

**PRENUPTIAL INVESTIGATION**

Diocese of Davenport  
780 West Central Park Ave.  
Davenport, IA 52804-1901  
563-324-1911

GROOM

Each party must be interviewed separately and under oath.  
The priest/deacon/delegate will propose all the questions  
and record the given answers in **legible** form.

For Chancery Use Only

**THE PROPOSED WEDDING**

Groom \_\_\_\_\_ Bride \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of the Wedding \_\_\_\_\_ Date of the wedding \_\_\_\_\_  
Church

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Diocese of Wedding \_\_\_\_\_ County of Record \_\_\_\_\_  
Witnesses \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
Priest/deacon/delegate arranging the wedding preparation \_\_\_\_\_  
Priest/deacon/minister witnessing the marriage \_\_\_\_\_  
Celebrating Marriage Within Mass?  Yes  No (May need to use Permission II form)

**QUESTIONS FOR THE GROOM**

Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth in answering the questions about to be proposed to you?  Yes

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Level of Education \_\_\_\_\_ Place of work \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of baptism \_\_\_\_\_ Current Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of baptism \_\_\_\_\_  
Church \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

If Catholic, obtain certified copy with notations issued within the last 6 months

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
How long have you known your fiancée? \_\_\_\_\_ How long engaged? \_\_\_\_\_

- Are you related to your fiancée by blood, marriage, or legal adoption? Yes\*  No
- Are you bound by any of the following canonical impediments: Age, impotence, sacred orders, vow of chastity, crime, or public propriety? [See canons 1083-1094]? Yes\*  No
- Have you ever been married, whether civilly, in church, or by common law? Yes\*  No   
**[If "yes," proceed immediately to Form 1085, even for a validation.]**
- Do you regularly participate in the practice of your religion? Yes  No\*

BRIDE

PARISH NO.

**Additional questions for a Catholic groom:**

First Holy Communion?  No  Yes When and where \_\_\_\_\_  
Confirmation  No  Yes When and where \_\_\_\_\_  
A Catholic is to be confirmed prior to marriage if at all possible  
Parish to which you belong? \_\_\_\_\_ Length of membership \_\_\_\_\_  
Diocese in which you reside? \_\_\_\_\_

The remaining questions require an understanding of matrimony, and it is appropriate to pose them after marriage preparation and instructions have begun. If these are completed at a time later than the above, remind the groom that he is still under oath as your interview him separately.

5. Do you agree to commit yourself willingly, and without any reservation, condition, or restriction, to the essential obligations of matrimony, namely:
  - a) to enter a permanent marriage that lasts until death? Yes  No\*
  - b) to accept the right of your spouse to engage in procreative intercourse with you? Yes  No\*
  - c) to accept the obligation to be faithful to your spouse? Yes  No\*
6. Have you seriously reflected on the obligations of a marital commitment and judged yourself capable of them? Yes  No\*
7. To the best of your knowledge, is your fiancée making this same commitment to the essential obligations listed above? Yes  No\*
8. Is your consent to this marriage fully free and without force or pressure of any kind? Yes  No\*
9. Is there any indication of physical illness, dependence on drugs or alcohol, or other condition which would affect your marriage? Yes\*  No
10. Have you had any emotional or mental disorder requiring psychiatric or other professional treatment? Yes\*  No
11. Is there any other major fact about you, either in the present or in the past, which you have not made known to your fiancée and which might affect her willingness to marry you? Yes\*  No
12. Do your parents or hers have any objections to this marriage? Yes\*  No

N.B. The parents of a party not yet 21 years of age must be interviewed, and their assessment of the parties, along with the priest/deacon/delegate's recommendation for the marriage, must be submitted to the Chancery.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Groom

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**FURTHER EXPLANATION** of each answer marked with an asterisk (\*). Indicate the number of the question to which your explanation is directed. Use additional paper as necessary:

I, the undersigned, declare that the groom whose signature appears above testified before me personally on the date indicated above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Priest/Deacon/Delegate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Church Address

**NIHIL OBSTAT:** These papers are to be submitted to the appropriate Chancery for the granting of the nihil obstat, which is required because the proposed marriage involves:

- non-resident(s) of Davenport Diocese  a civil law obstacle or prohibition
- prior marriage [obligations to a former spouse or to children]
- a party who has publicly rejected the Catholic faith
- a party who is not yet 21 years of age  a proxy  a party who is bound by a censure

**LITTERAE TESTIMONIALES:** are required when this investigation is made for a wedding which is to take place in another diocese. Send this form to the Chancery and it will be forwarded to the other diocese. Be sure to include baptismal certificate, witness affidavits, and other documents required for this wedding.

