



ST. THOMAS SYRO-MALABAR CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHICAGO

PRENUPTIAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Each of the parties should be interviewed SEPARATELY and under oath. Please print the information and answer all the questions, even if you know the parties well. A recent baptismal certificate is required for each Catholic party. Certificates are to be originals with parish seals, not photocopies.

Groom _____ Bride _____
(Legal Name) (Legal Name)

Place of Marriage _____ Date of Marriage _____

Full Name of Witnesses: 1. _____
2. _____

Priest blessing the Marriage: _____

Delegation (if needed) given by _____ Date given _____

GROOM

Full Name _____ Family Name _____

Address (Street) _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Date of birth _____ Place of Birth _____ Occupation _____

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Religion _____ Rite (if other than Syro-Malabar) _____

Date and Place (Church) of Baptism _____

Date and place (Church) of Confirmation _____

Father's name _____ Religion _____ Rite _____

Mother's Name _____ Religion _____ Rite _____

Parish to which you belong _____ How long _____

1. How long have you known each other? _____ How long engaged _____
2. Do you regularly participate in your faith? _____ Yes _____ No* _____
3. Have you ever been married before (in church or civilly or in any other religion) _____ Yes* _____ No _____
(If yes, give the complete details on the other side)
4. Are you related to your fiancée by blood, marriage, or legal adoption? _____ Yes* _____ No _____
(If yes, explain how) _____
5. Are there any canonical impediments to your marriage (age, impotence?
Sacred orders, public perpetual vow of chastity, public propriety) _____ Yes* _____ No _____
6. Have you seriously reflected on the obligations of a marital commitment and
judged yourself capable of fulfilling them _____ Yes _____ No* _____
7. Have you or your fiancée experienced or been treated for any mental or
emotional difficulty or any alcohol or chemical dependency _____ Yes* _____ No _____
8. Do you understand the nature and obligations of marriage and do you agree, without any condition or reservation:
 - a) to enter a marriage that is for life _____ Yes _____ No* _____
 - b) to give your spouse the right to have children _____ Yes _____ No* _____
 - c) to accept the obligation of being faithful to your wife _____ Yes _____ No* _____
 - d) to give your consent freely and without force of any kind _____ Yes _____ No* _____

9. To the best of your knowledge, is your fiancée making this same commitment ----- Yes _____ No* _____
10. Do your parents consent to this marriage ----- Yes _____ No* _____
11. Do you swear to the truth of the statements you have made ----- Yes _____ No* _____

Signature of the Groom

Date

If an answer appears where an asterisk (*) occurs, please give an explanation for the answer. _____

I, the undersigned priest, declare that the groom whose signature is affixed above appeared before me personally on the date given above; that I proposed to him individually all of the above questions under oath and personally recorded the answers given; that no one else was present during the questions; that I have on file all necessary documents; and that the groom has been instructed in accord with the law of the Church.

Signature of Priest

Place

PREVIOUS MARRIAGES OF GROOM: (IF ANY)	
With whom?	_____
1. _____	Date of Marriage
2. _____	Place where marriage was celebrated, as well as city and state
3. _____	Before whom? Title of religious minister or civil official
4. _____	Is this marriage to be validated?
5. _____	If the marriage was valid, how did the bond of marriage cease?
6. _____	If a former spouse is dead, give the date of death and include death certificate
7. _____	If a former marriage was dissolved or declared null by the Church: The official document from the Church court must be presented to the Chancery with these forms and its protocol number given here.
8. _____	Did such a declaration of nullity indicate any restriction on your freedom to enter a new marriage?
9. _____	How are the natural obligations, arising from this prior union, toward another party or toward children being met?

BRIDE

Full Name _____ Family Name _____
Address (Street) _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____ County _____
Date of birth _____ Place of Birth _____ Occupation _____
Telephone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____
Religion _____ Rite (if other than Syro-Malabar) _____
Date and Place (Church) of Baptism _____
Date and place (Church) of Confirmation _____
Father's name _____ Religion _____ Rite _____
Mother's Name _____ Religion _____ Rite _____
Parish to which you belong _____ How long _____

1. How long have you known each other _____ How long engaged _____
2. Do you regularly participate in your faith _____ Yes _____ No* _____
3. Have you ever been married before (in church or civilly or in any other religion) _____ Yes* _____ No _____
(If yes, give the complete details on the other side)
4. Are you related to your fiancé by blood, marriage, or legal adoption? _____ Yes* _____ No _____
(If yes, explain how) _____
5. Are there any canonical impediments to your marriage (age, impotence, sacred orders, public perpetual vow of chastity, public propriety) _____ Yes* _____ No _____
6. Have you seriously reflected on the obligations of a marital commitment and judged yourself capable of fulfilling them _____ Yes _____ No* _____
7. Have you or your fiancé experienced or been treated for any mental or emotional difficulty or any alcohol or chemical dependency _____ Yes* _____ No _____
8. Do you understand the nature and obligations of marriage and do you agree, without any condition or reservation:
- a) to enter a marriage that is for life _____ Yes _____ No* _____
 - b) to give your spouse the right to have children _____ Yes _____ No* _____
 - c) to accept the obligation of being faithful to your husband _____ Yes _____ No* _____
 - d) to give your consent freely and without force of any kind _____ Yes _____ No* _____
9. To the best of your knowledge, is your fiancé making this same commitment _____ Yes _____ No* _____
10. Do your parents consent to this marriage _____ Yes _____ No* _____
11. Do you swear to the truth of the statements you have made _____ Yes _____ No* _____

Signature of the Bride

Date

If an answer appears where an asterisk (*) occurs, please give an explanation for the answer. _____

I, the undersigned priest, declare that the bride whose signature is affixed above appeared before me personally on the date given above; that I proposed to her individually all of the above questions under oath and personally recorded the answers given; that no one else was present during the questions; that I have on file all necessary documents; and that the bride has been instructed in accord with the law of the Church.

Signature of Priest

Place

PREVIOUS MARRIAGE OF BRIDE: (IF ANY)

With whom? _____

1. _____

Date of Marriage

2. _____

Place where marriage was celebrated, as well as city and state

3. _____

Before whom? Title of religious minister or civil official

4. _____

Is this marriage to be validated?

5. _____

If the marriage was valid, how did the bond of marriage cease?

6. _____

If a former spouse is dead, give the date of death and include death certificate

7. _____

If a former marriage was dissolved or declared null by the Church: The official document from the Church court must be presented to the Chancery with these forms and its protocol number given here.

8. _____

Did such a declaration of nullity indicate any restriction on your freedom to enter a new marriage?

9. _____

How are the natural obligations, arising from this prior union, toward another party or toward children being met?

CERTIFICATION WHEN OFFERED BY A PRIEST

A priest may certify the correct intention and freedom to marry of the groom and/or bride by signing below. In this event, other witnesses are not required.

The undersigned is morally certain of the freedom to marry and the correct intention of _____

And/or _____ whose signature(s) appear on this form. This certainty I have from my own personal knowledge or from personal investigation. Parents have been consulted for persons under 18 years of age.

Signature of Priest

Date