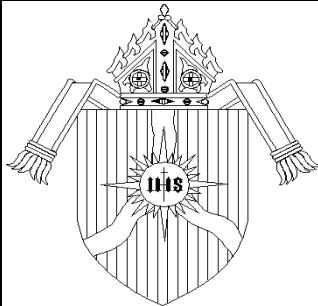


# DIOCESE OF SHREVEPORT PRE-NUPTIAL INQUIRY



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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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. \_\_\_\_\_

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

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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? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Have you ever been married or attempted marriage?  Yes  No

If yes, Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ Officiant \_\_\_\_\_

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(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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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

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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): \_\_\_\_\_

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