

ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

AFFIDAVIT CONCERNING THE FREEDOM TO MARRY  
OF

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**Party to be interviewed:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State Zip Code

**Priest arranging the marriage:**

Rev. \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State Zip Code

1. Having God as your witness, do you solemnly swear to tell the truth in answering all the following questions? \_\_\_\_\_
2. a) Your name? \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Address? \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State
- c) Religion? \_\_\_\_\_
3. a) How long have you known the above mentioned person? \_\_\_\_\_
- b) What is your relationship to this person? \_\_\_\_\_
- c) How well are you acquainted with him (her)? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Has the above mentioned person ever attempted or entered a marriage before this day (in a church, civilly or by common law)? \_\_\_\_\_  
Yes/No

If "yes", how many times (include an existing union which is to be validated)? \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in the following for each marriage:

With whom?  
 (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Marriage  
 (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Place  
 (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Before whom?  
 (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Was this marriage ever convalidated in the presence of a Catholic priest?  
 (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be in a position to know if it was convalidated?  
 (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Is the bond of this marriage still existing?  
 (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

If not, how did it cease?  
 (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

5. a) Is there any reason why the forthcoming marriage of the person mentioned above would not be valid? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

b) Is the person mentioned above being forced in any way or by anyone to enter this marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

c) Does the person mentioned above intend to enter a true Christian marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

6. (Ask only when the above person is under 18 years of age) Have the parents given approval of this marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, what are the reasons? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you acquainted with the other party to this marriage? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, is the other party free to enter this marriage?

\_\_\_\_\_

8. Have you heard either of these persons express any condition or intention contrary to the nature and purpose of Christian marriage?

\_\_\_\_\_ If so, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Have you any other pertinent information concerning the forthcoming marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Person

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Priest

*Parish Seal*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Rectory Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State

Estimate of the priest as to the reliability of the witness: \_\_\_\_\_

If deposition is taken outside the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, it must be approved by the Chancery Office where the witness resides. It will then be sent to the priest arranging the marriage.

Visum est \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Cancellarius

*Chancery Seal*