



ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
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

In keeping with Church law and policies for marriage, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles requires two witnesses for each candidate. Each witness must be interviewed individually and fill out a separate form.

1. To establish freedom to marry.
2. To assist in proving baptism, when certificate is unavailable.
3. To investigate the potential stability of the individuals who are 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 relationships to the person whose name appears above? _____
4. How long have you known this person? _____ How well? _____
5. Has the person mentioned above ever gone through any type of marriage ceremony? _____
If so, how many times? _____ With whom? _____
Does this marriage still exist? _____
6. Is the person mentioned above related to the other individual to this intended marriage? _____
If so, in what way? _____
7. To your knowledge, is the person mentioned above entering this marriage freely? _____
To your knowledge, does the person mentioned above intend to enter a life-long union? _____
To your knowledge, does the person mentioned above intend to be faithful for life to the partner in this marriage? _____ If "no" to any part of question 7, explain _____

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

TO ESTABLISH BAPTISM OR NON-BAPTISM:

9. Was the person mentioned above ever baptized? _____ In what religion? _____
When? _____ In what church and address? _____

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 person above was not baptized, how do you know of the non-baptism? _____

IF INDIVIDUAL IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE:

11. How long have these individuals known one another? _____
12. How long have they been dating with a view to marriage? _____
13. When did you become aware of their intention to marry? _____
14. Have you tried to discourage them from entering this marriage? _____ Why? _____

15. Is there any reason why this person feels obligated to marry at this time? _____
What is the reason? _____

Signature – Witness

Signature – Interviewing Priest/Deacon/Lay Person

PARISH SEAL

Date

Place