

DIOCESE OF GARY— WITNESS AFFIDAVIT

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Groom _____ Bride _____

Church of Marriage _____ Priest Arranging _____

AFFIDAVIT OF FREEDOM FROM IMPEDIMENTS TO MARRY AND ATTITUDE CONCERNING PERMANENCE, UNITY AND PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE FOR

(Please indicate name above this line)

This form (in whole or in part) is to be used in the following cases:

1. To establish freedom to marry when either party is not known to the parish priest responsible for the preparation.
2. To prove the baptismal status, when other proof is not available
3. For all those whose free status is doubtful
4. For all those baptized but not of the Roman Catholic tradition
5. For all those not baptized

Witnesses must be interviewed SEPARATELY by a Roman Catholic Priest or Deacon.

Parents are usually the preferred witnesses.

1. Name of Witness _____ Relationship _____
2. Address _____
3. Was this person seeking marriage ever Baptized? _____
 - a. In which Christian faith? _____
 - b. Date of Baptism _____
 - c. The church of Baptism _____
City _____ State _____
 - d. Were you present at the Baptism? _____
4. If this person seeking Marriage is Catholic have they ever abandoned or rejected the faith? _____
5. Has he/she ever been married, presently married, or attempted marriage even civilly or entered a common law union? _____ (If so, kindly complete Section A on the back of this form.)
6. Do you know of any improper intention or any impediment to this forthcoming marriage (such as a relationship by blood or adoption, or refusal to be open to having children, or an incomplete understanding that marriage demands strict fidelity to one's spouse)? _____
7. Is this person mentally and physically able to live a normal married life? _____
8. Have you any reason to suspect that this person does not intend to enter a true, permanent marriage? _____
9. Is this person being forced in any way to enter marriage against his/her will? _____
10. Have the parents of this person given their consent to the coming marriage? _____

The Witness:

I, the undersigned, attest that the answers given above are the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me God.

Signature of Witness

Date

Name of Parish

Signature of Priest/Deacon

Address

PARISH SEAL

SECTION A
PREVIOUS MARRIAGE (S)

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The witness should answer the following questions for each marriage contracted or attempted.

**With whom was the marriage
contracted or attempted?**

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Where did the marriage take place?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

**Was the marriage ever validated in the
Presence of a Catholic Priest or Deacon?**

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

**Did the marriage take place outside a Catholic
Church with the permission of a Catholic Bishop?
(Dispensation from Canonical Form)**

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Is this marriage still existing?

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

If not, how did it cease?

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____