

ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE – PRENUPTIAL INVESTIGATION

The Second Vatican Council accented the sacredness of marriage when it said that married love combines both the human and the divine. While married love is eminently human love that embraces the good of the whole person, it also participates in a special way in the divine love of God for his people. Thus, marriage is a most sacred state. In fact, the Council stated that the wellbeing of the individual person and both human and Christian society is bound up with the healthy state of married and family life. For these reasons, the following questions are asked to establish the preparedness, the freedom, and the right intentions of a party seeking marriage in the Church.

(These questions are to be asked of each party to the marriage separately and privately.)

GROOM

Do you swear to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth when answering the following questions? _____

1. Full Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____ Zip _____

2. What is your religion _____

(If only one party to the marriage is a Latin Rite Catholic, the following question must be asked.) Do you intend to have any marriage ceremony other than the Catholic one? _____

(If the party is a Catholic, this question must be asked.) Are you at present a practicing Catholic? _____

3. In what parish do you live? Or of what church are you a member? _____

How long have you lived in it/belonged to it? _____

4. In what dioceses have you lived since the age of fourteen? _____

5. Father's Full Name _____

Father's Religion _____

6. Mother's Full Name (Maiden) _____

Mother's Religion _____

7. Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

8. Date of Baptism _____

Church of Baptism _____ City _____

9. Have you been confirmed? _____

10. Have you ever attempted or contracted marriage before? _____

Date _____ Place _____ Spouse _____

Date _____ Place _____ Spouse _____

11. How was this marriage dissolved? _____
- Death: _____ Date _____ Proof _____
- Church Decree: _____ Date _____ Proof _____
12. Have you ever received Sacred Orders or made public vows in a Religious Institute? _____
13. When did you become engaged? _____
14. Are you related to your intended spouse? _____
- By blood _____ Degree of Relationship _____
- By marriage _____ Degree of Relationship _____
- By adoption _____ Degree of Relationship _____
15. (If either party is widowed, these questions must be asked.) While your deceased wife was living, did you have any idea of marrying your intended spouse? (If the answer is yes, check for the impediment of crime.) _____
16. Are there any physical or psychological reasons that may prevent you from having sexual intercourse? _____
17. Do you intend to have children in this marriage? _____
- (If the question is answered in the negative, the Chancery must be consulted.)
18. Have you ever been under the care of a doctor for any serious or prolonged mental or nervous illness? _____
- (If yes, the priest or deacon shall obtain a recent doctor's statement on the person's condition for entering marriage).
19. Is any person or circumstance forcing or inducing you to enter this marriage against your will? _____
20. Are you placing any conditions to your marriage consent? _____
- (If yes, consult the Chancery).
21. Are there any personal qualities of yours unknown to your intended spouse that might affect her willingness to marry you?
- _____
22. Do you intend to be faithful to your wife always? _____
23. Do you intend to enter a permanent marriage that can be dissolved only by death? _____
24. Do you realize the obligations which marriage entails? _____
- Are you able to assume these obligations? _____
25. (If the party is under twenty-one years of age, this question must be asked.) Do your parents have any objection to this marriage? _____
26. Are you now willing to sign this document as evidence of the truth of your testimony? _____

Signature of Groom _____ Place _____

Signature of Priest or Deacon _____ Date _____

BRIDE

Do you swear to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth when answering the following questions? _____

1. Full Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____ Zip _____

2. What is your religion _____

(If only one party to the marriage is a Latin Rite Catholic, the following question must be asked.) Do you intend to have any marriage ceremony other than the Catholic one? _____

(If the party is a Catholic, this question must be asked.) Are you at present a practicing Catholic? _____

3. In what parish do you live? Or of what church are you a member? _____

How long have you lived in it/belonged to it? _____

4. In what dioceses have you lived since the age of twelve? _____

5. Father's Full Name _____

Father's Religion _____

6. Mother's Full Name (*Maiden*) _____

Mother's Religion _____

7. Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

8. Date of Baptism _____

Church of Baptism _____ City _____

9. Have you been confirmed? _____

10. Have you ever attempted or contracted marriage before? _____

Date _____ Place _____ Spouse _____

Date _____ Place _____ Spouse _____

11. How was this marriage dissolved? _____

Death: Date _____ Proof _____

Church Decree: Date _____ Proof _____

12. Have you ever made public vows in a Religious Institute? _____

13. When did you become engaged? _____

14. Are you related to your intended spouse? _____
By blood _____ Degree of Relationship _____
By marriage _____ Degree of Relationship _____
By adoption _____ Degree of Relationship _____
15. (If either party is widowed, this questions must be asked.) While your deceased husband was living, did you have any idea of marrying your intended spouse? (If the answer is yes, check for the impediment of crime.) _____
16. Are there any physical or psychological reasons that may prevent you from having sexual intercourse? _____
17. Do you intend to have children in this marriage? _____
(If the question is answered in the negative, the Chancery must be consulted.)
18. Have you ever been under the care of a doctor for any serious or prolonged mental or nervous illness? _____
(If yes, the priest or deacon shall obtain a recent doctor's statement on the person's condition for entering marriage).
19. Is any person or circumstance forcing or inducing you to enter this marriage against your will? _____
20. Are you placing any conditions to your marriage consent? _____
(If yes, consult the Chancery).
21. Are there any personal qualities of yours unknown to your intended spouse that might affect his willingness to marry you?

22. Do you intend to be faithful to your husband always? _____
23. Do you intend to enter a permanent marriage that can be dissolved only by death? _____
24. Do you realize the obligations which marriage entails? _____
Are you able to assume these obligations? _____
25. (If the party is under twenty-one years of age, this question must be asked.) Do your parents have any objection to this marriage? _____
26. Are you now willing to sign this document as evidence of the truth of your testimony? _____

Signature of Bride _____ Place _____

Signature of Priest or Deacon _____ Date _____

Place of Marriage _____ Name of Witnesses _____

Date of Marriage _____

Dates of Marriage Preparation _____ Officiant of Marriage _____

Date and Time of Rehearsal _____ Delegation Granted by _____
(If applicable)