

ST. THOMAS SYRO-MALABAR CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHICAGO

St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Forane Church New York

PRENUPTIAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Each of the parties should be interviewed separately and under oath. Please print the information and answer all the questions, even if you know the parties well. A recent baptismal certificate is required for each Catholic party. Certificates are to be originals with parish seals, not photocopies.

Groom _____

Bride _____

Place of Marriage _____

Date of Marriage _____

Witnesses: 1.

2.

Priest blessing the Marriage:

GROOM

Name _____

Family Name _____

Address (Street, City, State, Zip)

Country _____

Date and place of birth _____

Occupation _____

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Religion _____

Rite (if other than Syro-Malabar) _____

Date and Place (Church) of Baptism _____

Date and place (Church) of Confirmation _____

Father's name _____

Religion _____ Rite _____

Mother's name _____

Religion _____ Rite _____

Parish to which you belong _____

How long _____

1. How long have you been known to each other _____

How long engaged _____

2. Do you regularly participate in your faith

Yes _____ No * _____

3. Have you ever been married before (in church or civilly or in any other religion)

Yes * _____ No _____

(If yes, give the complete details on the other side)

4. Are you related to your fiancée by blood, marriage, or legal adoption?

Yes * _____ No _____

(If yes, explain how) _____

5. Are there any canonical impediments to your marriage (age, impotence, sacred orders, public perpetual vow of chastity, public propriety)

Yes * _____ No _____

6. Have you seriously reflected on the obligations of a marital commitment and judged yourself capable of fulfilling them?

Yes _____ No * _____

7. Have you or your fiancée experienced or been treated for any mental or emotional difficulty or any alcohol or chemical dependency?

Yes _____ No * _____

8. Do you understand the nature and obligations of marriage and do you agree, without any condition or reservation:

a) to enter a marriage that is for life

Yes _____ No * _____

b) to give your spouse the right to have children

Yes _____ No * _____

c) to accept the obligation of being faithful to your wife

Yes _____ No * _____

d) do you give your consent freely and without force of any kind?

Yes _____ No * _____

9. To the best of your knowledge, is your fiancée making this same commitment ?

Yes _____ No * _____

10. Do your parents consent to this marriage?

Yes _____ No * _____

11. Do you swear to the truth of the statements you have made?

Yes _____ No * _____

Signature of the Groom

Date

If an answer appears where an asterisk (*) occurs, please give an explanation for the answer.

Previous Marriage: With whom?

1. Date of Marriage _____

2. Place where marriage was celebrated, as well as city and state

3. Before whom? Title of religious minister or civil official

4. Is this marriage to be validated?

5. If the marriage was valid, how did the bond of marriage cease?

6. If a former spouse is dead, give the date of death and include death certificate

7. If a former marriage was dissolved or declared null by the Church: The official document from the Church court must be presented to the Chancery with these forms and its protocol number given here.

8. Did such a declaration of nullity indicate any restriction on your freedom to enter a new marriage?

9. How are the natural obligations, arising from this prior union, toward another party or toward children being met?

Signature of the Groom

Date

I, the undersigned priest, declare that the groom whose signature is affixed above appeared before me personally on the date given above; that I proposed to him individually all of the above questions under oath and personally recorded the answers given; that no one else was present during the questions; that I have on file all necessary documents; and that the groom has been instructed in accord with the law of the Church.

Signature of the Priest

Place & Date

BRIDE

Name _____

Family Name _____

Address (Street, City, State, Zip)

Country _____

Date and place of birth _____

Occupation _____

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Religion _____

Rite (if other than Syro-Malabar) _____

Date and Place (Church) of Baptism _____

Date and place (Church) of Confirmation _____

Father's name _____

Religion _____ Rite _____

Mother's name _____

Religion _____ Rite _____

Parish to which you belong _____

How long _____

1. How long have you been known to each other _____

How long engaged _____

2. Do you regularly participate in your faith

Yes _____ No * _____

3. Have you ever been married before (in church or civilly or in any other religion)

Yes * _____ No _____

(If yes, give the complete details on the other side)

4. Are you related to your fiancée by blood, marriage, or legal adoption?

Yes * _____ No _____

(If yes, explain how) _____

5. Are there any canonical impediments to your marriage (age, impotence, sacred orders, public perpetual vow of chastity, public propriety)

Yes * _____ No _____

6. Have you seriously reflected on the obligations of a marital commitment and judged yourself capable of fulfilling them?

Yes _____ No * _____

7. Have you or your fiancée experienced or been treated for any mental or emotional difficulty or any alcohol or chemical dependency?

Yes _____ No * _____

8. Do you understand the nature and obligations of marriage and do you agree, without any condition or reservation:

a) to enter a marriage that is for life

Yes _____ No * _____

b) to give your spouse the right to have children

Yes _____ No * _____

c) to accept the obligation of being faithful to your wife

Yes _____ No * _____

d) do you give your consent freely and without force of any kind?

