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**WITNESS AFFIDAVIT of FREEDOM TO MARRY**  
(cc. 1067; 1069)

**Purpose: To seek your understanding of the bride/groom’s intention and readiness to enter into a sacred marriage (including convalidation).**  
If required, witnesses are necessary for the bride and for the groom.  
Witnesses *ideally* should be family members or friends who have known the bride/groom for at least ten years.

Name of  Bride or  Groom: \_\_\_\_\_

1) Do you agree to answer the following questions truthfully insofar as you are aware?  
 Yes  No

How are you related to this person? \_\_\_\_\_ Year you met this person: \_\_\_\_\_  
(father, mother, brother, sister, friend, etc.)

2) Does this person intend in this marriage:

a) To give sacrificially of self for the total well being of each other and the marital partnership? (c. 1055, §1)  
 Yes  No\*

b) To accept children lovingly from God and see to their upbringing? (c. 1055, §1)  
 Yes  No\*

c) To make an unconditional, permanent commitment, lasting until the death of his/her spouse? (cc. 1056; 1102, §1)  
 Yes  No\*

d) To be faithful to his/her spouse? (c. 1056)  
 Yes  No\*

3) Was this person ever baptized? (c. 1086)

Yes  No  Uncertain If yes, which denomination? \_\_\_\_\_

4) Has this person ever been married at any time in his/her life by a priest, deacon, minister, rabbi, civil official, common law, etc.? (c. 1085)

Yes  No If yes, how many times? \_\_\_\_\_

List the full name(s) of previous spouse(s): \_\_\_\_\_

How did the marriage(s) end?  Divorce  Death of spouse  Catholic annulment  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

If married previously, is this person meeting his/her moral/civil responsibilities to the former spouse(s) and any child/children? (c. 1071, §1, 3°)  
 Yes  No\*

5) Is this person related to his/her intended spouse by blood, marriage or legal adoption? (cc. 1091-1092; 1094)  
 Yes\*  No

6) Has this person been ordained a Catholic priest/deacon or been in a Catholic religious community? (cc. 1087-1088)  
 Yes\*  No

7) Is any person or circumstance forcing or putting pressure upon the bride/groom to marry? (cc. 1057; 1103)  
 Yes\*  No

8) Does this person have or has ever had any physical, mental or emotional, alcohol and/or drug related difficulties? (cc. 1057; 1084; 1095)  
 Yes\*  No

9) Do the parents (guardians) of the bride/groom have any reservations about this marriage?  
 Yes\*  No

\*Explain any previous response that included an asterisk (\*).

If you know any reason(s) why this marriage should not occur or information you believe should be made known about this proposed union, explain:

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Signature of Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of  Priest or  Deacon or  Lay Pastoral Assistant

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