



WITNESS CONCERNING FREEDOM TO MARRY

On behalf of _____ who plans to marry _____

Dear Witness, **DO NOT FILL OUT THIS FORM.** This form is to be given to a Catholic pastoral minister (e.g., priest, deacon, or other Catholic pastoral minister). This form must be completed personally by the Catholic pastoral minister in the physical presence of the witness. Both individuals must sign this form, in ink. Two (2) of these forms are required for the groom and two (2) for the bride. The witness is to be the closest familial contact. For grave reasons the witness may be another, in the order of those who have known the bride/groom the longest.

THIS SECTION FOR CATHOLIC PASTORAL MINISTER USE ONLY

Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth and nothing but the truth to the following questions? Yes No

Witness name? _____

Mailing address? _____

Email address? _____ Daytime phone? _____

Witness relationship to the groom/bride? _____

If a friend, how long and how well does the witness know him/her: _____

Was this person ever baptized? _____ Denomination? _____ When and where? _____

Was this person ever married before (civilly, in church, or by common law)? _____

With whom? 1) _____ 2) _____

When? 1) _____ 2) _____

Where? 1) _____ 2) _____

Before whom? (J.P., minister, priest)? 1) _____ 2) _____

How did the former marriage end? 1) _____ 2) _____

Is this person faithful to responsibilities towards children of the marriage(s)? _____

If a prior marriage was outside the Catholic Church, was the marriage later convalidated/regularized before a priest or deacon? _____ If yes, when and where? _____

MARITAL CONSENT

As far as you know, does this person intend a permanent, lifelong marriage? _____

Is any person or circumstance pressuring this person to marry? _____

Is this person able to fulfill the responsibilities of marriage? _____

(For minors) Do the parents approve of the marriage? _____

Is there any reason this marriage should not take place? _____

Are you acquainted with the other party to this marriage? _____ If yes, is the other party free to enter this marriage? _____

Have you heard either party express any intention contrary to the nature and purpose of Christian marriage? _____

If yes, please explain: _____

Further remarks: _____

WITNESS SECTION

I, the undersigned, swear to the truth of all the statements made above

Ink Signature of Witness: _____ Date: _____

CATHOLIC PASTORAL MINISTER SECTION ONLY

Ink Signature: _____ Printed name: _____

Email address: _____ Date: _____

Name of Installation OR civilian parish: _____ City and State: _____

Remarks: _____