

REQUEST FOR MARRIAGE DISPENSATION / PERMISSION

Catholic Party

Full Name _____
Address _____ Personal email address _____

AMS Subject (Check One): Active Duty Dependent of Active Duty Govt. employee outside USA Resident at a military academy

Other (non-Catholic) Party

Full Name _____
Address _____ Personal email address _____

Non-baptized Baptized: Denomination: _____

Date: _____ Place: _____

Location of Marriage

Name of Base/Post/Vessel/ or civilian Parish _____ City and State _____

Officiant's Full Name _____ Officiant's Denomination _____ Date of Wedding _____

Request #1	<input type="checkbox"/> Dispensation for Disparity of Cult (c. 1086)	Reason(s) for granting the Dispensation/Permission (required)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dispensation for Disparity of Cult <i>ad cautelam</i> (doubtful baptism)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Permission for Mixed Marriage (cc. 1125 and 1126)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (consanguinity, etc.) _____	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual welfare of the parties	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Danger of invalid marriage	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Regularization of a non-Catholic marriage	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
Request #2	<input type="checkbox"/> Dispensation from canonical form (see reverse side: #6)	Reason(s) for granting the Dispensation (required)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Family harmony; to avoid alienation
		<input type="checkbox"/> Special relation with church or minister
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

Declaration and Promise of the Catholic Party	<i>I declare that I am prepared to remove dangers of defecting from the faith, and I make a sincere promise to do all in my power so that all offspring are baptized and brought up in the Catholic Church (c. 1125, 1°).</i>
	Signature _____
Statement of the Catholic Priest or Deacon	<i>I attest that the Catholic party has made the above statement, the non-Catholic party has been informed about the declaration and promise made by the Catholic party. Furthermore, both parties have been instructed about the purposes and essential properties of marriage, which neither of the contracting parties is to exclude. (c. 1125, 2° and 3°)</i>
	Signature _____
	Printed Name _____ Date _____

Send the Rescript to: (This MUST be a Catholic priest or deacon; see #8 on reverse)

Email address _____

For AMS use: **The Archbishop for the Military Services grants the necessary Dispensation(s) or Permission(s) as cited above:**
Date _____ Delegate of the Archbishop _____

PROCEDURES TO APPLY FOR A DISPENSATION / PERMISSION

1. When sending this request to the AMS, do NOT include any other documentation unless specifically requested by the AMS Tribunal.
2. The Catholic party must be a subject of the AMS currently AND at the time of the wedding; otherwise, the request must be made to the Catholic party's proper civilian parish and associated diocesan office using its form.
3. In accord with canon law and the statutes of the AMS, retirees and their dependents are not subjects of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. Thus, permission to marry outside their proper parish (c. 1115) and any other dispensations/permissions must be obtained from their proper civilian parish or diocese in order for the wedding to take place at a military installation chapel.
4. The dispensation request must be signed and sent by an AMS Catholic pastoral minister and forwarded to the AMS Tribunal in a timely fashion. This would ordinarily be immediately following the first interview with the couple. The granting of a dispensation or permission is a favor and cannot be presumed!
5. If the wedding takes place ON a military installation, the pre-nuptial investigation documents, with baptismal certificates, dispensation/permission rescript, etc., must be forwarded to the AMS Office of Sacramental Records, along with the completed *MARRIAGE RECORD* form, after the wedding has taken place.
6. In the case of a **Dispensation from Canonical Form** —
 - a) Permission for Mixed Religion (c. 1125) and/or the Dispensation from the impediment of Disparity of Cult (c. 1086, which includes “ad cautelam” cases) must also be requested.
 - b) The Catholic pastoral minister must ensure that both parties complete the AMS required catechetical and canonical preparation for marriage.
 - c) Because the AMS local ordinary must consult with the local ordinary of the territory in which the celebration of the marriage will take place before granting the dispensation from canonical form (c. 1127 §2), please allow sufficient time for handling this request.
 - d) If the dispensation from canonical form is granted, it is not permitted to have two religious celebrations of marriage, one Catholic and another non-Catholic (c. 1127 §3).
 - e) After the pastoral minister of the AMS Catholic party has been notified that the dispensation from canonical form has been granted, he or she will give to the Catholic party the “Information for Marriages Dispensed from Canonical Form.” The Catholic party is to be instructed to complete this form after the marriage takes place and return it to the Catholic pastoral minister along with a copy of the civil marriage license.
 - f) After receiving from the Catholic party proof that the marriage was celebrated, the pastoral minister will complete the AMS marriage record. The pastoral minister will send to the AMS Office of Sacramental Records all the documents, viz. pre-nuptial questionnaires of the groom and bride, witness affidavits for each party, baptism certificate(s), rescript for dispensations and permissions granted, the Marriage Record, “Information for Marriages Dispensed from Canonical Form,” and a copy of the civil marriage license.
 - g) The pastoral minister will also notify the Catholic party's church of baptism of the fact of marriage and the dispensation from canonical form.
7. Normally a hard copy of the rescript will be sent to the requesting chaplain. For any questions please contact the Tribunal at tribunal@milarch.org. Unsigned requests and those with no return address could delay granting the Dispensation/Permission, or the request could be rejected.
8. **NOTE:** *This form is to be completed ONLY by a Catholic pastoral minister and is NOT to be given to the couple to complete, process, or mail. Requests are received ONLY from and returned to Catholic pastoral ministers. All others will be rejected.*