



**PRENUPTIAL INQUIRY FORM
AND
NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION**

**ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE OFFICE
(213) 637-7228**

Groom: _____ Bride: _____

Date/time of the nuptial celebration: _____ at _____

Location: _____

- Celebration of Matrimony within Mass Celebration of Matrimony without Mass
 Celebration of Matrimony between a Catholic and a Catechumen or a Non-Christian

Presider of the Liturgy: _____

Date of Rehearsal: _____ at _____

Best Man: _____

Maid/Matron of Honor: _____

Entered in Marriage Register: Volume _____ Page _____

Church and date of Groom's Baptism: _____

Notification of Marriage: Date _____ Sent _____ or entered in Baptismal Register: Volume _____ Page _____

Church and date of Bride's Baptism: _____

Notification of Marriage: Date _____ Sent _____ or entered in Baptismal Register: Volume _____ Page _____

Required notification sent to appropriate state agency on: _____/_____/_____

I hereby delegate Reverend/Deacon _____ to witness, within the limits of this parish, at the marriage of the parties named above.

Name of Pastor or Archbishop's Delegate: _____

Please Print

Signature: _____ Date: _____

The Groom & Bride must be interviewed separately by the Priest or Deacon who is required to pose and write the answers to the following questions. This is a confidential Church document and must be kept in a secured file.

GROOM

The Priest or Deacon, having reminded the Groom of the sacred character and binding force of an oath, will ask the Groom the following questions:

Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth and nothing but the truth in answering the questions that shall be asked, so help you God? _____

1. Full Legal Name: _____
Present Address: _____
How long have you lived at this address: _____ Contact Phone: _____
Occupation: _____ Email: _____

2. Date and place of your birth? _____
Father's Name: _____ Religion: _____
Mother's Maiden Name: _____ Religion: _____

3. Were you ever baptized? _____ Religion: _____
Date of Baptism: _____ Church of Baptism: _____
City, State, Country: _____

(Note: If baptized Catholic, the Groom should present a copy of his Baptismal Certificate. If baptized in another Christian church, a copy of the Baptismal Certificate should be secured if possible. If the person is non-baptized and marrying a Catholic, a Dispensation for Disparity of Worship is needed.)

4. What religion do you presently practice? _____

Questions 5, 6, 7 are to be asked of Catholic only

5. First Holy Communion: Yes _____ No _____ Church/Place: _____
6. Confirmation: Yes _____ No _____ Church/Place: _____
7. To what parish do you presently belong? _____
How would you describe the practice of your religion? _____

8. What are the names and addresses of two persons (preferably parents or relatives) who could testify to your freedom to marry:

9. Are you civilly married to your intended spouse? _____ How long? _____
Have you ever been married or attempted marriage, in a religious or civil ceremony to another person? _____
If so, how many times? _____

If any prior union(s) the following questions also need to be asked:

Name(s) of former spouse(s): _____

If ended by death, has a death certificate(s) been submitted? _____

If ended by divorce, has the Catholic Church issued a "Declaration of Nullity" or ecclesiastical dissolution for the union(s)? _____ *(If yes, the ecclesiastical decree(s) must be presented.)*

10. Have you ever fathered a child/children in any previous relationship? _____ How many? _____
If so, are you fulfilling your moral and legal obligations to the child/children? _____
Is your intended spouse aware of these obligations? _____
11. Has your intended spouse ever been married or attempted marriage, in a religious or civil ceremony to another person? _____ If so, how many times? _____
(If the Bride has had any former union(s), she is to be asked fuller details during her interview.)
(If the answer "Yes" is given to questions 12 through 15, please obtain details and consult Canonical Services.)
12. Are you and your intended spouse related by blood (as first cousins or closer) or by a legal relationship (in-laws)? _____
If so, please describe the relationship: _____
13. Do you or your intended spouse suffer from any of the following:
a) a serious physical disease or other health problem that could create difficulties in your marriage? _____
b) a significant psychological impairment? _____
c) alcohol or other substance abuse? _____
If yes, please give details: _____
14. Is any person or circumstance (e.g. parental pressure, pregnancy, etc.) influencing you to enter this marriage or forcing you to do so against your will? _____ Is any person or circumstance influencing the Bride to enter this marriage or forcing her to marry against her will? _____
15. Are you attaching any conditions, restrictions, or reservations of any kind to your consent to this marriage? _____
Have you entered any type of prenuptial agreement? _____
If "yes" to either, please explain: _____
(If the answer "No" is given to questions 16 through 18, please obtain details and consult Canonical Services.)
16. Do you intend to enter a permanent marriage that can be dissolved only by death? _____
17. Do you intend to be faithful to your wife always? _____
18. Do you understand that one of the purposes of marriage is the begetting and rearing of children, God willing? _____
Do you intend to accept and fulfill this aspect of marriage? _____
Does your intended Bride accept and intend to fulfill this aspect of marriage? _____
19. How long have you known your intended spouse? _____
How long have you been engaged? _____
20. Is there any major fact about you, either in the present or the past, which you have not made known to your proposed spouse and which might affect her willingness to marry you? _____
If so, what is that fact? _____
21. Has any close family member raised any objections to this marriage? _____
If so, please describe the nature of those objections: _____

Signature of Groom: _____ Date: _____

Church: _____ Place: _____

Signature of Priest/Deacon: _____ *(Please Attach Parish Seal)*

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BRIDE

The Priest or Deacon, having reminded the Bride of the sacred character and binding force of an oath, will ask the Bride the following questions:

Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth and nothing but the truth in answering the questions that shall be asked, so help you God? _____

1. Full Maiden Name: _____

Present Address: _____

How long have you lived at this address: _____ Contact Phone: _____

Occupation: _____ Email: _____

2. Date and place of your birth? _____

Father's Name: _____ Religion: _____

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Signature of Bride: _____ Date: _____

Church: _____ Place: _____

Signature of Priest/Deacon: _____ *(Please Attach Parish Seal)*

**Date of Marriage and Necessary Documentation
Check List**

Priest/Deacon Preparing the Couple: _____

- Date of Initial Appointment: Date: _____ Time: _____
- Additional Appointment: Date: _____ Time: _____
- Additional Appointment: Date: _____ Time: _____

Marriage is Clear of Impediments:

- Marriage reserved in the Mass Book
Date: _____ **Time:** _____
- Marriage date noted in Celebrant Appointment Book

Marriage Preparation:

- Marriage Preparation Program (Proof of Attendance)
- Prenuptial Inquiry Form

Copy of Records for the File:

Groom Bride

- Current** Baptismal Certificate (6 months or less before the wedding date)
(Note: Check back of Baptismal Certificate for "Notations" of prior valid bonds and First Communion and Confirmation information)
- First Communion if Catholic
- Confirmation if Catholic (Note: c. 1065 § 1 Catholics who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation are to receive it before they are admitted to marriage **if it can be done without serious inconvenience**)
- Pre-Nuptial Witness Affidavit
- Marriage License (Note: Valid for 90 days from date obtained)

Additional Records (If Required):

- Declaration of Nullity
- Death Certificate

Dispensations or Permissions (If Required):

- Disparity of Worship
- Mixed Marriage
- Canonical Form
- Lack of Form
- Testimonial Letters

NOTES: _____

