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OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE
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PRE-NUPTIAL WITNESS FORM
For Marriage of

_____ and _____
Groom (print full name)

Bride (print full name)

(Parish of Marriage and Address)

Affidavit of Witness for _____

Bride or Groom

Two witnesses are required for each candidate. Each witness must be interviewed on a separate form.

1. To establish freedom to marry when the priest does not have personal knowledge about that freedom.
2. To assist in proving baptism, when certificate is unavailable
3. To investigate the attitude of BOTH parents, when the party is under twenty-one years of age.
4. To investigate the stability of the marriage when the party is under eighteen years of age.

The testimony of parents is always preferred and should be neglected for grave reasons only.

1. Do you solemnly swear to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth in answering the following questions? _____
2. Name: _____
Address: _____
3. What is your relationship to the person whose name appears above? _____
4. How long have you known this person? _____ How well? _____
5. Has the above mentioned person ever gone through any type of marriage ceremony? _____
If so, how many times? _____ With whom? _____
Does this marriage still exist? _____
6. Is the above mentioned person related to the other party to this intended marriage? _____
If so, in what way? _____
7. To your knowledge, is the above mentioned person entering this marriage freely? _____
To your knowledge, does the above mentioned person intend to enter a life-long 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 q.7, explain _____

8. Do you know of any reason why this person should not be married? _____
If "yes," explain _____

TO ESTABLISH BAPTISM OR NON-BAPTISM:

9. 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? _____
What religion does this person practice at present? _____
10. If the above person was not baptized, how do you know of the non-baptism? _____

IF PARTY IS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE:

11. Have the parents of this person been consulted about this marriage? _____
Have they given their consent? _____ If not, why not? _____

IF PARTY IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE:

12. How long have these parties known one another? _____
13. How long have they been dating with a view to marriage? _____
14. When did you become aware of their intention to marry? _____
15. Have you tried to discourage them from entering this marriage? _____ Why? _____
16. Is there any reason why this person feels obliged to marry at this time? _____
What is the reason? _____
17. How does the couple intend to meet their financial responsibilities as spouses and partners? _____

Signature - Witness

Signature - Interviewing Priest

PARISH SEAL

Date

Place