



FORM M-E: APPLICATION FOR MATRIMONIAL PERMISSION/DISPENSATION

Marriage __ Validation __ of:

GROOM _____
first name middle initial surname

Religion _____ If Catholic: Roman Eastern (specify) _____

BRIDE _____
first name middle initial maiden name

Religion _____ If Catholic: Roman Eastern (specify) _____

PLACE OF MARRIAGE		
LOCATION: _____		
<small>(If not a parish in the Pittsburgh Diocese, please provide the full address.)</small>		
Street _____	City _____	State _____
Date of Marriage _____	County _____	Zip _____

PERMISSION REQUIRED FOR

- A marriage to take place outside of Mass (if both parties are Catholics)
- A priest to officiate in a non-Catholic Church
- One of the parties has notoriously rejected the Catholic faith (Canons 1071 & 1125)
- Mixed Religion; valid non-Catholic Baptism (Canons 1124 & 1125)
- Nihil Obstat
- Testimonial Letters
- Visum

DISPENSATION(S) REQUIRED FOR

- Mixed Religion and for precaution Disparity of Cult (Doubt remains concerning validity of non-Catholic's Baptism)
- Disparity of Cult (marriage to a non-baptized person) (Canons 1086 & 1125)
- Other Impediment (i.e., affinity, consanguinity, legal adoption relationship) (Canons 1092, 1091, 1094)

REASONS FOR PERMISSION/DISPENSATION

- Hope of conversion
- Danger of marriage outside of the Church
- Spiritual welfare of the parties
- Removal of grave scandal
- Validation of an invalid marriage
- Other _____

DISPENSATION FROM CANONICAL FORM

(Canons 1127 § 2 & 1125)
 (When a Catholic priest is not the official witness.)

REASONS FOR DISPENSATION FROM CANONICAL FORM

- Achieve family harmony / avoid family alienation
- Achieve parental agreement to the marriage
- Close relationship with non-Catholic Officiant
- Permit marriage in a church or place of worship that has importance for the non-Catholic party
- Other _____

If a dispensation from the Canonical Form of Marriage is requested, please indicate the name and title of the Officiant, i.e., Orthodox priest, Protestant Minister, Rabbi, Imam, or Civil Official:

DECLARATION AND PROMISES BY THE CATHOLIC SPOUSE IN A MIXED RELIGION MARRIAGE

The following declaration is made by the Catholic party: (Canon 1125)

I reaffirm my faith in Jesus Christ and, with God's help, intend to continue living in the faith in the Catholic Church. I promise to do all in my power to share the faith I have received with our children by having them baptized and reared as Catholics.

Signature of the Catholic party _____ Date _____

Certification of the Catholic Priest/Deacon:

The required promise and declaration have been made by the Catholic spouse in my presence. The non-Catholic party has been informed of this requirement so that it is certain that he/she is aware of the promise and obligation on the part of the Catholic.

Signature of the Catholic priest (deacon) _____ Date _____

IF THIS IS TO BE A MARRIAGE VALIDATION, do both parties understand that this validation is a new act of marrying, and not merely the continuation of the existing attempted marriage? (cc. 1156-1160) _____

(Please enclose a copy of the marriage certificate)

MOST REVEREND BISHOP,
ON BEHALF OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM, I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THE AFOREMENTIONED REQUIRED PERMISSION(S) AND/OR DISPENSATION(S) FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE.

Fraternaly yours in Christ,

Reverend _____ (signature)

Date _____

THE AFOREMENTIONED PERMISSION(S)/DISPENSATION(S) AS REQUESTED IS (ARE) GRANTED AT THE DIRECTION OF THE MOST REVEREND DIOCESAN BISHOP.

Canonical Services Use Only
Granted by: _____
Date: _____

Priest (deacon) making this application is asked to **PRINT** the following:

Reverend _____

Parish _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____