



# Pre-Nuptial Questionnaire

To be completed for all couples who are prepared for Marriage within the Diocese of Bismarck.

**\*\*\*See Checklist and Instruction Sheet\*\*\***

Diocese of Bismarck  
Office of the Chancery

**Parish Where Couple was Prepared** \_\_\_\_\_

## WEDDING INFORMATION

Wedding Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parish of Ceremony \_\_\_\_\_  
*(if different from above)* Name City State

Groom's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ \*  
First Middle Last

Bride's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ \*  
First Middle Last

Best Man's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*

Maid/Matron of Honor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*

Celebrant and Title \_\_\_\_\_

\* Per diocesan particular law, parental permission is required if the parties are under the age of 18.  
\*\* Per diocesan particular law, witnesses must be at least 18.

## DELEGATION *(when necessary)*

As pastor of the parish of ceremony, I do hereby delegate \_\_\_\_\_ to ask for and receive the consent of the parties. In an emergency, the above named cleric has the faculty to subdelegate, in this instance only. I also verify that should the cleric be from outside the Diocese he has been duly informed of the strict requirement to present a letter of his good standing from his Ordinary to the Chancery of the Diocese of Bismarck before his arrival.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Pastor of Parish of Ceremony*

## FOR USE BY THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY ONLY

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permission for Mixed Marriage               | <input type="checkbox"/> Dispensation from Impediment     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permission for Convalidation                | <input type="checkbox"/> Dispensation from Canonical Form |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permission due to Declaration of Invalidity | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Nihil Obstat</i>              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permission for Non-Practicing Catholic      | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Visum</i>                     |

Protocol No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

***See attached rescript for the grant of the requested dispensation(s) and/or permissions(s).***

**Section 1: GROOM**

*The groom is to be interviewed alone by the preparing cleric.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Home Cell  
*Circle one*

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Home Cell  
*Circle one*

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized? Yes No Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*If no, please complete Form A, section 3, part C.*

Religion of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_ Rite: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmed? Yes No Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Catholic confirmations only.*

Religion of Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_ Rite: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Diocese of (Quasi) Domicile \_\_\_\_\_

If Catholic, are you practicing your faith? Yes No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

*If no, please complete Form A, section 3, part B.*

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Rite: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name (maiden): \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Rite: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you dated? \_\_\_\_\_

When did you become engaged? \_\_\_\_\_

What concerns or doubts do you have about this marriage?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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*The following questions are to be answered with a 'Yes' or 'No' (cf. Help Sheet Explaining Impediments on diocesan website):*

\_\_\_\_ Are you freely and willingly entering into marriage with the bride, and without grave fear or force?

\_\_\_\_ Are you open to the possibility of children?

\_\_\_\_ Have you attempted marriage before in any manner (current relationship excluded)?

*If so, and Documents of Freedom to Marry are extant for all priors, please complete Form C.*

\_\_\_\_ Are you currently civilly married to each other?

*If so, please complete Form A, Section 3, part A.*

\_\_\_\_ Have you ever taken a public vow of perpetual chastity or been ordained as a priest or deacon?\*

\_\_\_\_ Have you committed a murder in order to marry the bride?\*

\_\_\_\_ Have you abducted the bride in order to marry her?\*

\_\_\_\_ Were you in a previous relationship with a member of the bride's family that would cause public scandal were you to marry the bride?\*

\_\_\_\_ Are you related to the bride by blood? (i.e., second cousins or closer)\*

\_\_\_\_ Are you related to the bride by law? (i.e., marriage or adoption)\*

\_\_\_\_ Are you placing any conditions on your marriage consent? (i.e., I will marry you if...)\*

\_\_\_\_ For Eastern Rite Catholics ONLY: Are you spiritually related to the bride by Baptism (i.e., godparent, godchild)\*

\_\_\_\_ Are you aware of any physical or psychological conditions that may prevent you from consummating the marriage?

*If yes, please call the Chancery immediately for consultation.*

\_\_\_\_ Have you signed or are you contemplating signing a pre-nuptial agreement?\*

*If yes, draft must be submitted in advance to Chancery for approval.*

\_\_\_\_ Is there anything else which you should reveal concerning your proposed marriage? (i.e., pregnancy, children from this union or a previous one, addiction, family opposition, etc.)

Explanation:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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\* = Dispensation required if answered with a 'yes'; If so, please complete Form B. Prior consultation with Chancery is required.

