



PETITION FOR PERMISSION
Deacon as Witness of Nuptial Vows
Marriage Celebrated Within the Context of Mass

If a deacon has been granted faculties to witness marriages in the Diocese of Lafayette, he may act as the official witness of the Church by presiding at the entire "Order of Celebrating Matrimony without Mass" and at the "Order for Celebrating Matrimony between a Catholic and a Catechumen or Non-Christian" outside of Mass. Otherwise the deacon at Mass is to assist the priest, who is the presider at the liturgy. It is not appropriate for a deacon to act as the official witness of the Church at the celebration of Matrimony within Mass without permission from the local ordinary (CIC 14; 87, §1; 90, §1; 381 §1).

Permission Information:

Reason for request of permission: _____

Deacon requesting permission: _____

Deacon Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Place of wedding ceremony: Parish: _____ City: _____

Address of parish: _____

Pastor of parish of wedding ceremony: _____

Signature of Pastor: _____

Priest Celebrant of Nuptial Mass: _____

Signature of priest celebrant (if different than pastor): _____

Date of wedding ceremony: _____ Time: _____

Full legal name groom: _____

Full legal name bride: _____

This form is to be filled out completely and sent to:

The Judicial Vicar
Diocese of Lafayette Tribunal
1408 Carmel Drive
Lafayette, LA 70501

For Tribunal Use Only

___ Permission is hereby granted

Granted by _____

Form is to be placed in the Prenuptial Investigation file as part of the permanent record