

## Diocese of Spokane PRE-NUPTIAL INVESTIGATION

1. This form is ordinarily to be completed by the priest/parish minister who prepares the couple for marriage and filed in the parish where the marriage takes place. In case a dispensation from the canonical form of marriage is obtained, the pre-nuptial file and record of the marriage are kept in the parish of the Catholic party where the investigation was made. (Canon 1121.3)
2. This form must be sent to the Chancery when a dispensation or permission is requested from the Local Ordinary (the Diocesan Bishop, Vicar General or their delegate for matrimonial dispensations)
3. Baptismal certificate(s) issued in the past six months must accompany this form.

Parish, Place of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

### I. General Data *(Each party is interviewed separately)*

	GROOM	BRIDE
1. (Maiden) Name		
2. Address		
City, State		
3. Length of residence there		
4. (Catholics) Parish		
5. Phone number(Best contact number)		
6. E-mail		
7. Date of birth		
City, State		
8. Father's name		
9. His religion		
10. Mother's maiden name		
11. Her religion		
12. Your religion		
13. Are you baptized		
Date of baptism		
Church of baptism		
City, State		
14. (If received into the Catholic Church, when, where?) <i>The pastoral minister is to obtain a recently issued, annotated baptismal certificate for Catholics.</i>		
15. (Catholics) Have you been confirmed?		
16. (Catholics) Are you practicing the Catholic faith?		

		GROOM	BRIDE
17.	Are any circumstances present that require permission or dispensation from the competent authority? (The pastoral minister should review canon 1071 and canons 1083-1094 concerning permissions and impediments. More common circumstances are included on Form M2.)		
18.	Is this your first marriage? If the pastoral minister is not certain of the unmarried status of a party, he/she is to obtain an affidavit concerning the person's free status from a parent or other reliable source. (See Form M3)		
19.	How long have you known your intended spouse?		
20.	How long have you been engaged?		
21.	Are you aware of any physical or psychological condition that may impair you from fulfilling the duties and obligations of marriage?		
22.	Do you have a history of abuse of drugs or alcohol? <i>(If a person has a history of substance abuse, a therapist's affidavit concerning successful treatment is required)</i>		
23.	Are you entering marriage of your own free will?		
24.	Do you agree without condition or reservation:		
	To contract marriage as an indissoluble partnership of your lives that can be ended only by death?		
	To give your spouse the right to children, and to accept the mutual obligation of their education?		
	To be faithful to your spouse?		

**I hereby declare that the above information is true**

\_\_\_\_\_

Groom Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

Bride Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

**II. Diocesan Policy**

- A. Have the parties been prepared for marriage through parish and/or diocesan programs and instruction over a period of four months?
- B. *(If either party is under 20 years of age)* Have the parties received the required six hours of pre-marriage counseling?  
*(Attach counselor's report)*
- C. Observations on marriage preparation .

**III. Prior Marriages**

*(To be completed in case either party has a prior marriage(s). Prepare additional forms as needed)*

A. In case of divorce:

1) \_\_\_\_\_ married \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_. This marriage ended in divorce on \_\_\_\_\_. He/She is canonically free to marry by virtue of an ecclesiastical declaration of nullity (or dissolution of the bond of marriage) granted by the Tribunal of \_\_\_\_\_, Protocol # \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(Diocese)*

Are natural obligations arising from this union, especially those relating to the care and education of children, being fulfilled by the person wishing to enter this new marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

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2) \_\_\_\_\_ married \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_. This marriage ended in divorce on \_\_\_\_\_. He/She is canonically free to marry by virtue of an ecclesiastical declaration of nullity (or dissolution of the bond of marriage) granted by the Tribunal of \_\_\_\_\_, Protocol # \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(Diocese)*

Are natural obligations arising from this union, especially those relating to the care and education of children, being fulfilled by the person wishing to enter this new marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

**(Legitimate document of nullity must be presented)**

B. In case of death:

\_\_\_\_\_ married \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. This marriage ended by the death of \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**(Some proof of death should be presented)**

*(e.g., death certificate, obituary, memorial card, witness testimony)*

**IV. Canonical Form**

**A) When the canonical form of marriage is observed (or dispensed)**

Names of witnesses to the marriage:

\_\_\_\_\_

*(Best Man)*

\_\_\_\_\_

*(Maid/Matron of Honor)*

The priest/deacon (non-Catholic officiant) who will assist at the marriage is \_\_\_\_\_,

who is:    Pastor                       Parochial Vicar                       Delegate                       Non-Catholic Officiant

*When a priest or deacon receives delegation to assist at the marriage, the proper pastor or parochial vicar will sign below:*

Delegation is hereby granted to \_\_\_\_\_ to assist at this marriage within the limits of the parish.

\_\_\_\_\_ *Pastor/Parochial Vicar Signature*                      \_\_\_\_\_ *Date*

*If the canonical marriage is a convalidation, date and place of the original ceremony:*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Include a copy of the civil marriage certificate in the pre-nuptial file.*

Civil Marriage License Issued By (County): \_\_\_\_\_ State of Washington.

Valid from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

**B) When a dispensation from the canonical form of marriage is requested, complete A) above with the names of the witnesses and the non-Catholic officiant and see Form M-2, pg. 2, A**

Priest/parish minister who conducted this investigation

\_\_\_\_\_

(Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_

(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_

(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_

(Parish, Place)