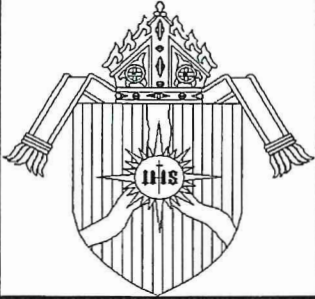


# DIOCESE OF SHREVEPORT PRE-NUPTIAL INQUIRY



The purposes of the Pre-Nuptial Inquiry are (1) to assist the priest/deacon in developing a helpful relationship with each couple; (2) to assist the priest/deacon and couple to determine readiness for Christian marriage; (3) to dispose the couple for a fruitful and lasting reception of the Sacrament of Matrimony; and (4) to assure that all requirements of the Church are met concerning Christian marriage.

**Full Name of Groom:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Name of Bride:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

*E-mail*

**Common Information:** *E-mail*

Proposed Date of Wedding: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Place of Wedding: \_\_\_\_\_

Delegation Required: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Delegation To Be Granted By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Delegation Granted: \_\_\_\_\_

Dispensation And/Or Permission Needed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Which? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:**

Please interview the prospective bride and groom separately and alone. Please print or type this questionnaire. The information requested on this form should be obtained at the beginning of Phase I of the Marriage Preparation Process as outlined on page 2, Section IV, of the Marriage Preparation Guidelines for the State of Louisiana. The Pre-Marital Inventory (FOCCUS) or other diocesan approved inventory) is administered at this time or at a future interview. Before filling out the pre-nuptial inquiry with each party, please inform them that at the conclusion of the interview they will be asked to take an oath to the truthfulness of their statements.

**Groom**

1. Full Name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_
3. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_
4. Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Baptized? ☐ Yes ☐ No Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
If Catholic, which Rite? \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_
- Proof: a) Certificate? (issued within 6 months) \_\_\_\_\_ or b) Affidavit? (of Sponsors or Parents) \_\_\_\_\_

**(for Catholics Only)**

5. Did you receive any instruction in the Catholic Faith? ☐ Yes ☐ No If so, where and for how long? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Were you confirmed? ☐ Yes ☐ No If not, what are your intentions in this regard? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Are you a practicing Catholic? ☐ Yes ☐ No If not, are you prepared to become so in the future? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Have you ever been married or attempted marriage? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If yes, Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ Officiant \_\_\_\_\_  
Was the marriage terminated by civil judicial decree? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
Was the marriage nullified by Ecclesiastical Decree? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
Was this marriage terminated by death? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
(If applicable, please supply to interviewer a copy of civil marriage license; civil divorce decree;  
death certificate; and tribunal protocol number and date of annulment.)
8. Are you related to the bride in any way? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Is there any person or circumstance forcing you into this marriage in any way? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is there any person or circumstance forcing the bride into this marriage? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*(If either is yes, the matter is to be referred to determine the course of action.)*

10. Do you intend to enter into a permanent marriage, dissoluble only by death, and to be faithful to your wife always?

☐ Yes ☐ No

11. Do you intend to exclude children permanently from your marriage? ☐ Yes ☐ No

12. Does your future spouse intend to exclude children permanently from your marriage? ☐ Yes ☐ No

13. Do you or your future spouse have any physical, emotional, or psychological conditions that would prevent you from leading a normal married life? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

14. Do either your parents or her parents have any objections to this marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what objections? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Oath:**

Do you swear that you have told the whole truth in all of the above answers, so help you God? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Priest/Deacon

\_\_\_\_\_  
Groom's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Priest/Deacon

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Seal of Parish

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parish

**Follow-up Discussion:**

Do you understand the reasons for the marriage preparation process? (Priest/deacon briefly explains the reasons)

Describe your personal background and your background as a couple. (How you met, length of courtship, etc.)

