



**DIOCESE OF RENO
PRE-NUPTIAL DOCUMENTATION**

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The priest or deacon to witness the marriage or request a dispensation from canonical form is responsible for the completion of this form. It is to be filed in the parish of marriage or from the parish which a dispensation form is requested.
2. The parties must be questioned separately and their responses recorded by the priest or deacon.
3. If either party has been previously married, no arrangements for another marriage can be made until all previous marriages have been ecclesiastically declared null or dissolved (death excepted.)
4. This form must be sent to the Tribunal when:
* Any dispensation or permission of the Ordinary is required;
* If one of the parties is a resident of another Diocese, or the marriage is to take place in another Diocese:
5. Recently issued baptismal records for all baptized persons involved, catholic and non-catholic, must accompany this document

Date of first interview: _____

Date of proposed Marriage: _____ Time: _____ Validation? _____ (To be set only after all required pre-marriage steps have been completed.)

To be Performed By: _____

To be Solemnized At: _____
Church Address City, State Zip Code

Person (s) Conducting Preparations _____
(Filling out of this Questionnaire should be done separately with each person)

Groom

Bride (Maiden Name)

1. Full Name	_____	_____
2. Address	_____	_____
3. Phone or Fax No.	_____	_____
4. Date of Birth	_____	_____
5. Place of Birth	_____	_____
6. Religion	_____	_____
7. Date of Baptism	_____	_____
8. Parish & City of Baptism	_____	_____
9. Your Present Parish	_____	_____
10. Length of Residence	_____	_____
11. Name of Father	_____	_____
12. His Religion	_____	_____
13. Maiden Name of Mother	_____	_____
14. Her Religion	_____	_____
15. Previous Marriage, indicate each one:	_____	_____
With Whom?	_____	_____
Date of Marriage	_____	_____
Place of Marriage	_____	_____
Before Whom?	_____	_____
How did this marriage end?	_____	_____

A Death Certificate, or a Church Decree of Nullity or Dissolution must be provided for each marriage.

Protocol Number or Church Decree _____
(Do Not set a date until the Final Decree has been received.)

VERIFICATION

Marriage took place as scheduled _____ Place of baptism notified _____

	GROOM	BRIDE
16. If previously married, are all your obligations toward your former spouse and children being met? (If no, interviewer will append an explanatory note.)	_____	_____
17. Are you a practicing Catholic?	_____	_____
18. To the Best of your knowledge, are you or your intended spouse bound by any impediments to marriage? (Interviewer will explain canons 1083-1094.)	_____	_____
19. Are you related to your intended spouse by blood, marriage, or adoption? If so, explain now.	_____	_____
20. Have you or your intended spouse ever suffered from or been treated for any mental, emotional, or psychological problems? Explain.	_____	_____
21. Are you giving your consent to this marriage without pressure or force of any kind?	_____	_____
22. As far as you know, is your intended spouse likewise freely consenting to this marriage?	_____	_____
23. Do you understand the nature and obligation of marriage as a community of the whole of life, and do you agree without any condition or reservation, to enter a marriage that is for life; not to exclude from your spouse, even temporarily, the right to have children; to accept the obligations of fidelity to your spouse?	_____	_____
24. To the best of your knowledge and belief, is this also the intention of your intended spouse?	_____	_____
25. Do you have your parents' approval?	_____	_____
26. If under 18, do you have your parents' consent?	_____	_____
27. Have you taken part in one of the Diocese's pre-marriage preparation programs (workshop or engaged encounter)? Give date attended and include letter or certificate.	_____	_____
28. Marriage witnesses: _____ and _____		

I now affirm the truth of the above,

Signature of Groom _____

Signature of Bride _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

I, the undersigned priest, declare that the persons whose signatures are affixed above appeared before me personally on the date given above, that I proposed to each one individually all of the above questions under oath and personally recorded the answers given; that each party was interviewed by me separately; that no one else was present during the questioning; that I am satisfied as to the identity of the parties; that I have on file all necessary documents, and that the parties have been instructed in accord with the law of the Church.

Date: _____ **Signature of Priest(s)** _____

Place: _____

Interviewer's comments or explanatory notes:

necessary to establish the truth of statements by the parties to the marriage. (Testimonial, Pauline, Lack of Form)

WITNESS FOR GROOM

WITNESS FOR BRIDE

- 1. Name _____
 - 2. Address _____
 - 3. Date of Birth _____
 - 4. Religion _____
 - 5. Whom does this testimony concern? _____
 - 6. How long have you known this party? _____
 - 7. Is this party free to marry? _____
 - 8. Is this party marrying freely? _____
 - 9. What is your relationship to this party? _____
 - 10. Do you know of any reasons why this marriage should not take place? _____
 - 11. If parent or guardian, do you consent to this marriage? _____
 - 12. Do you wish to make any further statement in regard to this marriage? _____
 - 13. Do you swear to the truth of the above answers? _____
- Signature of witnesses:** _____
- Signature of priest:** _____
- Date:** _____

DELEGATION

(When jurisdiction is required from the Pastor where the marriage is to take place.)

