

- Application for a Dispensation from the CANONICAL FORM of Marriage
- Application for Permission to Marry in a PLACE OTHER THAN A CHURCH
- Application for a Dispensation from ANY IMPEDIMENT other than Disparity of Worship

# ***PRE-MARRIAGE REQUESTS FORM***

<b>GROOM</b>	<b>BRIDE</b>
Family Name	Family Name
Given Names	Given Names
Address	Address
Parish / Diocese	Parish / Diocese
Date of Birth	Date of Birth
Place of Baptism	Place of Baptism
Date of Baptism	Date of Baptism

Place of Proposed Marriage
Date of Proposed Marriage
Celebrant of Proposed Marriage

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*Please send this entire form to the Diocesan Chancery*

*Curial Office use only*

Granted at	Reference No.
Date	By whom granted

# **APPLICATION FOR A DISPENSATION FROM THE CANONICAL FORM OF MARRIAGE**

*This application should be accompanied by an application for Permission for a Mixed Marriage or a Dispensation from the Impediment of Disparity of Worship*

## **DECLARATION BY THE CATHOLIC PARTY**

I (*Full Name*)

a Catholic of the Parish of

wishing to marry (*Full Name*)

request that I may be dispensed from the obligation of marrying according to the rite of the Catholic Church.  
I propose to be married in (*venue and locality*)

on

I undertake to advise if there is any alteration to this arrangement and, as soon as possible after the marriage, to notify the priest who presents this application of the fact that the marriage was celebrated, indicating the place of the celebration and the public form which was observed.

My reasons for making this request are

*Signature of the Catholic Party*

Place and Date

*The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference adopted two general criteria for granting a Dispensation from Canonical Form:*

- 1. When a party to the marriage is a close relative by blood or marriage with a Minister of another Church;*
- 2. When, in the informed judgement of the bishop, the refusal of the dispensation could constitute either a grave danger to the faith of the Catholic or to the peace and harmony of the couple.*

## **Notes**

*It should not be assumed that a dispensation from canonical form will be granted automatically on application.*

*If a dispensation is granted, the vows must be received by another civilly registered celebrant.*

*This application should be forwarded to the Chancellor at least three months prior to the date of the proposed marriage.*

## **DECLARATION BY THE PRIEST**

Are you satisfied that there is justification for a dispensation in this case? (*Please say why*)

To what extent does the Catholic party practise the Catholic faith?

Is the non-Catholic party a practising member of a Christian Church?

Any further comments?

*Signature of the Priest*

Place and Date

# **APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO MARRY IN A PLACE OTHER THAN A CHURCH**

(canon 1118 §2)

*If one party is not Catholic, this application should be accompanied by an application for Permission for a Mixed Marriage or a Dispensation from the Impediment of Disparity of Worship or the document granting the Permission or Dispensation*

**NOTE: This application is to be made and a response received BEFORE wedding arrangements are made.**  
*It should not be assumed that permission will be granted automatically on application.*

## **DECLARATION BY THE COUPLE**

We request permission to marry in a place other than a Catholic Church, chapel or oratory.  
Our reasons for making this request are:

<i>Signature of the Groom</i>	<i>Signature of the Bride</i>
<i>Place and Date</i>	<i>Place and Date</i>

## **DECLARATION BY THE PRIEST**

In general the criterion for granting these permissions is when refusal of the permission could constitute either a grave danger to the faith of the Catholic party or to the peace and harmony of the couple.

Are you satisfied that there is justification for permission in this case? (*Please say why*)

To what extent does the Catholic party practise the Catholic faith?

Is the non-Catholic party a practising member of a Christian Church?

Any further comments?

Having examined the request, I recommend that permission be given.

*Signature of the Priest*

*Place and Date*

# ***APPLICATION FOR A DISPENSATION FROM ANY IMPEDIMENT OTHER THAN DISPARITY OF WORSHIP***

*To be completed by a priest or deacon*

From which impediment is a dispensation being sought? (see CC 1083 to 1904)

What are the details relating to the impediment?

*In cases of consanguinity or affinity, please draw a diagram of the family relationships*

Has the Groom a domicile or a quasi-domicile or is he actually present in this diocese?

Has the Bride a domicile or a quasi-domicile or is she actually present in this diocese?

Do you consider the granting of this application would contribute to the spiritual welfare of the Catholic partner(s)?

Have you any comments to make regarding this application?

*Signature of the Priest*

*Place and Date*