



DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN
141 West Rayen Avenue
Youngstown, Ohio 44503

MA FORM
MARRIAGE OF TWO LATIN RITE
CATHOLICS

PRENUPTIAL INVESTIGATION

GROOM

BRIDE

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

BIRTH DATE _____

BIRTH PLACE _____

BAPTISM DATE _____

CHURCH AND ADDRESS _____

FATHER _____

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME _____

PRESENT PARISH _____

DATE MARRIAGE PLACE _____

WITNESSES _____

We, in the presence of one another, individually declare our freedom to marry and our freedom from any known impediments between us. We hold marriage to be a life-long and faithful union and process of choosing each other for the mutual sharing of our life and our love; it is a union which is open to children; it is a union which is modeled after and symbolizes God's ever-faithful love for His people. It is this partnership of life and love that we seek in marriage and to which we will publicly give our consent.

Signature of GROOM _____ Signature of BRIDE _____

After a thorough review, I can attest that this couple is free to marry and has the proper intentions in regard to Christian marriage.

COMMENTS: _____

FOR TRIBUNAL USE ONLY
(When required)

Priest/Deacon: _____
Parish _____ City _____
Date _____
Delegation when needed:
Granted to: _____
Granted by: _____

ASSESSMENT OF THE COUPLE'S READINESS FOR MARRIAGE

NOTE: Priest is to note his evaluation in the space provided. He may use any other approved instruments that will assist him in making the necessary evaluation in each assessment area.

SPIRITUAL ASSESSMENT

1. Does the Catholic faith have any influence on their daily lives and their approaching marriage?
 2. What value does the Church have for them as a couple? What value will it have in their marriage?
 3. Have both Catholic parties received the sacrament of Confirmation?
 4. Are there areas of religious differences? Will this hinder the rearing of children in the Catholic Church?
 5. What role does public worship have in their lives? How will the faith community help them in their relationship to God?
 6. Do they consider marriage to be a sacrament? Will their marriage ceremony be pre-eminently a religious celebration?
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PERSONALITY ASSESSMENT

1. How long have they known each other? Have they been able to communicate effectively with each other?
 2. Do they show signs of a growing maturity? What is their attitude toward parents, authority, and superiors?
 3. Do they perceive the basic obligations and responsibilities of marriage, parenthood and job?
 4. Have they been under a doctor's care for any mental or physical ailments? Are there problems with drugs or alcohol?
 5. Do they seem compatible in personality, character, temperament and feelings?
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CANONICAL ASSESSMENT

1. Has either party been married before? If so, how will this previous marriage be dissolved? (Death certificate or decree of nullity enclosed.)
 2. Are they entering marriage freely without force, coercion, and social pressure?
 3. Do they intend to enter a permanent commitment, be faithful to one another and to rear a family eventually?
 4. Are there any impediments to their marriage, namely blood relationship, age, vows, sacred orders, impotency or crimen?
 5. Is this a validation of a recognized civil union? If so, give the date of the civil union.
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