



# ST. THOMAS SYRO-MALABAR CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHICAGO

## PRENUPTIAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Each of the parties should be interviewed SEPARATELY and under oath. Please print the information and answer all the questions, even if you know the parties well. A recent baptismal certificate is required for each Catholic party. Certificates are to be originals with parish seals, not photocopies.

Groom \_\_\_\_\_ Bride \_\_\_\_\_  
(Legal Name) (Legal Name)

Place of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of Witnesses: 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_

Priest blessing the Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Delegation (if needed) given by \_\_\_\_\_ Date given \_\_\_\_\_

### GROOM

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Rite (if other than Syro-Malabar) \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Place (Church) of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_

Date and place (Church) of Confirmation \_\_\_\_\_

Father's name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Rite \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Rite \_\_\_\_\_

Parish to which you belong \_\_\_\_\_ How long \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long have you known each other? ----- How long engaged \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you regularly participate in your faith? ----- Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No\* \_\_\_\_\_
3. Have you ever been married before (in church or civilly or in any other religion) ----- Yes\* \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
(If yes, give the complete details on the other side)
4. Are you related to your fiancée by blood, marriage, or legal adoption? ----- Yes\* \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
(If yes, explain how) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Are there any canonical impediments to your marriage (age, impotence?  
Sacred orders, public perpetual vow of chastity, public propriety)----- Yes\* \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
6. Have you seriously reflected on the obligations of a marital commitment and  
judged yourself capable of fulfilling them ----- Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No\* \_\_\_\_\_
7. Have you or your fiancée experienced or been treated for any mental or  
emotional difficulty or any alcohol or chemical dependency..... Yes\* \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
8. Do you understand the nature and obligations of marriage and do you agree, without any condition or reservation:
  - a) to enter a marriage that is for life----- Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No\* \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) to give your spouse the right to have children ----- Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No\* \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) to accept the obligation of being faithful to your wife ----- Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No\* \_\_\_\_\_
  - d) to give your consent freely and without force of any kind ----- Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No\* \_\_\_\_\_

9. To the best of your knowledge, is your fiancée making this same commitment ----- Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\*\_\_\_\_\_
10. Do your parents consent to this marriage ----- Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\*\_\_\_\_\_
11. Do you swear to the truth of the statements you have made ----- Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\*\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Groom

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

If an answer appears where an asterisk (\*) occurs, please give an explanation for the answer. \_\_\_\_\_

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I, the undersigned priest, declare that the groom whose signature is affixed above appeared before me personally on the date given above; that I proposed to him individually all of the above questions under oath and personally recorded the answers given; that no one else was present during the questions; that I have on file all necessary documents; and that the groom has been instructed in accord with the law of the Church.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Priest

\_\_\_\_\_  
Place

PREVIOUS MARRIAGES OF GROOM: (IF ANY)

With whom? \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Marriage

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Place where marriage was celebrated, as well as city and state

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Before whom? Title of religious minister or civil official

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
Is this marriage to be validated?

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
If the marriage was valid, how did the bond of marriage cease?

6. \_\_\_\_\_  
If a former spouse is dead, give the date of death and include death certificate

7. \_\_\_\_\_  
If a former marriage was dissolved or declared null by the Church: The official document from the Church court must be presented to the Chancery with these forms and its protocol number given here.

8. \_\_\_\_\_  
Did such a declaration of nullity indicate any restriction on your freedom to enter a new marriage?

9. \_\_\_\_\_  
How are the natural obligations, arising from this prior union, toward another party or toward children being met?

## BRIDE

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Family Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address (Street) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Rite (if other than Syro-Malabar) \_\_\_\_\_  
Date and Place (Church) of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_  
Date and place (Church) of Confirmation \_\_\_\_\_  
Father's name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Rite \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Rite \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish to which you belong \_\_\_\_\_ How long \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long have you known each other \_\_\_\_\_ How long engaged \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you regularly participate in your faith ..... Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No\* \_\_\_\_\_
3. Have you ever been married before (in church or civilly or in any other religion) ..... Yes\* \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
(If yes, give the complete details on the other side)
4. Are you related to your fiancé by blood, marriage, or legal adoption? ..... Yes\* \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
(If yes, explain how) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Are there any canonical impediments to your marriage (age, impotence, sacred orders, public perpetual vow of chastity, public propriety) ..... Yes\* \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
6. Have you seriously reflected on the obligations of a marital commitment and judged yourself capable of fulfilling them ..... Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No\* \_\_\_\_\_
7. Have you or your fiancé experienced or been treated for any mental or emotional difficulty or any alcohol or chemical dependency ..... Yes\* \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
8. Do you understand the nature and obligations of marriage and do you agree, without any condition or reservation:
  - a) to enter a marriage that is for life ..... Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No\* \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) to give your spouse the right to have children ..... Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No\* \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) to accept the obligation of being faithful to your husband ..... Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No\* \_\_\_\_\_
  - d) to give your consent freely and without force of any kind ..... Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No\* \_\_\_\_\_
9. To the best of your knowledge, is your fiancé making this same commitment ..... Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No\* \_\_\_\_\_
10. Do your parents consent to this marriage ..... Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No\* \_\_\_\_\_
11. Do you swear to the truth of the statements you have made ..... Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No\* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Bride

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

If an answer appears where an asterisk (\*) occurs, please give an explanation for the answer. \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned priest, declare that the bride whose signature is affixed above appeared before me personally on the date given above; that I proposed to her individually all of the above questions under oath and personally recorded the answers given; that no one else was present during the questions; that I have on file all necessary documents; and that the bride has been instructed in accord with the law of the Church.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Priest

\_\_\_\_\_  
Place

**PREVIOUS MARRIAGE OF BRIDE: (IF ANY)**

With whom? \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Marriage

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Place where marriage was celebrated, as well as city and state

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Before whom? Title of religious minister or civil official

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
Is this marriage to be validated?

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. \_\_\_\_\_  
How are the natural obligations, arising from this prior union, toward another party or toward children being met?

**CERTIFICATION WHEN OFFERED BY A PRIEST**

A priest may certify the correct intention and freedom to marry of the groom and/or bride by signing below. In this event, other witnesses are not required.

The undersigned is morally certain of the freedom to marry and the correct intention of \_\_\_\_\_

And/or \_\_\_\_\_ whose signature(s) appear on this form. This certainty I have from my own personal knowledge or from personal investigation. Parents have been consulted for persons under 18 years of age.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Priest

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date