**Section 1: GROOM (cont'd)**

**Statement of Agreement for Groom:**

I understand that marriage is an irrevocable covenant by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life and which is ordered by its nature to the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of children. I also understand that marriage is an exclusive relationship between one man and one woman, and that it is permanent and cannot be dissolved except by death. I am entering this marriage of my own free will. I intend to be faithful to my wife.

I NOW AFFIRM THE TRUTH OF THE ABOVE STATEMENTS.

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*Signature of Groom*

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*Signature of Preparing Cleric as Witness*

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*Date*

**Section 2: BRIDE**

*The bride is to be interviewed alone by the preparing cleric.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Home Cell  
*Circle one*

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Home Cell  
*Circle one*

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized? Yes No Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*If no, please complete Form A, section 3, part C.*

Religion of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_ Rite: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmed? Yes No Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Catholic confirmations only.*

Religion of Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_ Rite: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Diocese of (Quasi) Domicile \_\_\_\_\_

If Catholic, are you practicing your faith? Yes No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

*If no, please complete Form A, section 3, part B.*

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Rite: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name (maiden): \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Rite: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you dated? \_\_\_\_\_

When did you become engaged? \_\_\_\_\_

What concerns or doubts do you have about this marriage?

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*The following questions are to be answered with a 'Yes' or 'No' (cf. Help Sheet Explaining Impediments on diocesan website):*

\_\_\_\_\_ Are you freely and willingly entering into marriage with the groom, and without grave fear or force?

\_\_\_\_\_ Are you open to the possibility of children?

\_\_\_\_\_ Have you attempted marriage before in any manner (current relationship excluded)?

*If so, and Documents of Freedom to Marry are extant for all priors, please complete Form C.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Are you currently civilly married to each other?

*If so, please complete Form A, Section 3, part A.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Have you ever taken a public vow of perpetual chastity as a religious sister?\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Have you committed a murder in order to marry the groom?\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Have you abducted the groom in order to marry him?\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Were you in a previous relationship with a member of the groom's family that would cause public scandal were you to marry the groom?\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Are you related to the groom by blood? (i.e., second cousins or closer)\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Are you related to the groom by law? (i.e., marriage or adoption)\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Are you placing any conditions on your marriage consent? (i.e., I will marry you if...)\*

\_\_\_\_\_ For Eastern Rite Catholics ONLY: Are you spiritually related to the groom by Baptism (i.e., godparent, godchild)\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Are you aware of any physical or psychological conditions that may prevent you from consummating the marriage?

*If yes, please call the Chancery immediately for consultation.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Have you signed or are you contemplating signing a pre-nuptial agreement?\*

*If yes, draft must be submitted in advance to Chancery for approval.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Is there anything else which you should reveal concerning your proposed marriage? (i.e., pregnancy, children from this union or a previous one, addiction, family opposition, etc.)

Explanation:

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**Section 2: BRIDE (cont'd)**

**Statement of Agreement for Bride:**

I understand that marriage is an irrevocable covenant by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life and which is ordered by its nature to the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of children. I also understand that marriage is an exclusive relationship between one man and one woman, and that it is permanent and cannot be dissolved except by death. I am entering this marriage of my own free will. I intend to be faithful to my husband.

I NOW AFFIRM THE TRUTH OF THE ABOVE STATEMENTS.

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*Signature of Bride*

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*Signature of Preparing Cleric as Witness*

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*Date*

### Section 3: Incidental Information

- A. To Validate a Civil Marriage which currently exists (*attach copy of Marriage License*)
- When did you begin your present union? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Where were you married? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Before whom? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Why were you not married before a Catholic priest or deacon? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- B. For a Non-Practicing Catholic:
- |   | Yes                      | No                       |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| • Do you intend to receive the Sacraments before this marriage?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Have you ever publicly renounced the Catholic Faith?            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Have you ever formally joined another religion or denomination? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Have you ever joined an atheistic party, occult group or cult?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- C. For an Unbaptized person:
- How do you know that you are not baptized? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Were you ever instructed in any religion? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Do you now profess any religion? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Have you ever thought of becoming a Catholic? \_\_\_\_\_

### Section 4: Other Requirements

The couple has completed/observed each of the following:

- Inventory (FOCCUS, etc.)     Pre-Marriage Weekend     NFP Course     9-month Timespan   
   (*attach certificate*)                           (*attach certificate*)                               of Preparation

*Any relaxation of these requirements must be indicated on Form B (2/2)  
along with document from the Bishop attached.*

### Section 5: Freedom to Marry of the Parties

I personally vouch for the freedom to marry of the Groom  of the Bride

OR

A Canonical Witness Affidavit (*Form D*) is attached for the Groom  for the Bride

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of the Preparer (Priest/Deacon)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Church*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*