



Diocese of Raleigh Information For Automated Marriage Forms

**This form is to be used for marriage dispensation and
for the marriage of two Catholics within our diocese.**

**Send to Chancery at least six weeks prior to the marriage.
(Please type or print clearly all information)**

Church _____ Parish # _____
City _____

Name of Groom _____	Date of Birth _____
Address _____	
City _____	State _____ Zip _____
Baptized _____ Unbaptized _____ Doubtful _____	Religion _____
Baptism Date _____	Baptismal Diocese _____
Church of Baptism _____	Address _____
City _____	State _____ Zip _____
Father's Name _____	
Mother's Maiden Name _____	
If party made a Profession of Faith: Date _____ Diocese _____	
Church _____	Address _____
City _____	State _____ Zip _____

Name of Bride _____	Date of Birth _____
Address _____	
City _____	State _____ Zip _____
Baptized _____ Unbaptized _____ Doubtful _____	Religion _____
Baptism Date _____	Baptismal Diocese _____
Church of Baptism _____	Address _____
City _____	State _____ Zip _____
Father's Name _____	
Mother's Maiden Name _____	
If party made a Profession of Faith: Date _____ Diocese _____	
Church _____	Address _____
City _____	State _____ Zip _____

Date of Proposed Wedding _____	Officiant _____
Place of Wedding (Church) _____	Diocese _____
Address _____	
City _____	State _____ Zip _____
Witness _____	Witness _____

Chancery Number: _____

APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATIONS/PERMISSIONS

We petition the Most Reverend Bishop:

I. TO GRANT DISPENSATION from the following impediment:

- Disparity of Cult (c. 1086 § 1) [Unbaptized]
- Disparity of Cult *ad cautelam* (c. 1086 § 1) [Validity of Baptism Doubtful]
- Other [e.g., consanguinity (cc.1091, 108); affinity (cc.1092, 109); adoption (cc.1094,110)]

II. TO GRANT PERMISSION for marriage in the following situation(s):

- The Catholic party wishes to marry a baptized non-Catholic in accord with cc. 1124-1125, 1127 §1.
- ** One or both of the parties is bound by the natural obligations toward another party or toward children, arising from a prior union (c. 1071 §1.3°).
- ** One of the parties has notoriously rejected the Catholic faith (c. 1071§1, 4°) in accord with cc. 1124-1125.
- ** One of the parties is bound by a censure (c. 1071§1, 5°).
- ** Ceremony in a place other than a Catholic church (c. 1118§§1, 2). For example in a college or interdenominational chapel.
- ** Other (see rest of c.1071): _____
(e.g. “baptized Catholic but raised in another faith tradition”.)
- ** The Catholic party wishes to marry a baptized non-Catholic within a Nuptial Mass (*Rite of Marriage*, §8).

[NB: A Nuptial Mass is not to be celebrated when a Catholic marries an unbaptized person (*Rite of Marriage*, §8)].

** *Particular circumstances motivating this request must be elaborated in an accompanying letter.*

III. INDICATE CANONICAL REASON(S) for Dispensation or Permission:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Grave danger in delay | <input type="checkbox"/> Scarcity of Catholics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual good of the parties | <input type="checkbox"/> Probability of conversion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mutual aid in advanced years | <input type="checkbox"/> Danger of attempted marriage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Validation of civil marriage; | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ |
| If yes, date of civil ceremony _____ | _____ |

Granted by: _____ Date: _____
Bishop, Vicar General, Chancellor

In accord with canon 1125, in order to grant the dispensation(s) and/or permission(s) for a Catholic party to marry a non-Catholic, the following three conditions are to be fulfilled (1) the Catholic party makes the mixed marriage promise below; (2) the non-Catholic party is informed of said promise and obligations; (3) both parties are instructed about the purposes and essential properties of marriage, the priest/deacon/pastoral minister attests to these by signing below, noting the date and place and using the parish seal.

This page must be included with the application for dispensation/permission.

MIXED MARRIAGE PROMISE

Experience has shown that there can be certain dangers in a marriage in which the religious belief of the spouses is different. Individuals can fall away from the practice of their faith, and children may become victims of spiritual indifference and neglect. In order to give assurance that these dangers do not exist in the case of this proposed marriage, the priest/deacon/ pastoral minister is directed to discuss with both parties the responsibility of the Catholic, resulting from the very nature of his/her Catholic faith and conscience, to share this faith with his/her children by baptizing and providing proper instruction in the Catholic faith. The declaration and promise required of the Catholic party shall be made in the following words:

I reaffirm my faith in Jesus Christ and, with God's help, intend to continue living that faith in the Catholic Church. At the same time I acknowledge the respect I owe to the conscience of my partner in marriage. I promise to do all in my power to share the faith I have received with our children by having them baptized and reared as Catholics.

Signature of Catholic Party

or

Promise made orally by Catholic Party

After the priest/deacon/pastoral minister has discussed this with both parties and is satisfied that the Catholic party realizes and fully accepts his/her responsibility to provide for the Catholic baptism and upbringing of the children and that this requirement will not violate the other party's conscience, the priest/deacon/pastoral minister attests to this by signing the following statement.

I have discussed the responsibilities of the Catholic party described above with both parties, and as far as I can judge, the Catholic party is sincere in his/her intention to fulfill them. Furthermore, I have investigated the freedom of the above parties and their readiness to marry, and I have seen to their instruction regarding the Church's teaching on marriage and the duties and responsibilities of the married state.

Priest/Deacon/Pastoral Minister

Date

Parish Seal

Place

DISPENSATION FROM CANONICAL FORM FOR A MIXED MARRIAGE

Note: this is to be requested only when the ceremony (1) will not take place in a Catholic Church, Catholic chapel or Catholic oratory, and (2) will not be celebrated by a Catholic clergyman.

A Dispensation from Canonical form must always originate in the parish and diocese in which the Catholic Party has a domicile, regardless of the city or diocese where the ceremony takes place. The pre-nuptial file remains in the originating parish and the marriage is to be recorded in the Marriage Register of that parish.

Name of Person Authorized in canon law (Protestant Minister Orthodox Priest, Jewish Rabbi, Muslim Imam, etc.) who will witness the marriage:

Church or Site: _____

City or Town: _____ Date _____

PASTORAL REASON(S) FOR DISPENSATION:

- To achieve family harmony
- To avoid family alienation
- To obtain parental agreement
- Permit marriage in church of special importance to non-Catholic
- Relationship to non-Catholic minister
- Friendship with non-Catholic minister
- Other [specify] _____

DISPENSATION GRANTED (having consulted the local ordinary of the place where the marriage is to be celebrated [c. 1127 §2]):

Bishop, Vicar General, Chancellor

Date

Submit to: Marriage Records
Diocese of Raleigh
2401 Crusader Drive
Raleigh, NC 27606-2120