



Contracting parties \_\_\_\_\_  
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DIOCESE OF DAVENPORT

WITNESS AFFIDAVIT

Testimony of a knowledgeable Witness for \_\_\_\_\_

to be married at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Church, City, and State of Marriage)

Priest or Delegate: Please indicate the purpose(s) for which this questionnaire is to be used:

\_\_\_\_\_ Part I: To establish freedom to marry when a party is not known to the pastor or his delegate arranging the marriage.

\_\_\_\_\_ Part II: To obtain parental evaluation of the proposed marriage by a party under the age of 21.

\_\_\_\_\_ Part III: To prove the baptismal status of a party when other proof is not available.

Two Witnesses are to be interviewed by the pastor or his delegate. Parents or guardians are to complete Part II, and parents are preferred witnesses for Parts I and III. If one form is used for both witnesses, any variations in testimony are to be duly noted.

OATH: Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in answer to questions about to be proposed to you? \_\_\_\_\_

1. Your full name(s) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Your address \_\_\_\_\_
3. How are you related to the person named above? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How long have you known this person? \_\_\_\_\_ How well? \_\_\_\_\_

PART I (Regarding Freedom to Marry)

5. Has the person named above ever been married, whether civilly, in a church or by common law? \_\_\_\_\_

If "yes," how many times? \_\_\_\_\_ With whom? \_\_\_\_\_

When? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

How did the marriage(s) end? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Are you aware of any Catholic Church laws which render this person ineligible for marriage at this time? \_\_\_\_\_

If "yes," please explain \_\_\_\_\_

7. Is this person mentally, emotionally, and physically able to live a normal married life? \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any reservations, what are they? \_\_\_\_\_

8. As far as you know, does this person intend to enter a marriage that is for life, to give his/her spouse the right to have children, and to accept the obligation of fidelity? \_\_\_\_\_ If "no" to any part, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Are there special circumstances affecting either party's free choice in the matter of marriage (home life, pregnancy, financial or legal problems)? \_\_\_\_\_ If "yes", please explain \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PART II: (Regarding a Person not yet 21)

10. When were you informed of this person's intention to marry? \_\_\_\_\_
11. How long has this couple been keeping company with a view to marriage? \_\_\_\_\_
12. In your judgment, how well do the parties know each other? Please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. In your judgment, how has this couple shown maturity and seriousness in preparing for their future life together? Please explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. Do you know any reason why these two should not enter marriage? \_\_\_\_\_ Please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
15. Do you fully approve of this marriage? \_\_\_\_\_ Please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
16. What problems do you foresee in their first year of marriage? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
17. Please answer also questions 8 and 9 of Part I.

PART III: (Regarding Baptism)

18. What religion does the person named now profess? \_\_\_\_\_
19. Was this person ever baptized? \_\_\_\_\_ In what religion? \_\_\_\_\_  
When? \_\_\_\_\_ By whom? \_\_\_\_\_  
In what church and city? \_\_\_\_\_  
Who were the sponsors? \_\_\_\_\_  
How do you know of this baptism? \_\_\_\_\_
20. If this person was not baptized, how do you know this fact? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Witness(es)

Subscribed and sworn to in my presence this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

Parish Seal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Pastor or delegate

Comments of Interviewer:

This affidavit should be returned to the pastor or delegate completing the marriage preparations.  
If necessary, please forward to:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_