

**ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE**  
**Affidavit Regarding the Free Status of the Bride or Groom**

According to the NCCB publication, *Faithful to Each Other Forever* (1989, p. 147), two witnesses for each party should be interviewed using this Affidavit when , two witnesses for each party should be interviewed using this Affidavit when any of the following applies:

- 1) Proof of baptism should be ascertained when a certificate is unavailable.
- 2) Proof of canonical freedom to marry must be ascertained when a party lives outside the diocese or if doubt exists in the mind of the Officiant concerning the freedom to marry.
- 3) Attitude of both sets of parents to the proposed marriage can be extremely important when the party is under 21 years of age or appears to be very immature.
- 4) When a party is a minor, under 18 years of age, the potential for a stable marriage needs to be investigated.

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

***Parental testimony is always preferred and should only be neglected for grave reasons.***

**Witness for \_\_\_\_\_ who wishes to marry \_\_\_\_\_**

**1. Your full name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. How are you related to the above-mentioned party?** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. How long have you known him/her?** \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Was the above person ever baptized?** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**5. As far as you know, or have heard, has he/she ever been married at any time in his/her life?** \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes: How many times?** \_\_\_\_\_ **With whom?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place of marriage(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approximate date(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**6. As far as you know, do the parents (or guardians) consent to this marriage?** \_\_\_\_\_

**(If not, please indicate their objection on the reverse side)**

**7. Do you know any reason why this couple should not get married?** \_\_\_\_\_ **If so, please explain:** \_\_\_\_\_

**8. As far as you know, are there any conditions of any kind being attached to this marriage by either of the parties to the marriage?** \_\_\_\_\_

**9. Is any person or circumstance forcing either one to marry against his/her will?** \_\_\_\_\_ **If so, please explain:** \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Do you know any reason on the part of either of these persons, why the forthcoming marriage would not be lawful and valid?** \_\_\_\_\_ **If so, please explain:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Priest/Deacon/Pastoral Minister/Notary Public:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parish:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State:** \_\_\_\_\_

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