



# Pre-Nuptial Questionnaire

To be completed for all couples who  
are prepared for Marriage within the  
Bismarck Diocese

\*\*\*See Checklist and Instruction Sheet\*\*\*

Bismarck Diocese  
Office of the Chancery

Parish Where  
Couple was Prepared \_\_\_\_\_

## WEDDING INFORMATION

Wedding Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parish of Ceremony \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different from above) Name City State

Groom's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ \*  
First Middle Last

Bride's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ \*  
First Middle Last

Best Man's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*

Maid/Matron of Honor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*

Celebrant and Title \_\_\_\_\_

\* Per diocesan particular law, parental permission is required if the parties are under the age of 18.

\*\* Per diocesan particular law, witnesses must be at least 18.

## DELEGATION (when necessary, must be completed prior to submission of pre-nuptial file)

As pastor of the parish of ceremony, I do hereby delegate \_\_\_\_\_ to ask for and receive the consent of the parties. In an emergency, the above-named cleric has the faculty to subdelegate, in this instance only. I also verify that should the cleric be from outside the Diocese he has been duly informed of the strict requirement to present a letter of his good standing from his Ordinary to the Chancery of the Bismarck Diocese before his arrival.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Pastor of Parish of Ceremony*

## FOR USE BY THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY ONLY

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permission for Mixed Marriage               | <input type="checkbox"/> Dispensation from Impediment     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permission for Convalidation                | <input type="checkbox"/> Dispensation from Canonical Form |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permission due to Declaration of Invalidity | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Nihil Obstat</i>              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permission for Non-Practicing Catholic      | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Visum</i>                     |

Protocol No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

*See attached rescript for the grant of the requested dispensation(s) and/or permissions(s).*

**Section 1: GROOM**

*The groom is to be interviewed alone by the preparing cleric.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Home Cell  
*Circle one*

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Home Cell  
*Circle one*

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized? Yes No Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*If no, please complete Form A, section 3, part C.*

Religion of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_ Rite: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmed? Yes No Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Catholic confirmations only.*

Religion of Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_ Rite: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Diocese of (Quasi) Domicile \_\_\_\_\_

If Catholic, are you practicing your faith? Yes No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

*If no, please complete Form A, section 3, part B.*

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Rite: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name (maiden): \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Rite: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you dated? \_\_\_\_\_

When did you become engaged? \_\_\_\_\_

What concerns or doubts do you have about this marriage?

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

*The following questions are to be answered with a 'Yes' or 'No' (cf. Help Sheet Explaining Impediments on diocesan website):*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Are you freely and willingly entering into marriage with the bride, and without grave fear or force?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Are you open to the possibility of children?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Have you attempted marriage before in any manner (current relationship excluded)?  
*If so, and Documents of Freedom to Marry are extant for all priors, please complete Form C.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Are you currently civilly married to each other?  
*If so, please complete Form A, Section 3, part A.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Have you ever taken a public vow of perpetual chastity or been ordained as a priest or deacon?\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Have you committed a murder in order to marry the bride?\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Have you abducted the bride in order to marry her?\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Were you in a previous relationship with a member of the bride's family that would cause public scandal were you to marry the bride?\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Are you related to the bride by blood? (i.e., second cousins or closer)\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Are you related to the bride by law? (i.e., marriage or adoption)\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Are you placing any conditions on your marriage consent? (i.e., I will marry you if...)\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ For Eastern Rite Catholics ONLY: Are you spiritually related to the bride by Baptism (i.e., godparent, godchild)\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Are you aware of any physical or psychological conditions that may prevent you from consummating the marriage?  
*If yes, please call the Chancery immediately for consultation.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Have you signed or are you contemplating signing a pre-nuptial agreement?\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *If yes, draft must be submitted in advance to Chancery for approval.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Is there anything else which you should reveal concerning your proposed marriage? (i.e., pregnancy, children from this union or a previous one, addiction, family opposition, etc.)

Explanation:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*\* = Dispensation required if answered with a 'yes'; If so, please complete Form B. Prior consultation with Chancery is required.*

**Section 1: GROOM (cont'd)**

**Statement of Agreement for Groom:**

I understand that marriage is an irrevocable covenant by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life and which is ordered by its nature to the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of children. I also understand that marriage is an exclusive relationship between one man and one woman, and that it is permanent and cannot be dissolved except by death. I am entering this marriage of my own free will. I intend to be faithful to my wife.

I NOW AFFIRM THE TRUTH OF THE ABOVE STATEMENTS.

---

*Signature of Groom*

---

*Signature of Preparing Cleric as Witness*

---

*Date*

**Section 2: BRIDE**

*The bride is to be interviewed alone by the preparing cleric.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Home Cell  
*Circle one*

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Home Cell  
*Circle one*

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized? Yes No Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*If no, please complete Form A, section 3, part C.*

Religion of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_ Rite: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmed? Yes No Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Catholic confirmations only.*

Religion of Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_ Rite: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Diocese of (Quasi) Domicile \_\_\_\_\_

If Catholic, are you practicing your faith? Yes No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

*If no, please complete Form A, section 3, part B.*

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Rite: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name (maiden): \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Rite: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you dated? \_\_\_\_\_

When did you become engaged? \_\_\_\_\_

What concerns or doubts do you have about this marriage?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*The following questions are to be answered with a 'Yes' or 'No' (cf. Help Sheet Explaining Impediments on diocesan website):*

\_\_\_\_\_ Are you freely and willingly entering into marriage with the groom, and without grave fear or force?

\_\_\_\_\_ Are you open to the possibility of children?

\_\_\_\_\_ Have you attempted marriage before in any manner (current relationship excluded)?

*If so, and Documents of Freedom to Marry are extant for all priors, please complete Form C.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Are you currently civilly married to each other?

*If so, please complete Form A, Section 3, part A.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Have you ever taken a public vow of perpetual chastity as a religious sister?\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Have you committed a murder in order to marry the groom?\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Have you abducted the groom in order to marry him?\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Were you in a previous relationship with a member of the groom's family that would cause public scandal were you to marry the groom?\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Are you related to the groom by blood? (i.e., second cousins or closer)\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Are you related to the groom by law? (i.e., marriage or adoption)\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Are you placing any conditions on your marriage consent? (i.e., I will marry you if...)\*

\_\_\_\_\_ For Eastern Rite Catholics ONLY: Are you spiritually related to the groom by Baptism (i.e., godparent, godchild)\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Are you aware of any physical or psychological conditions that may prevent you from consummating the marriage?

*If yes, please call the Chancery immediately for consultation.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Have you signed or are you contemplating signing a pre-nuptial agreement?\*

*If yes, draft must be submitted in advance to Chancery for approval.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Is there anything else which you should reveal concerning your proposed marriage? (i.e., pregnancy, children from this union or a previous one, addiction, family opposition, etc.)

Explanation:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*\* = Dispensation required if answered with a 'yes'; If so, please complete Form B. Prior consultation with Chancery is required.*

**Section 2: BRIDE (cont'd)**

**Statement of Agreement for Bride:**

I understand that marriage is an irrevocable covenant by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life and which is ordered by its nature to the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of children. I also understand that marriage is an exclusive relationship between one man and one woman, and that it is permanent and cannot be dissolved except by death. I am entering this marriage of my own free will. I intend to be faithful to my husband.

I NOW AFFIRM THE TRUTH OF THE ABOVE STATEMENTS.

---

*Signature of Bride*

---

*Signature of Preparing Cleric as Witness*

---

*Date*