PERMISSION

(When marriage is taking place in a parish other than the parish of one of the parties.)

I, the undersigned, hereby delegate/give permission to _____ to witness the marriage between:

_____ and _____
Signature of Pastor _____

Date: _____

Parish Seal

TESTIMONIAL LETTER FOR AND FROM OTHER DIOCESES

(If either of the parties is from a diocese other than the one in which the marriage will take place, a testimonial letter from their own diocese must be obtained.)

As far as we are able to ascertain, there are no canonical impediments to the marriage of:

Groom _____ Bride _____

Date: _____

Delegate of Bishop
Seal of Diocese

Diocese _____

NIHIL OBSTAT

The Nihil Obstat must be obtained from the Chancery of the diocese in which the marriage is to take place when either or both of the parties are from a different diocese or when required by the diocesan pre-marriage guidelines. Upon reviewing the above documents, this Tribunal declares that there is nothing to prevent this marriage from being contracted.

Date: _____

Delegate of Bishop
Seal of Diocese

Place: _____

PRE-NUPTIAL AGREEMENT

Instruction: Since the promise refers to two obligations, the practice of one's catholic faith and sharing that faith with the children, it shall be made by the catholic party in every instance, either orally or in writing. The party that is not catholic must be informed of the promises and responsibility of the Catholic. No formal statement from the person is required. The priest submitting the request for dispensation shall certify that the declaration and promise have been made by the Catholic and that the party who is not catholic has been informed.

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 Catholic brought up in the practice of the faith.

Verbal Promise _____ Catholic Party _____

PETITION FOR DISPENSATION/PERMISSION

The undersigned petitions that the dispensations and permissions checked below be granted:

Dispensation from the impediment(s) of:

Permission for a marriage involving a:

- _____ Disparity of Cult*
- _____ Disparity of Cult granted as a precaution*
- _____ (Documentation of non-catholic baptism not presented with Request for permission below)
- _____ Other (Specify-consanguinity, affinity, adoption, public propriety, abduction, cf. cc. 1083-1094)

- _____ Catholic and baptized non-catholic*
- _____ Person who has obligations to former spouse/children
- _____ Person who has notoriously rejected the catholic faith*
- _____ Other (cf c. 1071)

***Promise required**

Reasons for dispensation/permission: _____ Promise of Embracing the Catholic Religion _____ Removal of Scandals _____ Well Founded Hope of the Conversion of the Non-Catholic party _____ Danger of Apostasy if the dispensation is denied _____ Danger of merely civil Marriage before a minister _____ Revalidation of an invalid marriage _____.

Other _____

I, the undersigned, in accord with the prescriptions of canon 1125 attest that: 1) there are good reasons for the dispensation/permission; 2) both parties have received instructions concerning the nature, sanctity and responsibilities of married life; 3) the required declaration and promise have been made by the Catholic in my presence; 4) there is moral certainty that the promise is sincere; 5) the party who is not catholic has been informed of the Catholic's declaration and promise.

Parish Seal

Priest: _____

Date: _____

Parish and City: _____

RESCRIPT

Disp. No. _____

In virtue of cc. 1078, 1125, and the necessary conditions having been fulfilled, we hereby grant the dispensation and permissions requested above.

Seal of Tribunal

_____ Delegate of Bishop

Given at the Chancery, Diocese of Reno

Date: _____

Date: _____

PETITION FOR DISPENSATION FROM CANONICAL FORM

The Catholic party also requests a dispensation from the canonical form of marriage.

Place of Wedding: _____ Parish & City _____ Date: _____

Name of non-catholic clergy man who will witness the marriage: _____

Reason for request: _____

RESCRIPT

The Dispensation from canonical form is hereby granted in accord with canon 1127. The National Conference of Catholic Bishops has determined that the pre-nuptial papers should be filed in the parish form which application for the dispensation was made. Accordingly, after the dispensation is granted and **UPON VERIFICATION THAT THE WEDDING HAS TAKEN PLACE**, you are asked to file these papers in your parish, making notation of all particulars in your parish marriage register, and to notify the parish of the baptism of the Catholic in the usual manner.

Date: _____

Delegate of Bishop