**The Diocese of Allentown**



*Application for Matrimonial Permission or Dispensation*

***Your Excellency,***

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, age \_\_\_\_ years, a **Latin Catholic** of

*Name of the Latin Rite Catholic Party*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, PA, \_\_\_\_\_\_;

*Address City Zip Code*

Born of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_;

*First Name, MI, Last Name of the Father First Name, MI, Last Name of the Mother*

***is seeking to contract Marriage with***

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, age \_\_\_\_ years:

*Name of the Other Party*

a Baptized Catholic

a Baptized Catholic of a different *Sui Iurs* (Eastern Catholic) Church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

a Baptized non-Catholic *Eastern* *Church (See provided list.)*

a Person whose Baptism is Questionable

an Unbaptized Person

of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, PA, \_\_\_\_\_\_;

*Address City Zip Code*

Born of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*First Name, MI, Last Name of the Father First Name, MI, Last Name of the Mother*

***I humbly request Your Excellency, the Local Ordinary, or Chancellor; to grant:***

**Permission for:**

\_\_\_ Mixed Religion and *ad cautelam* dispensation from

disparity of worship (cc.1086, 1124)

\_\_\_ Marriage of a notorious ex-Catholic. (c. 1071 § 1, 1º)

\_\_\_ Marriage of a person for whom a previous union has created natural obligations towards a third party or towards children (c. 1071 § 1, 3º)

\_\_\_ A person who is bound by an ecclesiastical censure (c. 1071 § 1, 5º)

\_\_\_ Marriage in the Rite of the Eastern Catholic Bride

\_\_\_ Marriage in a University or College Chapel

\_\_\_ A Catholic Marriage outside a Catholic Church

\_\_\_ Other, (please specify,) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Dispensation from the impediment of:**

\_\_\_ Disparity of Worship (c. 1086)

\_\_\_ Crime (c. 1090)

\_\_\_ Consanguinity in the \_\_\_ degree of the collateral line (c. 1091)\*

\_\_\_ Affinity in the direct line (c. 1092)

 \_\_\_ Legal Adoption (c. 1094)

\_\_\_ Other, (please specify,) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*N.B. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania prohibits marriages up to the *4th* degree of Consanguinity, i.e. First Cousins

*[c.f. Consolidated Statutes of Pennsylvania, Title 23, § 1304. (e).]*

 *The canonical reason for the Permission or Dispensation is:*

\_\_\_ The spiritual good of the parties

\_\_\_ The Catholic Education of children

\_\_\_ The Possibility of conversion of the non-Catholic

\_\_\_ Danger of attempting a mere civil marriage

\_\_\_ Mutual aid for those advanced in years

\_\_\_ Other, (please specify,) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **Dispensation from the canonical form of marriage**

 **Permission for Marriage outside of a Sacred Space**

*The canonical reason for the Dispensation or Permission is:*

 \_\_\_ To achieve family harmony

\_\_\_ To avoid family alienation

\_\_\_ To obtain parental agreement to the marriage

\_\_\_ To recognize friendship or relationship with a minister

\_\_\_ To permit the marriage in a church of special importance to the non-Catholic

\_\_\_ Other, (please specify,) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**The wedding ceremony will take place at:**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, *Name of Church / Chapel / Oratory / Place Address*

*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_;* on \_\_\_\_\_ ;

*City State Zip Code Date*

and will be witnessed by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

 *Witness of the Church / Officiant*

***I attest that I have investigated the freedom of the parties***

***and that the reasons for granting this dispensation are both true and canonically sufficient,***

***and that I have reached moral certainty about the sincerity of the Catholic party regarding the fulfillment of the required promise and declaration which was made in my presence.***

***Having completed the prescribed pre-nuptial investigation,***

***and being certain that the non-Catholic party has been informed of the promise and declaration made by the Catholic Party and the inherent obligations that follow.***

**(Digitally) Signed by** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parish/Ecclesiastical Institution \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*TAXA:* $5