other party has been informed of this requirement and is fully aware of the Declaration and Promise on the part of the Catholic. I believe the Catholic party is truly sincere in making this Declaration and Promise. I will see to it that the marriage is recorded in the appropriate marriage registry: the Catholic Church where the marriage takes place (canon 1121), or the parish of the Catholic Party (canon 1121.3).

Signature of Petitioning Priest/Deacon

Church and location

Date

RESCRIPT

Permission/Dispensation granted



The necessary conditions having been fulfilled, we hereby grant the petition for dispensation/permission as requested in order that this marriage be contracted validly and licitly. Given at the Chancery in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on _____ by order of Most Reverend Donald E. DeGrood, Bishop of Sioux Falls.

_____, Notary



Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls
PRE-NUPTIAL AFFIDAVIT

Form C

Priest/deacon preparing the couple:

Witness being interviewed:

(Name)
(Parish)
(Street Address)
(City,State,Zip)

(Name)
(Street Address)
(City,State,Zip)

AFFIDAVIT CONCERNING FREEDOM TO MARRY OF:

(please print name of bride or groom)

Are you related to this person? Y N If yes, how?

If not related, how long and how well have you known this person?

Has this person ever been married before, even civilly? Y N
(If yes, please ask for the details: number of marriages, names of former spouses, dates and places of marriage(s), etc.)

Do the parents of this person approve of the forthcoming marriage? Y N
If no, what is their objection?

Do you know any reason why this person should not be married in the Catholic Church now? Y N
If yes, what is the reason?

Do you know of anything else that should be disclosed in regard to this person's forthcoming marriage?

Do you declare that the above answers are the entire truth?

(Signature of interviewing priest/deacon)
(Parish and diocese)
(Address)
(Date)

(Signature of witness)
(Date)
SEAL OF PARISH

Please return the completed form to the priest/deacon listed above who is preparing the couple for marriage.