

PRENUPTIAL INVESTIGATION FOR CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Form A-1 is used to verify freedom to marry.

Form A-2 is used for parental permission of the marriage of a minor, that is, a person under age 18.

Form A-3 records information on prior marriages.

The Parties to the Marriage

Name of Groom: _____ Name of Bride: _____

The Parties Offering Testimony

Name of Witness: _____ Name of Witness: _____

Witness for: groom bride Witness for: groom bride

Religion: _____ Age: _____ Religion: _____ Age: _____

How long have you known him/her? _____ How long have you known him/her? _____

Relationship to Party: _____ Relationship to Party: _____

Form A-1

AFFIDAVITS VERIFYING THIS COUPLE'S FREEDOM TO MARRY

1. Has this party ever contracted any kind of marriage before?

yes no

If so, to whom? _____

2. Was he/she baptized?

yes no do not know

If so, in what religion? _____

3. Do you know any reason why this couple should not marry?

yes no

If so, explain why: _____

4. Do you swear these statements are true?

yes no

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS NO. 1

DATE

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SIGNATURE OF WITNESS NO. 2

DATE

SIGNATURE OF PASTORAL MINISTER/NOTARY

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PARISH SEAL

Form A-2

PARENTAL PERMISSION FOR THE MARRIAGE OF A MINOR, I.E., A PERSON UNDER 18

If a parent or guardian will not complete form A-2, the marriage requires the permission of the diocesan bishop (form D-1)

1. Do you consent to the marriage of your son/daughter?
 yes no
2. If so, do you feel that this couple is mature enough to marry?
 yes no
- If not, why not? _____

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SIGNATURE OF PARENT NO. 1 DATE

SIGNATURE OF PARENT NO. 2 DATE

Form A-3

INFORMATION CONCERNING EACH AND EVERY PRIOR MARRIAGE

Prior Marriage(s) of the Groom

First marriage date: _____
To whom? _____
City of marriage: _____
Officiant: civil religious common law
How did it end? death civil divorce/annulment
 Catholic dissolution/annulment
Date: _____ (Arch)Diocese: _____
Protocol Number: _____
Current address of former spouse:
Street: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Prior Marriage(s) of the Bride

First marriage date: _____
To whom? _____
City of marriage: _____
Officiant: civil religious common law
How did it end? death civil divorce/annulment
 Catholic dissolution/annulment
Date: _____ (Arch)Diocese: _____
Protocol Number: _____
Current address of former spouse:
Street: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Second marriage date: _____
To whom? _____
City of marriage: _____
Officiant: civil religious common law
How did it end? death civil divorce/annulment
 Catholic dissolution/annulment
Date: _____ (Arch)Diocese: _____
Protocol Number: _____
Current address of former spouse:
Street: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Second marriage date: _____
To whom? _____
City of marriage: _____
Officiant: civil religious common law
How did it end? death civil divorce/annulment
 Catholic dissolution/annulment
Date: _____ (Arch)Diocese: _____
Protocol Number: _____
Current address of former spouse:
Street: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

A copy of any and every death certificate, civil divorce decree or civil annulment, Catholic decree of annulment or a Catholic decree of dissolution must be attached to this form.