

**DISPENSATION / PERMISSION REQUEST FORM II:**

**Deacon Witnessing Matrimony within Mass**

*Please submit with the Prenuptial Form directly to the Tribunal*

<b>GROOM</b>	<b>BRIDE</b>
Name	Name
City/State	City/State
Current Parish/Church	Current Parish/Church
Parish/Church of Baptism	Parish/Church of Baptism
City/State of Baptism	City/State of Baptism
Church or Place of Marriage	
City/State	
County in Which Marriage Occurs	
Diocese in Which Marriage Occurs	
Proposed Date of Marriage	
Priest Presiding / Deacon Presiding Outside of Mass	
Cooperating Minister (if applicable) / Deacon if witnessing Marriage within Mass (if applicable)	

**The following dispensation is requested, in keeping with §IV-400 *The Order of Celebrating Matrimony*, 2nd Edition: Policies for the Diocese of Davenport:**

Dispensation from the law (*Sacrum Diaconatus Ordinem* [Paul VI] #21.4; *Directory for the Ministry and Life of Permanent Deacons* [DMLPD; Congregation for the Clergy] #33) by the Bishop to allow a Deacon to preside at the celebration of Matrimony within Mass. The Priest still pronounces the Nuptial Blessing.

**I respectfully submit and recommend the petition of this couple for the dispensation noted above.**

**In presenting this petition I certify that all other necessary permissions or dispensations have also been requested, the required instructions have been completed, and that the spiritual good of the parties urges the granting of this petition.**

**Likewise, in making the petition for the dispensation noted above I certify that neither of the partners is a member of an Eastern or Oriental Church, and that (check one):**

- the Deacon has a special relationship with one or both members of the couple, such as being a family member or being the one who prepared the couple for marriage; or**
  - cultural or language issues make it more appropriate for the Deacon to exercise this ministry; or**
  - another reason urges that he exercise this ministry (specify): \_\_\_\_\_**
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Pastor/Parochial Vicar/Deacon (signature)

Date

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Parish

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Address

City, State