Form A (1/6)



# Diocese of Bismarck Office of the Chancery

## Pre-Nuptial Questionnaire

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

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

**Parish Where** 

Couple was Prepared WEDDING INFORMATION Wedding Date \_\_\_\_\_\_ Parish of Ceremony\_\_\_\_ (if different from above) Groom's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Bride's Name First Middle Last Best Man's Name \_\_\_\_\_ 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 ☐ Permission for Mixed Marriage ☐ Dispensation from Impediment ☐ Permission for Convalidation ☐ Dispensation from Canonical Form ☐ Permission due to Declaration of Invalidity ☐ Nihil Obstat ☐ Permission for Non-Practicing Catholic □ Visum \_\_\_\_\_ Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_ Protocol No.: 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. | The following questions are to be answered with a 'Yes' or 'No' (cf. Help Sheet Explaining Impediments on diocesan website):     |
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| Name:   |  |
| Residence:  | 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?   |
| City, State, Zip:   | Have you attempted marriage before in any manner (current relationship excluded)?  |
| Phone Number: Work Home Cell                                  | If so, and Documents of Freedom to Marry are extent  |
| Phone Number: Work Home Cell                                  | for all priors, please complete Form C.  |
| Date of Birth:  | Are you currently civilly married to each other?   |
| Date of Bittii  | If so, please complete Form A, Section 3, part A.  |
| Baptized? Yes No Date:  | Have you ever taken a public vow of perpetual chastity or been ordained as a priest or deacon?*                                  |
| If no, please complete Form A, section 3, part C.             | Have you committed a murder in order to marry the  |
| Religion of Baptism:Rite:                                     | bride?*  |
| Rengion of BuptismRice.                                       | Have you abducted the bride in order to marry her?*  |
| Place of Baptism:   | Were you in a previous relationship with a member of the   |
| Confirmado Vas Na Data  | bride's family that would cause public scandal were  |
| Confirmed? Yes No Date:                                       | you to marry the bride?*   |
|   | Are you related to the bride by blood? (i.e., second cousins or closer)*   |
| Religion of Confirmation:Rite:                                | Are you related to the bride by law? (i.e., marriage   |
| Place of Confirmation:  | or adoption)*  |
|   | Are you placing any conditions on your marriage  |
| Current Religion:   | consent? (i.e., I will marry you if)*  |
| Current Parish:   | For Eastern Rite Catholics ONLY: Are you spiritually   |
|   | related to the bride by Baptism (i.e., godparent,  |
| Diocese of (Quasi) Domicile                                   | godchild)* Are you aware of any physical or psychological  |
| If Catholic, are you practicing your faith? Yes No            | conditions that may prevent you from consummating  |
| if Catholic, are you practicing your faith:                   | the marriage?  |
| If yes, please explain:                                       | If yes, please call the Chancery immediately for   |
|   | consultation.  |
| If no, please complete Form A, section 3, part B.             | Have you signed or are you contemplating signing a   |
| s, no, preuse comprete Form 1, section 0, part 21             | pre-nuptial agreement?*  If yes, draft must be submitted in advance to Chancery  |
| Father's Name:  | for approval.  |
| Father's Religion:Rite:                                       | Is there anything else which you should reveal concerning  |
| rather's RengionRite  | your proposed marriage? (i.e., pregnancy, children   |
| Mother's Name (maiden):                                       | from this union or a previous one, addiction, family   |
| Mother's Religion:Rite:                                       | opposition, etc.) Explanation:   |
| With S KengionKite  | Explanation.   |
| How long have you dated?                                      |  |
| When did you become engaged?                                  |  |
| What concerns or doubts do you have about this marriage?      |  |
|   | * = Dispensation required if answered with a 'yes'; If so, please complete Form B. Prior consultation with Chancery is required. |
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### 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.

| Signature of Groom | Signature of Prenaring Cleric as Witness |
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| Signature of Groom | 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. | The following questions are to be answered with a 'Yes' or 'No' (cf. Help Sheet Explaining Impediments on diocesan website):     |
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| Name:   | (cf. Help Sheet Explaining Impealments on alocesan website).   |
| Residence:  | Are you freely and willingly entering into marriage with the groom, and without grave fear or force?                             |
| City State 7in  | Are you open to the possibility of children?   |
| City, State, Zip:   | Have you attempted marriage before in any manner (current relationship excluded)?  |
| Phone Number:Work Home Cell                                   | If so, and Documents of Freedom to Marry are extent  |
| Circle one  | for all priors, please complete Form C.  |
| Phone Number:Work Home Cell                                   | Are you currently civilly married to each other?   |
| Date of Birth:  | If so, please complete Form A, Section 3, part A.  |
| Baptized? Yes No Date:  | Have you ever taken a public vow of perpetual chastity as a religious sister?*   |
| Religion of Baptism: Rite:                                    | Have you committed a murder in order to marry the groom?*  |
|   | Have you abducted the groom in order to marry him?*  |
| Place of Baptism:   | Were you in a previous relationship with a member of the   |
| Confirmed? Yes No Date:                                       | groom's family that would cause public scandal were you to marry the groom?*   |
| Catholic confirmations only.                                  | Are you related to the groom by blood? (i.e., second   |
|   | cousins or closer)*  |
| Religion of Confirmation: Rite:                               | Are you related to the groom by law? (i.e., marriage   |
| Place of Confirmation:  | or adoption)*  |
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| Current Religion:   | consent? (i.e., I will marry you if)*  |
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| Current Parish:   | related to the groom by Baptism (i.e., godparent,  |
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| If Catholic, are you practicing your faith? Yes No            | the marriage?  |
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| If yes, please explain:                                       | consultation.  |
|   | Have you signed or are you contemplating signing a   |
| If no, please complete Form A, section 3, part B.             | pre-nuptial agreement?*  |
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| Father's Religion: Rite:                                      | your proposed marriage? (i.e., pregnancy, children   |
| -   | from this union or a previous one, addiction, family   |
| Mother's Name (maiden):                                       | opposition, etc.)  |
| Mother's Religion: Rite:                                      | Explanation:   |
| How long have you dated?                                      |  |
| When did you become engaged?                                  |  |
| What concerns or doubts do you have about this marriage?      |  |
|   | * = Dispensation required if answered with a 'yes'; If so, please complete Form B. Prior consultation with Chancery is required. |

### 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.

| Signature of Bride | Signature of Preparing Cleric as Witness |
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## **Section 3: Incidental Information**

| 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:  Do you intend to receive the Sacraments before this marriage? Have you ever publicly renounced the Catholic Faith? Have you ever formally joined another religion or denomination? Have you ever formally joined another religion or denomination? Have you ever joined an atheistic party, occult group or cult?  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? 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 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  | A. To Validate a Civil Marriag            | e which currently exists (attach o        | copy of Marriage Licens | se)       |    |
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| OR A Canonical Witness Affidavit (Form D) is attached for the Groom  for the Bride   Signature of the Preparer (Priest/Deacon)  Church  | Se  | ection 5: Freedom to Ma                   | rry of the Parties      |           |    |
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|   | Signature of the Prepa                    | rer (Priest/Deacon)                       |                         | Church    |    |
|   |   | Date                                      |                         |           |    |