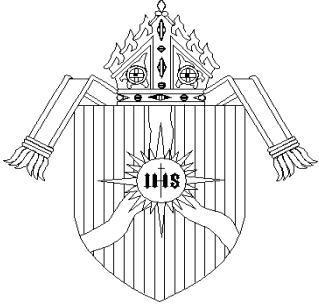


DIOCESE OF SHREVEPORT PRE-NUPTIAL INQUIRY



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:

Full Name of Bride:

Address: _____

Address: _____

Phone Work: _____

Phone Work: _____

Phone Home: _____

Phone Home: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Marital Status: _____ Age: _____

Marital Status: _____ Age: _____

Religion: _____

Religion: _____

Parish: _____

Parish: _____

Common Information:

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. _____

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.

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? _____
- _____
- 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 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

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 his 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

Bride'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. _____

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): _____
