

Affidavit of Freedom to Marry, Baptismal Status and Viability

Two witnesses must be interviewed. Use two forms. (Old Blue Form)
 Parental testimony is always preferred and should be neglected for grave reasons only.

FOR MARRIAGE OF

_____ and _____
 Groom (print full name) Bride (print full name)

 (Parish of Marriage and Address)

Affidavit about _____
 Bride or Groom

IDENTITY OF WITNESS (One witness per form)

1. Do you solemnly swear to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth in answering the following questions? _____
2. Your name? _____ Address? _____
 Daytime phone? _____

TO ESTABLISH FREEDOM TO MARRY

1. What is your relationship to the person whose name appears above in "Affidavit about"? _____
2. How long have you know this person? _____ How well? _____
3. Has the above mentioned person ever gone through any type of marriage ceremony? How many times? _____ With whom? _____
 _____ Has any one of these spouses died? _____
4. Is the above mentioned person related to the other party to this intended marriage? _____
 If yes, in what way? _____
5. To your knowledge, is the above mentioned person entering this marriage freely? _____
 To your knowledge, does the above mentioned person intend to enter a lifelong union? _____
 To your knowledge, does the above mentioned person intend to be faithful for life to the partner in this marriage? _____
 If "no" to any part of question 5, explain _____
6. Do you know of any reason why this person should not be married? _____

_____ If "yes", explain _____

TO ESTABLISH BAPTISM OR NON-BAPTISM

7. Was the above mentioned person ever baptized? ___ In what religion? _____
- When? _____ In what church and place? _____
- By whom? _____ Who were the sponsors? _____
- Were you present? _____ If not, how do you know of the baptism? _____
- Was there either water poured over the head or the above person immersed? _____
- Were the exact words "...baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..."? _____
- If not, what were the words? _____
- _____
8. If the above person was not baptized, how do you know of the non-baptism? _____
- _____
- _____

TO ESTABLISH VIABILITY OF MARRIAGE

- I am this person's ("Affidavit about") Mother Father Other _____
9. Have the parents of these persons been consulted about this marriage? _____
- Have they both given their consent? _____
- Who objects? _____
- Why? _____
10. How long have these parties known one another? _____
11. How long have they been dating with a view toward marriage? _____
12. When did you become aware of their intention to marry? _____

13. Have you tried to discourage them from entering this marriage? _____

_____ Why? _____

14. Is there any reason why they feel obligated to marry at this time? _____

What is the reason? _____

15. Do you believe the parties are truly capable of meeting their financial responsibilities in marriage?

If not, why? _____

(SEAL)

Signature-witness

Signature-interviewing priest or notary public

Date Place

Return to: _____
