

**ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
PRENUPTIAL INVESTIGATION**

THE GROOM

*The parties must be questioned separately. The groom is to be asked to tell the truth in answering these questions.
Please note any confidential concerns you may have in the comments section on the second page.*

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. What is your full name? _____
2. What is your address? _____
3. When and where were you born? _____
4. What is your father's name and religion? _____
5. What is your mother's maiden name and religion? _____
6. Does either parent belong to an Eastern Church? If so, please explain. _____
7. How long have you known your future spouse? _____
8. How long have you dated your future spouse? _____
9. Have you ever called off your engagement? If so, why? _____
10. Has there been any opposition to your wedding from family or friends? _____
11. Have you received Pre-Cana instructions? _____
12. Were you civilly married to the bride before the forthcoming marriage in the Church? _____

II. RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND

1. What is your religion? _____

If Catholic, please ask:

- a) When and where were you Baptized or received into the Church? _____
- b) Have you made First Communion and have you been confirmed? _____
- c) What Catholic education have you received? _____
- d) To what parish do you belong? _____
- e) Do you attend Mass and receive the Sacraments regularly? _____

If the person is not Catholic, please ask:

- a) Have you been baptized? _____
- b) If so, when and where were you baptized? _____
- c) Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, especially what the Church believes about marriage? _____

III. POSSIBLE IMPEDIMENTS

1. Have you or your intended spouse ever been married before, whether in a religious or civil ceremony or common law arrangement? _____

If yes, please ask:

- a) To whom were you married? _____
- b) When and before whom were you married? _____
- c) When and how did that union end? _____
- d) Do you have any obligations towards that person or towards children arising from that marriage? _____

Please ask for and record the names of two witnesses who can verify freedom to marry:

Date Testimony Received

Name

Address

Phone

Name

Address

Phone

2. Have you ever made a public perpetual vow of chastity in a religious institute? _____
3. Have you ever been ordained? _____
4. Are you related by blood, marriage, or adoption to your intended spouse? _____
If yes, please explain below in the comments section and contact the Chancery Office for guidance.
5. Do you have any condition that would prevent you from engaging in sexual intercourse? _____
6. Have you had emotional or psychological problems requiring professional treatment or hospitalization? _____
If yes: Is your fiancée aware of these issues? _____
Please explain below in the comments section or on a separate page
7. Have you signed a pre-nuptial agreement? _____ If yes, does it involve the possibility of divorce? _____

IV. KNOWLEDGE AND INTENTIONS

1. Do you believe that your marriage will be permanent and indissoluble, lasting until death? _____
2. Do you believe that marriage requires fidelity to your spouse? _____
3. Do you believe that marriage is oriented toward the procreation and education of children? _____
4. Do you believe that marriage is oriented to the good of the spouses themselves? _____
5. Do you believe yourself capable of and intend to fulfill those four obligations? _____
6. Do you intend to give your spouse the right to relations which are open to having children? _____
7. Are you entering marriage freely, without being forced or pressured by anyone or any circumstance? _____
8. Is there any important fact about you (e.g., addiction problems, trouble with the law, communicable disease, children from a prior relationship, sterility) which you have not shared with your future spouse? _____
9. Have you placed any conditions on your marriage? _____
10. Would your intended spouse agree with the answers you have given? _____

V. FOR MINORS UNDER 18

1. Do your parents know you are planning to marry? _____
2. Do your parents consent to the marriage? _____

VI. OTHER INFORMATION

1. Please name your witnesses for the wedding.
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
2. Where will you live after the marriage? _____

Signature of Groom

Signature of Priest or Deacon

Church: _____

Date: _____

The priest will record the following:

	COMMENTS
1. Date and place of marriage: _____	_____
2. Marriage License Number: _____	_____
3. Delegation given: _____	_____
4. Dispensations or permissions: _____	_____
5. Notices to Parishes of Baptism sent: _____	_____
6. Interdiocesan Documentation sent to Chancery: _____	_____

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THE BRIDE

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. What is your full name? _____
2. What is your address? _____
3. When and where were you born? _____
4. What is your father's name and religion? _____
5. What is your mother's maiden name and religion? _____
6. Does either parent belong to an Eastern Church? If so, please explain. _____
7. How long have you known your future spouse? _____
8. How long have you dated your future spouse? _____
9. Have you ever called off your engagement? If so, why? _____
10. Has there been any opposition to your wedding from family or friends? _____
11. Have you received Pre-Cana instructions? _____
12. Were you civilly married to the groom before the forthcoming marriage in the Church? _____

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If Catholic, please ask:

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III. POSSIBLE IMPEDIMENTS

1. Have you or your intended spouse ever been married before, whether in a religious or civil ceremony or common law arrangement? _____

If yes, please ask:

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1. Please name your witnesses for the wedding.
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
2. Where will you live after the marriage? _____

Signature of Bride

Signature of Priest or Deacon

Church: _____

Date: _____

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