

Pre-Nuptial Inquiry

Russian Orthodox Diocese of Alaska

The purposes of the Pre-Nuptial Inquiry are 1) to assist the priest preparing the engaged couple for marriage to develop a comfortable catechetical and pastoral relationship; 2) to assist in the determination of the readiness of the couple to marry; 3) to aid the proper planning for a suitable celebration of the wedding; and 4) to assure that all the canonical requirements of the church are met.

Please type or print legibly

GROOM

BRIDE

_____ FULL LEGAL NAME _____
_____ ADDRESS _____
_____ HOME TELEPHONE _____
_____ WORK TELEPHONE _____
_____ RELIGION _____

DATE OF FIRST MEETING WITH PRIEST: _____

NAME OF PRIEST: _____

PROPOSED PLACE OF WEDDING: _____

PROPOSED DATE OF WEDDING: _____

NAME OF ORTHODOX MALE SPONSOR: _____

NAME OF ORTHODOX FEMALE SPONSOR: _____

GROOM

1. GROOM'S FULL NAME: _____

2. FATHER'S FULL NAME: _____

MOTHER'S FULL NAME: _____

4. GROOM'S RELIGION: _____

CHURCH OF BAPTISM: _____

CHURCH ADDRESS: _____

5. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN MARRIED IN THE CHURCH OR BY THE CIVIL
AUTHORITIES? YES NO

IF YES HOW MANY TIMES? _____

IF YES, IMMEDIATELY PREVIOUS SPOUSE'S
NAME(S): _____

HOW DID THE MOST RECENT MARRIAGE END? _____

NOTE: IF THERE ARE PREVIOUS MARRIAGES, IT IS NECESSARY TO ATTACH EITHER A
DIVORCE DECREE OR A DEATH CERTIFICATE (FROM THE MOST RECENT SPOUSE).
WITHOUT THESE FORMS, NO WEDDING CAN TAKE PLACE.

6. ARE YOU RELATED TO YOUR FIANCEE IN ANY WAY? YES NO

IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN: _____

7. IS ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE PRESSURING YOU TO MARRY? YES NO

8. ARE YOU CURRENTLY LIVING WITH YOUR FIANCEE? YES NO

9. ARE YOU ALREADY MARRIED LEGALLY? YES NO

10. DO YOU ALREADY HAVE CHILDREN WITH YOUR FIANCEE? YES NO

11. DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN FROM A PREVIOUS MARRIAGE OR OTHER
RELATIONSHIP? YES NO

IF YES, ARE YOU FUFILLING YOUR PARENTAL, RELIGIOUS, MORAL, AND FINANCIAL
OBLIGATIONS TOWARD THEM? YES NO

IF AN ANSWER TO ANY QUESTION NO. 7 – 11 IS PROBLEMATIC, PLEASE EXPLAIN
(REVERSE MAY BE USED):

SIGNATURE OF PRIEST _____

SIGNATURE OF GROOM _____

BRIDE

2. BRIDE'S FULL NAME: _____

2. FATHER'S FULL NAME: _____

MOTHER'S FULL NAME: _____

5. GROOM'S RELIGION: _____

CHURCH OF BAPTISM: _____

CHURCH ADDRESS: _____

5. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN MARRIED IN THE CHURCH OR BY THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES? YES NO

IF YES HOW MANY TIMES? _____

IF YES, LIST PREVIOUS SPOUSE'S NAME(S) ON REVERSE.

HOW DID THE MOST RECENT MARRIAGE END? _____

NOTE: IF THERE ARE PREVIOUS MARRIAGES, IT IS NECESSARY TO ATTACH EITHER A DIVORCE DECREE OR A DEATH CERTIFICATE (FROM THE MOST RECENT SPOUSE). WITHOUT THESE FORMS, NO WEDDING CAN TAKE PLACE.

6. ARE YOU RELATED TO YOUR FIANCEE IN ANY WAY? YES NO

IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN: _____

7. IS ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE PRESSURING YOU TO MARRY? YES NO

8. ARE YOU CURRENTLY LIVING WITH YOUR FIANCEE? YES NO

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IF YES, ARE YOU FUFILLING YOUR PARENTAL, RELIGIOUS, MORAL, AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS TOWARD THEM? YES NO

IF AN ANSWER TO ANY QUESTION NO. 7 – 11 IS PROBLEMATIC, PLEASE EXPLAIN (REVERSE MAY BE USED):

SIGNATURE OF PRIEST _____

SIGNATURE OF BRIDE _____

PRE-NUPTIAL CHECKLIST FOR PRIEST

1. PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING COMPLETED ON DATE(S) _____

2. NUMBER OF APPOINTMENTS KEPT _____

3. PROOF OF BAPTISM OBTAINED FROM BOTH PARTIES? YES NO

4. PROOF OF DISSOLUTION OF PREVIOUS MARRIAGE(S) ? YES NO
THIS WILL EITHER BE 1) DIVORCE DECREE OR 2) CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

3. IS IT NECESSARY TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM THE BISHOP TO CELEBRATE THIS MARRIAGE BECAUSE (OF):

MIXED MARRIAGE? (I.E. EITHER THE GROOM OR BRIDE IS NOT ORTHODOX BUT CHRISTAIN) YES NO

THIS MARRIAGE IS NOT THE FIRST, WHETHER BY CHURCH OR CIVIL AUTHORITY? YES NO

THE BRIDE AND GROOM ARE RELATIVES (CONSANGUINITY)? YES NO

IF YES, BY WHAT DEGREE?

THE COUPLE IS COHABITATING? YES NO

IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE THE REASON PROVIDED BY THE COUPLE.

THE PROPOSED DATE OF MARRIAGE IS NOT A SUNDAY,
OR FALLS DURING A PERIOD WHEN WEDDINGS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE
ORTHODOX CHURCH? YES NO

IF ANY OF THE ABOVE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE PRESENT, PLEASE FORWARD THIS COMPLETE FORM, ALONG WITH ANY DOCUMENTS REQUIRED WITH A LETTER REQUESTING A BLESSING TO CELEBRATE SUCH A MARRIAGE PROVIDING ANY NECESSARY DETAILS, WHICH THIS FORM DOES NOT ALREADY PROVIDE.