

PETITION FOR MATRIMONIAL DISPENSATION

This petition is to be used when one or more of the following cases apply for a marriage between two Roman Catholics, or between a Roman Catholic and a validly baptized Non-Catholic, or between a Roman Catholic and an unbaptized person (whether certain or not).

Name of Priest/Deacon: _____

Church Parish: _____

Address: _____

I, the undersigned Priest/Deacon, do hereby request the granting of a dispensation from:

- Age (*the male is under the age of 16 and the female is under the age of 14, c. 1083*)
- Abduction (*a male abducts a female for the purpose of marrying her against her will, c. 1089*)
- Consanguinity (*marriage between uncle/niece or between aunt/nephew or between first cousins, c. 1091*)
- Affinity (*marriage between a person and the blood relations of his/her spouse from a valid marriage, c. 1092*)
- Public Propriety (*marriage between a person and his/her partner's relatives up to and including 1st cousins arising from a stable union other than a valid marriage, c. 1093*)
- Legal Adoption (*marriage between a person and any of his/her adoptive children and their ancestors; nor between adoptive siblings, c. 1094*)

for the marriage between

_____ and _____
(Man) (Woman)

so that they may enter into a valid and licit marriage in the Roman Catholic Church.

The wedding is scheduled to take place at _____

in the city/town of _____ on _____.

I recommend the granting of this dispensation for the following reason (check one):

- The spiritual good of the spouses
- The validation of an invalid marriage

Signature of Priest/Deacon

Date

N.B.: Before sending in this request for any of the above dispensations, consultation with the Judicial Vicar must first take place as further instructions will be given.