Prenuptial Investigation for Catholic Churches in the State of New Jersey

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**Form D-1** is the general marriage dispensation or marriage permission petition form and rescript.

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**NAME OF THE PASTORAL MINISTER**

**Groom**

**Bride**

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**CITY OF CURRENT RESIDENCE**

**STATE OR COUNTRY**

**RELIGION**

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The date for the proposed marriage is _______ / _______ / _______.

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**Form D-1**

**Marriage Permission or Dispensation Petition Form**

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**Permission for a Marriage**

- Permission for a marriage of a minor or minors whose parents are unaware of it.
- Permission for a marriage of a minor or minors if parents reasonably oppose it.
- Permission to enter a marriage with a baptized non-Catholic *(attach a copy of the baptismal certificate)*.
- Permission to enter marriage with a baptized Catholic who notoriously rejects the faith.
- Permission to enter marriage ________________________. *(c.f. c. 1071)*

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**Canonical Reason(s) Urging This Permission Be Granted:**

- the spiritual welfare of the faithful
- to convalidate an invalid marriage
- other (specify): __________________________________________

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**Promise to be made by the Practicing Catholic Party**

*(in any petition for mixed religion permission, disparity of worship dispensation, or marriage with a Catholic who notoriously rejects the faith)*

I reaffirm my faith in Jesus Christ and, with God’s help, intend to continue living that 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 Practicing Catholic Party**

- promise made orally only

*The required declaration and promise have been made by the practicing Catholic in my presence. The other party has been informed of this commitment.*

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**Signature of the Pastoral Minister**

**Date**
DISPENSATION FOR A MARRIAGE

☐ Dispensation from disparity of worship to marry a non-baptized person.
☐ Dispensation from disparity of worship to marry a doubtfully baptized person.
☐ Dispensation from ________________________________.

If consanguinity, affinity, or an adoptive relationship, please complete one of the following trees:
(Fill in the names on the lines below. If there are more names than lines, there is no impediment.)

CONSANGUINITY
(c. 1091)

COMMON ANCESTOR
Collateral Line
1. ________________ 1. ________________
2. ________________ 2. ________________
3. ________________ 3. ________________

ADOPTION
(c. 1094)

COMMON ANCESTOR
Collateral Line
1. ________________ 1. ________________

AFFINITY
(c. 1092)

Deceased Spouse
Parent of Deceased Spouse ________________ Child of Deceased Spouse ________________

CANONICAL REASON(S) URGING THIS DISPENSATION BE GRANTED:

☐ the spiritual welfare of the faithful
☐ to convalidate an invalid marriage
☐ to avoid unlawfully attempted marriage
☐ other (specify): _________________________

(Banns of marriage are optional; no permission is needed.)

SIGNATURE OF PASTORAL MINISTER ________________________________ DATE ________________
Address: ________________________________ Parish: ________________________________
City: ________________________________ State: ________________________________ Zip Code: ________________________________

PARISH SEAL

For use by the Chancery Office, Tribunal, or other authorized Church Official

Protocol Number: ________________ Groom: ________________________________ Bride: ________________________________

By delegation of the Most Reverend Ordinary, the above-mentioned parties are:

☐ permitted to enter a mixed religion marriage
☐ dispensed from disparity of worship
☐ dispensed from disparity of worship ad cautelam
☐ ________________________________

SIGNATURE OF DISPENSING OR PERMITTING CLERIC ________________________________ TITLE ________________________________ DATE GRANTED ________________

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