

# DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE PRENUPTIAL SUPPORTING WITNESS FORM

*(Please print or type all information. This form is to be kept in the parish marriage file.)*

**This questionnaire is to be used in all marriages in which neither the pastor nor any other priest is able, by his personal statement in writing, to vouch for the freedom of either party to the marriage. The parents of the bride and groom, if at all possible, are to be the witnesses.**

### PARTY TO BE INTERVIEWED

### PRIEST ARRANGING THE MARRIAGE

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the person to be married \_\_\_\_\_  
Subsequently referred to as the "above-named person"      First      Middle      Last      Suffix/Maiden, if different

1. Having God as your witness, do you solemnly swear to tell the truth in answer to the following questions? \_\_\_\_\_  
Yes/No

2. What is your full name? \_\_\_\_\_  
First      Middle      Last      Suffix

3. What is your date of birth? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is your relationship to the above-named person? \_\_\_\_\_

5. How long have you known this person? \_\_\_\_\_ How well? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Was this person ever baptized? (Can. 1086, §§1-3)?  Yes  No If yes, in what religion? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, in what church and place? \_\_\_\_\_  
Date or Information Known      Church Name      City, State

How do you know about the baptism? \_\_\_\_\_

7. As far as you know or have heard, has the above-named person ever been married in any way at any time in his/her life? (Can. 1085, §1, 2)  Yes  No If so, how many times? \_\_\_\_\_

If the above answer to number 7 is **Yes**, fill in the following for **each** marriage *(use additional sheets if necessary)*.

### FIRST MARRIAGE

### SECOND MARRIAGE

A. With whom? 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

B. When? 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

C. Where? 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

D. Who officiated? (priest, deacon, minister, rabbi, civil official, or similar)?  
1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

E. Was a special dispensation issued by the Catholic Church so that it could take place before a non-Catholic minister, rabbi, civil official, or similar?  
1.  Yes  No  Unknown 2.  Yes  No  Unknown

F. Was this marriage ever validated according to the laws of the Catholic Church?  
1.  Yes  No  Unknown 2.  Yes  No  Unknown

G. Do you feel that you would have known about it if the marriage had been validated?  
1.  Yes  No  Uncertain 2.  Yes  No  Uncertain

The priest will explain the other impediments to marriage and the defects of matrimonial consent. He will then ask the following questions. IF THE ANSWER TO ANY QUESTION IS AFFIRMATIVE, he is to seek an explanation and note it on an attached sheet.

8. To your knowledge, is the above-named person suffering from a physical or psychological condition which would render him/her impotent to engage in sexual intercourse proper to marriage? (Can. 1084, §1)  Yes  No
9. Is the above-named person in Holy Orders or bound by a public perpetual vow of chastity in a religious institute? (Canons 1087–1088)  Yes  No
10. Is there any reason to suspect that the above-named person is in the state of abduction or detention in order that he/she enter the marriage in question? (Can. 1089)  Yes  No
11. Is there any question of homicide on the part of the above-named person in order to enter the present marriage? (Canon 1090, §1, 2)  Yes  No
12. Is the above-named person bound by the impediments of consanguinity or affinity? (Canons 1091–1092)  Yes  No
13. Is the above-named person bound by the impediment of public propriety? (Can. 1093)  Yes  No
14. Is the above-named person related in the direct line or in the collateral line (in the second degree) to his/her fiancé/fiancée by legal adoption? (Can. 1094)  Yes  No
15. Is there reason to suspect that the above-named person is incapable of contracting marriage because of psychopathology? (Can. 1095)  Yes  No
16. Is there any reason to suspect that the above-named person does not know that “marriage is a permanent partnership between a man and a woman, ordered to the procreation of children through some form of sexual cooperation”? (Can. 1096)  Yes  No
17. Is there any reason to suspect that the above-named person is in error about the person he/she intends to marry or about a quality of the person, which he/she intends “directly and principally” in marrying him/her? (Can. 1097)  Yes  No
18. Is there any reason to suspect that the above-named person is the perpetrator or the victim of deceit perpetrated in order to obtain marriage consent? (Can. 1098)  Yes  No
19. Has the above-named person ever expressed error regarding the unity, indissolubility, or sacramental dignity of marriage, applied directly do the marriage he/she intends to enter? (Can. 1099)  Yes  No
20. Has the above named person expressed an intention to exclude from his/her marriage: marriage itself, an essential element of marriage, or an essential property of marriage? (Can. 1101, §2)  Yes  No
21. Has the above-named person expressed a condition concerning the future, to which his/her marriage is to be subjected? (Can. 1102, §1)  Yes  No
22. Has the above-named person expressed a condition concerning the past or present to which his/her marriage is to be subjected? (Can. 1102, §§2, 3)  Yes  No
23. Is the above-named person entering the marriage because of force or grave fear imposed from the outside? (Can. 1103)  Yes  No
24. Is there anything else you believe that you should make known about the proposed marriage?  Yes  No  
If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR PARENTS ONLY**

25. Are you in favor of this marriage?  Yes  No If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Deponent

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Month–Day–Year

Parish \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Priest Arranging the Marriage

Parish Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address/PO Box City State ZIP

*(Parish Seal)*

**FOR PRIEST ONLY**

CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. The deponent is known to me personally and considered reliable.
- 2. The deponent is not known to me personally but seems trustworthy.
- 3. The deponent does not seem reliable. Note of explanation attached.

**RETURN COMPLETED FORM DIRECTLY TO THE PRIEST COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE**