

DIOCESE OF SPOKANE

**PETITION FOR MARRIAGE
PERMISSION OR DISPENSATION**

GROOM

BRIDE

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

Address _____

City, State _____

City, State _____

Date of Birth _____

Date of Birth _____

RELIGION

Catholic
Parish: _____

Catholic
Parish: _____

Place: _____

Place: _____

Baptized non-Catholic
Denomination: _____

Baptized non-Catholic
Denomination: _____

Unbaptized

Unbaptized

Scheduled date and place for marriage: _____

The following dispensation and permissions may be granted by the pastor for marriages celebrated within the territory his parish. Otherwise, the petition is submitted to the Local Ordinary.

- A. Disparity of Cult (C. 1086, a Catholic and a non-baptized person). *See reverse side.*
- B. Mixed Religion (and, if necessary, disparity of cult, C. 1124). *See reverse side.*
- C. Natural obligations from a prior union (C. 1071 3°). Marriage is permitted only when the pastor or competent authority is sure that these obligations are being fulfilled.
- D. Permission to marry when conditions are attached to a declaration of nullity—granted only if these stipulations have been fulfilled. (Cf. C. 1684)

By virtue of the faculties granted to pastors of the Diocese of Spokane, I hereby grant the above indicated permissions/dispensation.

Pastor: _____ Date: _____

(This document is retained in the prenuptial file)

See p. 2 of this form for dispensations and permissions reserved to the Local Ordinary (Diocesan bishop, Vicar General or their delegate).

In cases of **Mixed Religion** (Catholic and a baptized non-Catholic) or **Disparity of Cult**, the Catholic party is to make the following promise in writing or orally:

"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 Catholic faith with our children by having them baptized and brought up in the Catholic Church."

Signature of the Catholic Party

Affirmation by the priest/parish minister:

The required promise and declaration have been made by the Catholic party in my presence. The non-Catholic has been informed of this requirement so that it is certain that he/she is aware of the promise and obligation on the part of the Catholic.

Date

Signature of priest/parish minister

PETITION FOR DISPENSATIONS AND PERMISSIONS RESERVED TO THE LOCAL ORDINARY

A. DISPENSATION FROM THE CANONICAL FORM OF MARRIAGE

This dispensation, issued by the Local Ordinary of the Catholic party, allows a Catholic to validly contract marriage with a non-Catholic without observing the Canonical Form of marriage, provided that there is some public form of celebration. The marriage is recorded in the register of the parish of the Catholic party where the pre-nuptial investigation was completed. (Canon 1121 §3)

When requesting this dispensation, the priest, deacon or other pastoral minister responsible for marriage preparation is to submit to the Local Ordinary the reasons for requesting this dispensation, and include the proposed date and place of marriage, the public form to be observed, and the names of the Officiant and the witnesses.

B. PERMISSION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE IN A PLACE OTHER THAN A CATHOLIC CHURCH OR CHAPEL.

This request presumes that the marriage will be celebrated according to Canonical Form. The priest or deacon assisting at the marriage is to submit a letter to the Local Ordinary with the reasons for requesting this permission. (See Diocesan Policy 4.05.02)

C. REVOCATION OF A PROHIBITION to remarry attached to a declaration of nullity. Documentation verifying the fulfillment of conditions for removal of the prohibition must be submitted.

D. Other reasons in law necessitating permission and/or dispensation (cf. CC. 1071, 1083-1094)

Specify: _____

When dispensations/permissions are requested from the Local Ordinary, include the prenuptial file and the specified documentation along with this petition.

I hereby petition for the dispensations /permissions indicated above:

(Signature) _____
(Priest, deacon or other pastoral minister)

Date: _____

The requested dispensations/permissions are hereby granted.

(Local Ordinary/ Delegate)

Date: _____