



ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE OFFICE
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**PRE-NUPTIAL WITNESS AFFIDAVIT
For Marriage of**

_____ and _____
 Groom (print full name) Bride (print full name)

_____ (Parish of Marriage and Address)

Affidavit of Witness for _____

 Bride or Groom

In keeping with Church law and policies for marriage, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles requires two witnesses for each candidate in the following circumstances:

1. To establish freedom to marry, or
2. To assist in proving baptism, when certificate is unavailable, or
3. To investigate individuals seeking to marry who are under eighteen years of age, as the previous permission of the Archbishop is required.

Each witness must be interviewed individually using this form. The testimony of parents is always preferred and should be neglected for grave reasons only.

TO ESTABLISH FREEDOM TO MARRY

1. Do you solemnly swear to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth in answering the following questions? _____
2. Name: _____
 Address: _____
3. What is your relationships to the person whose name appears above? _____
4. How long have you known this person? _____ How well? _____
5. Has the person mentioned above ever gone through any type of marriage ceremony? _____
 If so, how many times? _____ With whom? _____
 Does this marriage still exist? _____
6. Is the person mentioned above related to the other individual to this intended marriage? _____
 If so, in what way? _____
7. To your knowledge, is the person mentioned above entering this marriage freely? _____
 To your knowledge, does the person mentioned above intend to enter a life-long union? _____
 To your knowledge, does the person mentioned above intend to be faithful for life to the partner in this marriage? _____ If "no" to any part of question 7, explain _____
8. Do you know of any reason why this person should not get married? If yes, "explain" _____

TO ESTABLISH BAPTISM OR NON-BAPTISM:

9. Was the person mentioned above ever baptized? _____ In what religion? _____
When? _____ In what church and address? _____

By whom? _____
Who were the sponsors? _____
Were you present? _____ If not, how do you know of the Baptism? _____

What religion does this person practice at present? _____
10. If the person above was not baptized, how do you know of the non-baptism? _____

IF INDIVIDUAL IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE:

11. How long have these individuals known one another? _____
12. How long have they been dating with a view to marriage? _____
13. When did you become aware of their intention to marry? _____
14. Have you tried to discourage them from entering this marriage? _____ Why? _____

15. Is there any reason why this person feels obligated to marry at this time? _____
What is the reason? _____

PARISH SEAL

Signature – Witness

Signature – Interviewing Priest/Deacon

Date

Place