Yes _____ No * _____

9. To the best of your knowledge, is your fiancée making this same commitment ?

Yes _____ No * _____

10. Do your parents consent to this marriage?

Yes _____ No * _____

11. Do you swear to the truth of the statements you have made?

Yes _____ No * _____

Signature of the Bride

Date

If an answer appears where an asterisk (*) occurs, please give an explanation for the answer.

Previous Marriage: With whom?

1. Date of Marriage _____

2. Place where marriage was celebrated, as well as city and state

3. Before whom? Title of religious minister or civil official

4. Is this marriage to be validated?

5. If the marriage was valid, how did the bond of marriage cease?

6. If a former spouse is dead, give the date of death and include death certificate

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8. Did such a declaration of nullity indicate any restriction on your freedom to enter a new marriage?

9. How are the natural obligations, arising from this prior union, toward another party or toward children being met?

Signature of the Bride

Date

I, the undersigned priest, declare that the groom whose signature is affixed above appeared before me personally on the date given above; that I proposed to him individually all of the above questions under oath and personally recorded the answers given; that no one else was present during the questions; that I have on file all necessary documents; and that the bride has been instructed in accord with the law of the Church.

Signature of the Priest

Place & Date

CERTIFICATION WHEN OFFERED BY PRIEST

A priest may certify the correct intention and freedom to marry of the groom and/or bride by signing below. In this event, other witnesses are not required.

The undersigned is morally certain of the freedom to marry and the correct intention of

and/or _____

whose signature(s) appear on this form. This certainty I have from my own personal knowledge or from personal investigation. Parents have been consulted for persons under 18 years of age.

Signature of the Priest

Place & Date

WITNESS AFFIDAVIT

Witness - 1

Testimony of a Knowledgeable Witness for _____

To be married at

Church and City of Marriage

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 priest arranging the marriage.*
- 2. To prove the baptismal status of either party when other proof is not available.*

Witnesses must be interviewed separately by the priest. Parents usually are preferred witnesses.

1. Full name: _____

Address: (Street, City, State, Zip Code) _____

2. How long have you known the person whose name appears above? _____

What is your relationship to this person? _____

3. Has this person ever been baptized? _____

Place of Baptism: (Church, City, State, Country)

Date of baptism _____

4. Has this person ever contracted marriage (in church, civilly, or by common law)? _____

How many times? _____ *With whom?* _____

When? _____ *Where?* _____

How ended? _____

For any invalid marriage(s) listed above, was there ever a validation before a Catholic priest? _____

5. Do you know of any canonical impediments to this marriage (age, impotence, family relationship, sacred orders, public perpetual vow of chastity, public propriety)? _____

6. Is this person mentally and physically able to live a normal married life? _____

7. *As far as you know, does this person intend to enter a marriage that is for life, to give his or her spouse the right to have children, and to accept the obligation of fidelity?*

8. *Is this person being forced in any way to enter marriage against his or her will?*

9. *(If the person to be married is under 18), do the parents or guardians give their consent to this marriage?*

10. *Do you solemnly swear to the truth of the statements you have made?* _____

Signature of Witness

Signature of Priest

Church and City

WITNESS AFFIDAVIT

Witness - 2

Testimony of a Knowledgeable Witness for _____

To be married at _____

Church and City of Marriage

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

3. To establish freedom to marry when either party is not known to the priest arranging the marriage.
4. To prove the baptismal status of either party when other proof is not available.

Witnesses must be interviewed separately by the priest. Parents usually are preferred witnesses.

11. _____ Ful
I name: _____

Address: (Street, City, State, Zip Code) _____

12. How long have you known the person whose name appears above? _____

What is your relationship to this person? _____

13. Has this person ever been baptized? _____

Place of Baptism: (Church, City, State, Country) _____

Date of baptism _____

14. Has this person ever contracted marriage (in church, civilly, or by common law)? _____

How many times? _____ With whom? _____

When? _____ Where? _____

How ended? _____

For any invalid marriage(s) listed above, was there ever a validation before a Catholic priest? _____

15. _____ Do
you know of any canonical impediments to this marriage (age, impotence, family relationship, sacred orders, public
perpetual vow of chastity, public propriety)? _____

16. Is this person mentally and physically able to live a normal married life? _____

17. *As far as you know, does this person intend to enter a marriage that is for life, to give his or her spouse the right to have children, and to accept the obligation of fidelity?*

18. *Is this person being forced in any way to enter marriage against his or her will?*

19. *(If the person to be married is under 18), do the parents or guardians give their consent to this marriage?*

20. *Do you solemnly swear to the truth of the statements you have made?* _____

Signature of Witness

Signature of Priest

Church and City