

Pre-Nuptial Investigation Form — Diocese of Buffalo

FIRST INTERVIEW: When a couple approaches the Church for Marriage, it is recommended that at that first interview, the priest or deacon responsible complete Parts A and B with each party separately.

PART A

Date of Marriage _____ Title to marry _____

Time of Marriage _____ Future residence _____

Place of Marriage _____

STREET
CITY STATE ZIP

GROOM

BRIDE

Full name: _____
(Proof of identity may be required of persons unknown to the Church minister responsible.)

Address: _____
(Must be actual residence)

Phone No.: _____

Birth: Place _____

Date: _____

Father's name: _____

Mother's _____

Maiden name: _____

Your Religion: _____

Your practice of _____

Religion: _____

Baptism: Church _____

Place _____

Date _____

Proof of Baptism _____

First Communion: yes _____ no _____ yes _____ no _____

Confirmation: yes _____ no _____ yes _____ no _____

Present Parish: _____

Place: _____

Name of _____

Best Man: _____

Maid of _____

Honor: _____

PART A — COMPLETE

PART B

GROOM BRIDE

1. Have you ever been married by a Priest, Minister, Rabbi, Civil Official or even by Common Law: _____
- If either party answers "yes", the following section must be filled in: (Please use a separate paper if there are more than two previous marriages.)

Party responding "yes" (1) _____ (2) _____

Married to whom (1) _____ (2) _____

Date of Marriage (1) _____ (2) _____

Place (1) _____ (2) _____

Officiated by (1) _____ (2) _____

How did this marriage terminate: (1) _____ (2) _____

If former spouse is deceased:

Date of Death (1) _____ (2) _____

Proof of Death (1) _____ (2) _____

If a former spouse is alive, a Church decree of nullity or Church dissolution of the bond must be presented.

Protocol number (1) _____ (2) _____

Diocese (1) _____ (2) _____

Date (1) _____ (2) _____

During this previous marriage, did you date your intended spouse: (1) _____ (2) _____

2. Are you related to your intended spouse by blood or marriage: _____

3. Are you aware of any impediments to marriage: (Mention should be made of religious profession, sacred orders or other impediments as the individual circumstances dictate.) _____

4. Do your parents have any objection to your marriage? _____

Because of age or other circumstances, the priest/deacon may wish to include the testimony of the parents given below.

Father's answers

FOR THE GROOM

Mother's answers

_____ a. Proof of identity. _____

_____ b. Are you opposed to your son's marriage? _____
_____ Comments to b. _____

_____ c. Has either party been married before? _____

_____ d. Does your son freely consent to this marriage? _____

_____ e. Do you wish to add anything concerning this marriage? _____

signature of father

signature of priest/deacon

signature of mother

date _____

date _____

Father's answers

FOR THE BRIDE

Mother's answers

_____ a. Proof of identity. _____

_____ b. Are you opposed to your daughter's marriage? _____
_____ Comments to b. _____

_____ c. Has either party been married before? _____

_____ d. Does your daughter freely consent to this marriage? _____

_____ e. Do you wish to add anything concerning this marriage? _____

signature of father

signature of priest/deacon

signature of mother

date _____

date _____

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| 5. Is there any serious physical problem which you have which might affect your marriage? | _____ | _____ |
| 6. Have you ever been treated on an inpatient basis or on an extended outpatient basis for | _____ | _____ |
| a. a psychiatric problem? If yes, when? _____ | _____ | _____ |
| b. an alcohol abuse problem? If yes, when? _____ | _____ | _____ |
| c. a drug problem? If yes, when? _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 7. Have you ever been treated for mental deficiency or any brain dysfunction, or hospitalized or placed in a special class in school for related problems? | _____ | _____ |
| If yes, when? _____ | | |
| (The special class in school referred to in #7 applies to cases of mental retardation or emotional disturbance.) | | |
| (If either party answers yes to #6 or #7, Marriage Tribunal should be consulted.) | | |
| 8. How long have you known your fiance? | _____ | _____ |
| 9. How long have you been engaged to be married? | _____ | _____ |
| 10. Is there any fact about you, either in the present or in the past, which you have not made known to your fiance and which might affect his/her willingness to marry you? | _____ | _____ |

Only after the priest/deacon has received satisfactory responses to the interview in Part B should he proceed to schedule the wedding date. In cases of previous marriages, the necessary documentation (e.g. Death Certificate, Declaration of Nullity) must be presented. Diocesan guidelines for the marriage of minors and for cases of existing pregnancy are to be followed.

PART B — COMPLETE **Date:** _____

PART C

After a marriage preparation course has been completed, the priest/deacon asks the following questions, which are intended to determine whether the fundamental canonical requirements for marriage in the Church have been understood and accepted by both parties. The questions should be asked separately and phrased in such a way that the individual can respond accurately.

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| 1. The Church teaches that marriage is a life long commitment that can be dissolved only by death. Do you intend to enter such a marriage? | _____ | _____ |
| 2. The Church teaches that a husband and wife are to remain faithful to one another to the exclusion of others always. Do you intend to enter such a marriage? | _____ | _____ |
| 3. The Church teaches that in marriage, a husband and wife are to accept children from God in a loving and responsible way, raising them according to the law of Christ and His Church. Do you intend to enter such a marriage? | _____ | _____ |
| 4. Are you placing any conditions on this marriage? (e.g. "I will remain married as long as his/her health remains good.") | _____ | _____ |
| 5. Are you entering this marriage freely and without pressure from anyone? | _____ | _____ |
| 6. Do you have any hesitation or doubt about entering this marriage? | _____ | _____ |

I attest that the above answers (Parts A, B, C) are true and complete to the best of my knowledge, so help me God.

_____	_____	_____
signature of groom	signature of priest/deacon	signature of bride
date _____	date _____	

The priest/deacon should briefly note here his observations on the preparation and readiness of this couple for marriage in the Church. These observations are based on his interviews with the couple in helping them assess their readiness for marriage in general. A statement on the ecclesial or sacramental awareness of the couple is recommended. The content, if not the actual wording, of these observations and statements would already have been shared with the couple.

signature of priest/deacon

PART C — COMPLETE

Date _____

PART D

Documentation for this marriage:

1. Prior to the celebration:

The civil marriage license gives as the number of the marriage:

of the groom _____ of the bride _____

If this couple is already married to each other civilly:

date _____

place _____

officiated by _____
(name) (title)

Permission/Dispensation granted for _____

Diocese _____ Protocol number _____ Date _____

Marriage preparation: type _____
(Pre Cana, Engaged Encounter, Professional readiness profile, "Sponsor Couple," private instructions, etc.)

date completed _____

Delegation for witnessing this marriage given to _____

date _____

by _____

2. Following the celebration of this marriage:

Priest/Deacon witnessing marriage _____

Marriage entered into Marriage Register of this Parish:

Volume _____ Page _____

Marriage entered into Baptismal Register of this Parish:

For Groom _____ For Bride _____

Record sent to the parish of groom's Baptism on _____

Return notice received on _____

Record sent to parish of bride's Baptism on _____

Return notice received on _____

Civil license returned to appropriate authorities on _____

Pastor

PART D — COMPLETE