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):
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)?
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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?*
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Place of Baptism:	Were you in a previous relationship with a member of the
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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
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Father's Religion:Rite:	Is there anything else which you should reveal concerning
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Mother's Name (maiden):	from this union or a previous one, addiction, family
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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.

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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):
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?
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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
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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
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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

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