

**ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF ALBANY, NEW YORK
DIOCESAN TRIBUNAL**
40 North Main Avenue
Albany, N.Y. 12203
(518) 453-6620
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Groom: _____	Age _____
Bride: _____	Age _____
Date of Marriage: _____	
Priest: _____	
(Other Officiant): _____	
Place of Marriage: _____	

**FORMS FOR THE
PRENUPTIAL INVESTIGATION**

Witnesses: 1) _____
2) _____

Hour: _____ Mass: _____ Rehearsal: _____

Interviews & Instructions: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____

Dispensations Needed: _____

Dispensations Granted: _____

(Dispensations granted via phone on _____ by _____)

Delegation to marry granted to: _____

Delegation to marry granted by: _____

Notification of marriage sent to parish of: 1) Bride _____

2) Groom _____

Other Officiant: Name: _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Denomination _____

NOTE BENE:

1. No marriage should be scheduled when either or both parties have been in a previous marriage. In such a case contact the Tribunal immediately.
2. Before scheduling any marriage involving a previous annulment, consult the Tribunal regarding any possible prohibitions. Also, submit to the Tribunal a copy of the letter of notification regarding the church annulment.
3. All documents relating to a marriage are to be submitted to the Tribunal for the necessary NIHIL OBSTAT in the following cases:
 - a. Whenever there is to be a convalidation.
 - b. Whenever either party has celebrated or attempted a marital union in any form, civil or ecclesiastical, or even has lived in a common law union, with a person other than the one he/she is now to marry, even if that person is dead or that union has been dissolved.
 - c. Whenever either party is a member of an Oriental Rite.
 - d. whenever either party is under 21 years of age.

(for Tribunal use)

NIHIL OBSTAT

Bishop's Delegate

Date

DIOCESE OF ALBANY

PRENUPTIAL INVESTIGATION

INTERVIEW ALONE

GROOM

Please Type or Print

1. a) Name: _____ Age: _____

b) Address? _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Phone)

2. Date of birth? _____ Place of birth? _____

3. a) Father's name? _____ Religion? _____ Rite? _____

b) Mother's maiden name? _____ Religion? _____ Rite? _____

4. Were you ever baptized? _____ In what religion? _____
Where? _____ When? _____
(See page 23, Nos. 3 & 4)

5. Do you attend church? _____
(See page 23, No. 5)

6. What church or parish are you a member of? _____

7. **TO BE ASKED OF THOSE WHO WERE BAPTIZED AS CATHOLICS**
Were you confirmed? _____ \Where? _____
(See page 23, No. 6)

8. Have you ever been married by a priest, minister, rabbi, civil official or even common law? _____
How often? _____
(Include the present union if this is a convalidation)

9. If the above answer is YES, fill in the following of EACH marriage

1) a) With whom? _____
b) When? _____
c) Where? _____
d) Before whom? _____
e) Date of death? _____
f) Declaration of church annulment? _____ Proto. No. _____ Date of Issue _____

2) a) With whom? _____
b) When? _____
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(If a prior spouse is deceased an authentic document of death must be presented. If a Declaration of nullity has been granted an official document from a church tribunal must be presented and its protocol number annotated above.)

10. Was your intended wife ever married to anyone else? _____
11. Are you related to the person you intend to marry by blood or marriage? _____
 (If yes, submit the application form for consanguinity, affinity, or public honesty.)
12. How long have you been dating your intended wife? _____ How long an engagement? _____
13. Are you aware of any physical incapacity that could impair or prevent sexual intercourse? _____
 (See page 23, No. 7c)
14. Have you ever been under the care of a psychologist, psychiatrist or professional counselor for emotional difficulties or any kind of dependency (e.g. alcohol, drugs, gambling, etc.) _____
 (See page 23, No. 7b)
15. Give the names of two persons who can testify about your freedom to marry, preferably relatives: _____

16. Do you enter into this marriage freely and without reservation, and do you intend your marriage to be permanent and exclusive as understood by the Catholic Church? _____

 Signature of Groom

**TESTIMONY OF THE PRIEST OR DEACON OR
 PARISH LIFE DIRECTOR**

I, the undersigned, have interviewed the person whose name appears on the front of this form. Through our discussions I am satisfied that he is **entering this marriage freely and that he accepts the sacred responsibilities of permanency, fidelity and parenthood** in this marriage. To the best of my ability I consider him to be **spiritually and emotionally** prepared for marriage.

 Signature of the priest or deacon or parish life director

 (Date)

 (Parish)

(Seal)

 (City)

 (State)

DIOCESE OF ALBANY

PRENUPTIAL INVESTIGATION

INTERVIEW ALONE

BRIDE

Please Type or Print

1. a) Name: _____ Age: _____

b) Address? _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Phone)

2. Date of birth? _____ Place of birth? _____

3. a) Father's name? _____ Religion? _____ Rite? _____

4. b) Mother's Maiden name? _____ Religion? _____ Rite? _____

5. Were you ever baptized? _____ In what religion? _____
Where? _____ When? _____

(See page 23, Nos. 3 & 4)

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DIOCESE OF ALBANY

This is a multi-purpose affidavit which can be used for any or all of the following purposes:

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(Name of Person to be Married)

1.a) How long have you known the above mentioned person?

b) What is your relationship to this person and how well are you acquainted with him (her)?

2. Has the above mentioned person ever been married by a priest, minister, rabbi, civil official or even common law?

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3. If the above answer is YES, fill in the following on each marriage:

- a) With Whom? _____
- b) When? _____
- c) Where? _____
- d) Before whom? _____
- e) Is the bond of this marriage still existing? _____
- f) If not, how did it cease? _____

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- a) Was the above mentioned person ever baptized? _____
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- d) Where? _____
- e) Name of baptizing minister? _____
- f) Who were the sponsors? _____
- g) Were you present at this baptism? _____
- h) If not, how do you know about this baptism? _____

(Have the witness give as many details as possible) _____

TO BE ASKED WHEN THE BAPTISM IN QUESTION IS ROMAN CATHOLIC

- i) Did the above person receive First Holy Communion? _____
Where? _____ When? _____
How do you know this? _____
- j) Did the above mentioned person receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? _____
Where? _____ When? _____
How do you know this? _____

7. TO BE ASKED IF THE WITNESS IS THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN, AND THE PERSON TO BE MARRIED IS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE

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