Describe your relationship with your future spouse. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



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**Bride**

1. Full Name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_
3. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_
4. Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Baptized? ☐ Yes ☐ No Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
If Catholic, which Rite? \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_
- Proof: a) Certificate? (issued within 6 months) \_\_\_\_\_ or b) Affidavit? (of Sponsors or Parents) \_\_\_\_\_

**(for Catholics Only)**

5. Did you receive any instruction in the Catholic Faith? ☐ Yes ☐ No If so, where and for how long? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Were you confirmed? ☐ Yes ☐ No If not, what are your intentions in this regard? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Are you a practicing Catholic? ☐ Yes ☐ No If not, are you prepared to become so in the future? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
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If yes, Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ Officiant \_\_\_\_\_  
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Was this marriage terminated by death? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
(If applicable, please supply to interviewer a copy of civil marriage license; civil divorce decree;  
death certificate; and tribunal protocol number and date of annulment.)
8. Are you related to the groom in any way? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Is there any person or circumstance forcing you into this marriage in any way? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

Is there any person or circumstance forcing the groom into this marriage? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

*(If either is yes, the matter is to be referred to determine the course of action.)*

10. Do you intend to enter into a permanent marriage, dissoluble only by death, and to be faithful to your husband always?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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If so, what objections? \_\_\_\_\_

**Oath:**

Do you swear that you have told the whole truth in all of the above answers, so help you God? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Priest/Deacon

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bride's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Priest/Deacon

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Seal of Parish

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parish

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Describe your relationship with your future spouse. \_\_\_\_\_

After completion of the premarital inventory and discussing the results, the priest or deacon will make a decision to proceed or delay the marriage (See pages 15 and 16, Phase Two, Marriage Preparation Guidelines for the State of Louisiana).

**Assessment of Readiness for Marriage**

1. If the priest/deacon determines that the couple is prepared sufficiently for the marriage, a tentative date for the wedding may be set and further preparations made.
2. If the priest/deacon determines that pre-marriage evaluation is needed, he must refer the couple to a diocesan approved evaluator (another priest or lay person, preferably from the same locale, trained for evaluation) prior to finalizing the assessment.
3. If the priest/deacon determines that either of the parties is not prepared to enter marriage, he must delay witnessing the marriage according to the norms set forth in "Delay of Marriage" (Section V of Marriage Preparation Guidelines for the State of Louisiana, dated May 22, 1988).

**CHECKLIST**

(See Phase IV, Marriage Preparation Guidelines, State of Louisiana)

Premarital inventory completed. (FOCCUS, PMI, etc.) Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Marriage Preparation Seminar completed. Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Baptismal Certificates obtained? \_\_\_\_\_

Permission of Pastor of Parish of Residence received? \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding with or without Mass \_\_\_\_\_

Date and time of wedding \_\_\_\_\_

Date and time of rehearsal \_\_\_\_\_

Name of officiant \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person preparing couple for marriage if other than celebrant \_\_\_\_\_

Names of witnesses:

Music? ☐ Yes ☐ No Type \_\_\_\_\_

Musician(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Photographer? \_\_\_\_\_

Video? \_\_\_\_\_ Florist? \_\_\_\_\_

**Notes:**

**Final Comments of Priest/Deacon (if any):** \_\_\_\_\_

AFFIDAVIT OF FREEDOM TO MARRY  
IN THE INTENDED MARRIAGE OF

\_\_\_\_\_  
GROOM

\_\_\_\_\_  
BRIDE

I, the undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF WITNESS

being \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE RELATIONSHIP: FATHER, MOTHER, BROTHER, ETC.

of \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF BRIDE OR GROOM

and having been in close contact with this person for \_\_\_\_\_ years,  
NUMBER

here state before God that to the best of my knowledge \_\_\_\_\_ has  
HE OR SHE

never been married in any manner or form, and that, as far as I know, there is

nothing to prevent \_\_\_\_\_ contracting a true marriage before God  
HIS OR HER

and the Church.

\_\_\_\_\_  
WRITTEN SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
TYPED OR PRINTED NAME AND ADDRESS OF WITNESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Please return this form to the priest or deacon preparing the couple for marriage.*