



ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON
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).
Four witnesses are necessary—two witnesses for the bride and two witnesses 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:

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

Signature of Witness

Signature of [ ] Priest or [ ] Deacon or [ ] Lay Pastoral Assistant

Type/print name

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Parish

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City/State

Date signed