

# ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON

## PRELIMINARY INTERROGATORY

This form is to be filled out by the priest/deacon/certified pastoral associate with parties in order to establish their freedom to marry. It is an opportunity for engaging in a pastoral dialogue and explaining the teaching of the Catholic Church on marriage.

Marriage of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
(Groom) (Bride)

The priest/deacon/certified pastoral associate begins by asking, "*Do you swear before God that the answers you are about to give are the truth and nothing but the truth?*"

Please record the response to the oath: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Name (maiden name if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Present Religion \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Present Address (street, apartment, city, state, zip) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Present Parish \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Date and Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Date and Place of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) Date and Place of Confirmation \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) Mother's (maiden) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) How long have you lived at your present address? \_\_\_\_\_
- 11) At what other addresses have you resided for substantial periods of time since your eighteenth birthday?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 12) Have you at any time contracted marriage in the Catholic Church or gone through any form of marriage outside the Catholic Church? (If yes, please give details of name and address of other person, date, place, minister or official, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 13) Do you have any obligations in justice to a former spouse or children from a prior union? (If yes, are these obligations currently being fulfilled? Please give details.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 14) Are you entering this marriage freely and by your own choice? \_\_\_\_\_
- 15) (If one or both of the parties have not attained their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday:) Have your parents or guardian given their consent to this marriage? \_\_\_\_\_  
If not, why are they opposed? \_\_\_\_\_

The priest/deacon/certified pastoral associate should explain in positive terms the essential properties (unity and indissolubility) of marriage and the special firmness of a sacramental marriage. He should make it clear that the Church regards marriage as permanent and exclusive community of life, open to the birth of children, and is to be entered without condition or reservation.

16) The Catholic Church teaches that marriage is a permanent union to be entered without reservation or intention of divorce. Do you intend the marriage to be such a marriage?

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17) The Catholic Church teaches that persons entering marriage must mutually exchange the right to have children of this union. Do you intend to give your spouse this right?

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The priest/deacon/certified pastoral associate is to determine if any one of the following impediments is present. Where applicable, a request for a formal dispensation is to be made.

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| 18) Age (c. 1083)           | Impotence (c. 1084)        | Prior Bond of Marriage (c. 1085) |
| Disparity of Cult (c. 1086) | Holy Orders (c. 1087)      | Public Perpetual Vows (c. 1088)  |
| Abduction (c. 1089)         | Crime (c. 1090)            | Consanguinity (c. 1091)          |
| Affinity (c. 1092)          | Public Propriety (c. 1093) | Adoption (c. 1094)               |

19) Who will be the witnesses to your marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Priest/Deacon

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Marriage

Place of Marriage

Seal: \_\_\_\_\_

Dispensation (if required)

**Note to Priest/Deacon/Certified Pastoral Associate:** Mixed Marriage (the marriage of a Catholic and a baptized non-Catholic) requires the express permission of the Ordinary (c. 1124). *The permission of the Ordinary is also required for the marriage of: (a) transients (migrants or persons with no domicile or quasidomicile); (b) persons whose marriage cannot be recognized by the civil law; (c) persons bound by obligations in justice to another party or children born of a prior union; (d) persons who have notoriously rejected the Catholic Church; (e) persons bound by censures; (f) minors (under 18) without parental knowledge or consent; (g) and persons wishing to marry by proxy (c. 1071).*