



Request for Dispensations, Permissions, or Relaxations

Bismarck Diocese
Office of the Chancery

DISPENSATION FROM CANONICAL FORM OF MARRIAGE CEREMONY

The marriage is to be contracted in:

_____ Church,

(city, state)
in the presence of Rev. _____
(name)

The reason(s) for the request:

- _____ To permit marriage in a church of particular importance to the non-Catholic party.
- _____ To achieve family harmony or to avoid family alienation.
- _____ To obtain parental agreement to the marriage.
- _____ To recognize significant relationship/friendship to the non-Catholic minister.
- _____ To avoid danger of invalid marriage.
- _____ Other (specify) _____

DISPENSATIONS FROM IMPEDIMENTS

- _____ Impediment of Disparity of Cult (n.b. one party is not baptized)*
- _____ Impediment of Disparity of Cult "ad cautelam" (n.b. doubtful baptism)*
- _____ Other Impediment (specify) _____

The reason(s) for the request:

- _____ To achieve family harmony or to avoid family alienation.
- _____ To avoid danger of invalid marriage.
- _____ Well-founded hope of conversion of non-Catholic
- _____ Other (specify) _____

PERMISSIONS

- _____ Permission for Mixed Religion*
- _____ Permission for Convalidation
- _____ Permission due to Declaration of Invalidity
- _____ Permission for Marriage to a Non-practicing Catholic*

The reason(s) for the request:

- _____ Spiritual well-being of the Catholic party
- _____ To avoid danger of invalid marriage.
- _____ Convalidation of a civil marriage
- _____ Well-founded hope of conversion of non-Catholic
- _____ Other (specify) _____

**Declaration and Promise required, see page 2/2.*

RELAXATIONS

*(Preliminary written permission from the Bishop is necessary;
such documents from the Bishop are to be attached)*

- _____ Inventory (FOCCUS, etc)
- _____ Pre-marriage weekend
- _____ Natural Family Planning Course
- _____ 9-month Timespan of Preparation
- _____ Previously Submitted Pre-nuptial Agreement

Declaration and Promise of the Catholic Party

*(To be completed for all marriages involving
Mixed Marriage, Disparity of Cult, or Non-Practicing Catholic)*

I reaffirm my faith in Jesus Christ and, with God's help, intend to continue living that faith in the Catholic Church.

- I am prepared to avoid any danger of falling away from my personal practice of the Catholic Faith.
- I promise to do my reasonable best in assuring the Catholic baptism and education of our children *(not applicable to those beyond child-bearing age)*.
- At the same time, I acknowledge the respect I owe to the conscience of my partner in marriage.

Signature of Catholic Party

Signature of Preparing Cleric as Witness

Date