

ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE

APPLICATION FOR MATRIMONIAL PERMISSION OR DISPENSATION

Name of Groom Age

Name of Bride Age

Street Address

Street Address

City State Zip Code

City State Zip Code

Circle one:

Catholic Baptized non-Catholic Unbaptized person

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Catholic Baptized non-Catholic Unbaptized person

Place of Wedding (parish church or other) Date of Wedding

Address Diocese

Name of Officiant Officiant's Religious Denomination

CANONICAL REASON(S) FOR REQUESTING PERMISSION / DISPENSATION:

(please check all lines that are applicable)

_____ Spiritual welfare of the parties	_____ To avoid family alienation
_____ Catholic education of children	_____ To obtain parental agreement to the marriage
_____ Probability of conversion of non-Catholic	_____ Special relationship to non-Catholic church/minister
_____ Danger of attempted marriage	_____ To permit the marriage in a church of special importance to the non-Catholic
_____ Validation of attempted marriage	_____ Other (specify): _____
_____ Mutual aid in advance years	
_____ Family harmony	

PERMISSION REQUESTED

(please check all lines that are applicable)

_____ Mixed Religion (for a Catholic to marry a baptized, non-Catholic)

_____ For a Catholic to marry an unbaptized person in a suitable place other than a church with a Catholic priest/deacon officiating using the Catholic form/rite of marriage (Dispensation from Disparity of Cult required – check below)

Under no circumstances is a wedding outdoors permitted.

_____ Marriage listed in Canon 1071. Specify: _____

_____ Other: _____

DISPENSATION REQUESTED

(please check all lines that are applicable)

_____ Disparity of Cult (for a Catholic to marry an unbaptized person)

_____ Disparity of Cult *ad cautelam* (baptism doubtful)

_____ Consanguinity, affinity or adoption. Specify relationship: _____

_____ Canonical Form (for a Catholic to marry a non-Catholic, with required permission/dispensation, in a non-Catholic church or other suitable place with a non-Catholic minister officiating.) NOTE: A Catholic marrying a baptized non-Catholic must be married either in a Catholic church or the church of the baptized non-Catholic. A Catholic marrying an unbaptized person may request permission to be married in a suitable place such as a hotel or country club. ***Under no circumstances is a wedding outdoors permitted.*** Granted with the following understanding:

The following norms regarding dispensations from Canonical Form are based upon the *moto proprio, Matrimonia Mixta* (March 31, 1980), the Document of Implementation by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (November 16, 1970) and the revised Code of Canon Law (c. 1121 & 1127).

1. Requirements for mixed marriages are always to be observed; i.e. prenuptial investigations, the promise required of the Catholic party and the knowledge of this obligation conveyed to the non-Catholic, dispensation(s), etc.
2. The minister who officiates at the marriage has the responsibility of sending the required notice that the wedding has taken place to the civil authorities.
3. The priest or deacon who prepares a couple for marriage is responsible for the requesting the dispensation from Canonical Form. This request must be sent to the Ordinary of the Catholic party and that Ordinary is to grant the dispensation regardless of where the marriage is to take place.
4. After the dispensation from Canonical Form is granted and upon verification that the wedding has taken place, the priest or deacon who submitted the request for this dispensation must see to it that (a) the record and particulars are entered in the marriage register of the parish from which the application for dispensation was made, and (b) that notice of this marriage and the particulars are sent to the parish of baptism of the Catholic part.
5. It is not permitted to have two religious celebrations of the same marriage. Nor is it permitted to have a single service in which both the Catholic marriage ritual and a non-Catholic marriage ritual are celebrated jointly or successively. Nor may both the Catholic minister and the non-Catholic minister ask for and receive the consent of the parties. When a dispensation from Canonical Form is granted, the non-Catholic minister uses his/her form and asks for and receives the consent of both parties.
6. It is desirable for a Catholic priest or deacon to be present for the marriage ceremony when a dispensation from Canonical Form has been granted. When this is possible and agreed upon by the appropriate authority of the other church, the priest or deacon may assist by offering additional prayers, blessings or words of greeting and exhortation. If the marriage service is not part of the Lord's Supper or the principal liturgical service of the Word, the priest or deacon, if invited, may also read a lesson and/or preach.

I reaffirm my faith in Jesus Christ and with God's help intend to continue living that faith in the Catholic Church. I promise to do all in my power to share the faith I have received with our children by having them baptized and reared as Catholics.

Signature of Catholic Party

The above declaration and promise have been made orally or have been signed by the Catholic party in my presence. The non-Catholic party has been informed of this requirement so that it is certain that the latter is aware of the promise and obligation on the part of the Catholic.

Signature of Priest or Deacon

Date

Church

Telephone #

Fax #

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Email address