



Form D

Mixed Marriage Promises

In accord with Canon 1125, in order to grant the dispensation(s) and/or permission(s) for a Catholic party to marry a non-Catholic, the following conditions are to be fulfilled:

1. The Catholic party makes the mixed marriage promise below;
2. The non-Catholic party is informed of said promise and obligations;
3. Both parties are instructed about the purposes and essential properties of marriage.

The priest/deacon/pastoral minister attests to these by signing below, noting the date and place and using the Parish seal. ***This page must be included with the application for dispensation/permission.***

MIXED MARRIAGE PROMISE

Experience has shown that there can be certain dangers in a marriage in which the religious belief of the spouses is different. Individuals can fall away from the practice of their faith, and children may become victims of spiritual indifference and neglect. In order to avoid these dangers in the case of this proposed marriage, the priest/deacon/ pastoral minister is directed to discuss with both parties the responsibility of the Catholic, resulting from the very nature of his/her Catholic faith and conscience, to share this faith with his/her children by baptizing and providing proper instruction in the Catholic faith. The declaration and promise required of the Catholic party shall be made in the following words:

I reaffirm my faith in Jesus Christ and, with God's help, intend to continue living that faith in the Catholic Church. At the same time I acknowledge the respect I owe to the conscience of my partner in marriage. I promise to do all in my power to share the faith I have received with our children by having them baptized and reared as Catholics.

SIGNATURE OF CATHOLIC PARTY

or

PROMISE MADE ORALLY BY CATHOLIC PARTY

After the priest/deacon/pastoral minister has discussed this with both parties and is satisfied that the Catholic party realizes and accepts his/her responsibility to provide for the Catholic Baptism and upbringing of the children and that this requirement will not violate the other part's conscience, the priest/deacon/ pastoral minister attest to this by signing the following statement:

I have discussed with both parties the responsibilities of the Catholic party described above, and as far as I can judge, the Catholic party is sincere in his/her intention to fulfill those responsibilities. Furthermore, I have investigated the freedom of the above parties and their readiness to marry, and I have seen to their instruction regarding the Church's teaching on marriage and the duties and responsibilities of the married state.

PRIEST/DEACON/PASTORAL MINISTER

DATE

PLACE

(SEAL OF PARISH)