## QUESTIONS FOR THE BRIDE

Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth in answering the questions about to be proposed to you?  Yes

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Apt. No.

Level of Education \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Place of work \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Other Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
City State

Date of baptism \_\_\_\_\_ Current Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Place of baptism \_\_\_\_\_  
Church City State

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Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known your fiancée? \_\_\_\_\_ How long engaged? \_\_\_\_\_

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|---|------|--------------------------|-----|--------------------------|
| 1. Are you related to your fiancée by blood, marriage, or legal adoption?   | Yes* | <input type="checkbox"/> | No  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Are you bound by any of the following canonical impediments: Age, impotence, sacred orders, vow of chastity, crime, or public propriety? [See canons 1083-1094]? | Yes* | <input type="checkbox"/> | No  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Have you ever been married, whether civilly, in church, or by common law?  | Yes* | <input type="checkbox"/> | No  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>[If "yes," proceed immediately to Form 1085, even for a validation.]</b>   |      |                          |     |                          |
| 4. Do you regularly participate in the practice of your religion?   | Yes  | <input type="checkbox"/> | No* | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### Additional questions for a Catholic bride:

First Holy Communion?  No  Yes When and where \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation  No  Yes When and where \_\_\_\_\_

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Parish to which you belong? \_\_\_\_\_ Length of membership \_\_\_\_\_

Diocese in which you reside? \_\_\_\_\_

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|---|------|--------------------------|-----|--------------------------|
| 5. Do you agree to commit yourself willingly, and without any reservation, condition, or restriction, to the essential obligations of matrimony, namely:                              |      |                          |     |                          |
| a) to enter a permanent marriage that lasts until death?  | Yes  | <input type="checkbox"/> | No* | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) to accept the right of your spouse to engage in procreative intercourse with you?  | Yes  | <input type="checkbox"/> | No* | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) to accept the obligation to be faithful to your spouse?  | Yes  | <input type="checkbox"/> | No* | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Have you seriously reflected on the obligations of a marital commitment and judged yourself capable of them?   | Yes  | <input type="checkbox"/> | No* | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. To the best of your knowledge, is your fiancée making this same commitment to the essential obligations listed above?  | Yes  | <input type="checkbox"/> | No* | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Is your consent to this marriage fully free and without force or pressure of any kind?   | Yes  | <input type="checkbox"/> | No* | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Is there any indication of physical illness, dependence on drugs or alcohol, or other condition which would affect your marriage?  | Yes* | <input type="checkbox"/> | No  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Have you had any emotional or mental disorder requiring psychiatric or other professional treatment?  | Yes* | <input type="checkbox"/> | No  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. Is there any other major fact about you, either in the present or in the past, which you have not made known to your fiancée and which might affect his willingness to marry you? | Yes* | <input type="checkbox"/> | No  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. Do your parents or his have any objections to this marriage?  | Yes* | <input type="checkbox"/> | No  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Bride

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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I, the undersigned, declare that the bride whose signature appears above testified before me personally on the date indicated above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Priest/Deacon/Delegate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Church Address

**DECLARATIONS BY THE PRIEST/DEACON/DELEGATE ARRANGING THE WEDDING**

Please check or otherwise indicate.

**I. FREEDOM TO MARRY:** I, the undersigned, am morally certain of the freedom to marry of the bride and groom whose signatures appear on this form. I have come to this certainty by:

Personal Knowledge       Interviewing Witnesses       Official Documents

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Priest/Deacon/Delegate

**II. REQUIRED MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** I, the undersigned, verify that the required period of preparation for this marriage has been observed and that the following components will have been completed prior to the wedding:

- 1)  Initial interview and follow-up meetings with parish pastoral minister.
- 2) Premarital Inventory:       FOCCUS       Prepare/Enrich       REFOCCUS
- 3) Marriage Preparation Instructional Program:  
 Sponsor Couple       Diocesan Approved Marriage Preparation Program       Online Diocesan Approved Preparation Program
- 4)  Introductory Natural Family Planning Instruction
- 5) Post-wedding Couple Contact Plan: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Priest/Deacon/Delegate

If your parishioner is getting married in another parish:

**III. PERMISSION:** I, the undersigned Pastor of the bride/groom names herein, give my permission for her/his wedding to be celebrated lawfully in a parish other than my own.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Pastor

If a visiting cleric is to officiate in your parish:

**IV. DELEGATION:** I, the undersigned Pastor/Parochial Vicar, hereby delegate the Rev. Father/Deacon \_\_\_\_\_ to witness the marriage of the bride and groom named herein in the parish of which I am the pastor/parochial vicar.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Pastor/Parochial Vicar