**Proposed Marriage**

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|  |  | **Bride** | **Groom** |
| 1 | Surname (Family Name) |  |  |
| 2 | First Name (Given Name) |  |  |
| 3 | Father’s Surname and First Name |  |  |
| 4 | Mother’s Surname and First Name |  |  |
| Mother’s Maiden Name |  |  |
| 5 | Date of Birth | .  . | .  . |
| 6 | Place of Birth |  |  |
| 7 | Origin (CH: Commune / Foreigner: Country) |  |  |
| 8 | Marital Status |  |  |
| 9 | Profession |  |  |
| 10 | Full Home Address |  |  |
| 11 | Telephone Number |  |  |
| Email |  |  |
| 12 | Denomination/Religion |  |  |
| 13 | Parish and Date of Baptism | /   .  . | /   .  . |
| 14 | Parish and Date of Confirmation | /   .  . | /   .  . |
| 15 | Date and Place of Civil Marriage | /   .  . | |
| 16 | Place (Church), Date and Time of Religious Marriage | /   .  .    , at   . | |
| 17a | Celebrant (job title, address) |  | |
| 17b | Has he been contacted? |  | |
| 18 | Place(s) and Date(s) of Marriage Preparation Course | /   .  .    ,        /   .  .    ,        /   .  .    , | |
| 19 | Preparatory Meeting(s):  Priest/Deacon, Place, Date |  | |
| 20 | Future Surname of Engaged Couple  and Full Home Address after Marriage |  | |

**Priest/Deacon Responsible for Marriage Preparation**:

*Surname and First Name:*

*Parish Stamp*

*Signature:*

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| ***Bride’s***  ***Answers*** |  | **Conversation with the Engaged Couple** | ***Groom’s***  ***Answers*** |
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| *This questionnaire shall be completed in the presence of the engaged couple, who shall answer it in person,*  *after the interviewer (priest or deacon) has duly explained each point (cf. Pastoral Guide, pp. 11-17).* | | | |
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|  |  | **Nature of and Basic Requirements for Marriage** |  |
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| **Marriage is a stable, permanent and indissoluble community of a man and a woman, according to the Creator’s intention (cf Genesis 1, verse 27). Christ wanted this community to be (for baptised Christians) a sacrament, that is, a real and effective sign of his love for the Church (Ephesians 5, verses 25-32).** | | | |
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| …………………………………………… | 21a | Do you agree to enter into such a community and are you prepared to contribute to its continual growth and development? | …………………………………………… |
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| …………………………………………… | 21b | *(When the engaged couple are baptised Christians):*  Do you fully realise that marriage is a sacrament through which you manifest the love of Christ for your spouse and together bear witness to this love throughout your life? | …………………………………………… |
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| …………………………………………… | 22 | Fidelity in marriage is essential. Do you firmly intend to exclude anything that might be contrary to the fidelity you owe your spouse? | …………………………………………… |
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| …………………………………………… | 23 | The Lord’s will is for marriage to last until death. Do you firmly intend to enter into your marriage as an indissoluble partnership for the whole of your life? | …………………………………………… |
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| …………………………………………… | 24a | The good of the married couple is one of the purposes of marriage. Are you prepared to give each other mutual support and to commit yourself to growth, fulfilment and the search for spiritual perfection? | …………………………………………… |
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| …………………………………………… | 24b | Conjugal love-of which physical love is a sign-is for the well-being of the married couple. Are you prepared to have children and give them a Christian upbringing? | …………………………………………… |
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| …………………………………………… | 25 | Marriage requires personal consent, given in complete freedom and without conditions. Has your decision to live as a married couple been taken in full freedom and unconditionally? | …………………………………………… |
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|  |  | **Additional Questions** |  |
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| …………………………………………… | 27 | Have you any obligations towards a previous spouse or towards children born of a previous union? | …………………………………………… |
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| …………………………………………… | 28 | Are you fully aware of the fact that the ability to accomplish the physical act of love is essential for Christian marriage? | …………………………………………… |
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| …………………………………………… | 29 | Are you and your future spouse related by blood or by adoption? | …………………………………………… |
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| …………………………………………… | 30 | Have you taken religious vows or received Holy Orders? | …………………………………………… |
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| ……………………………………………  …………………………………………… | 31 | (*For those under 18, that is, minors according to Article 94 CC*):  What has been the reaction of your parents/legal guardians to your proposed marriage?  Do they agree to it? | ……………………………………………  …………………………………………… |
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| **I, the undersigned, declare that I have fully understood the nature of, and the fundamental conditions for marriage according to the Catholic faith and confirm my intention of marrying within the Catholic Church.** | | | |
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| Place and Date: | Bride: | Place and Date: | Groom: |
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| Place and Date: | Priest/Deacon: | Place and Date: | Priest/Deacon: |
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**Authorisation for Celebration of a Mixed Marriage**

On the basis of the conversation with the engaged couple (see annexe on mixed marriages) and under the delegation granted to the parish priest by the decision of the Conference of Swiss Bishops, I authorise the celebration of this marriage and grant “ad cautelam” a dispensation (from the impediment of disparity of worship) to the engaged couple:

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*(Place) (Date)*

*(Stamp)* ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

***Nihil obstat*** Having examined the documents submitted to our diocese, we declare that there are no impediments to the celebration of this marriage.

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Diocese of Place of Residence:

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*(Place) (Date)*

*(Stamp)* ……………………………………………………………………………………………

*(Signature of Ordinary)*

Diocese of Marriage Celebration:

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*(Place) (Date)*

*(Stamp)* ……………………………………………………………………………………………

*(Signature of Ordinary)*

***Delegatio*** I, the undersigned, parish priest or his delegate (if appropriate join a copy of the general delegation) of the parish where the marriage is to be celebrated, delegate the power of receiving the statements of consent to:

*Ad assistendum matrimonium in finibus paroeciae nostrae delegatur :*

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*(First Name, Surname of Cleric)*

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*(Place) (Date)*

*(Stamp)* ……………………………………………………………………………………………

*(Signature of Parish Priest or his delegate)*

***Licentia assistendi*** I, the undersigned, parish priest or his delegate of the parish of residence of the engaged couple or of the catholic party (or his/her delegate) authorise the marriage outside our parish:

*Sacerdoti legitima facultate praedito licentia matrimonio extra paroeciam nostram assistendi traditur :*

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*(Place) (Date)*

*(Stamp)* ……………………………………………………………………………………………

*(Signature of the Parish Priest or his delegate)*

**Certificate of Religious Marriage**

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*(Place) (Date)*

**Spouses’ Signatures**: **First Name, Surname, Signature of Witnesses**:

Wife:  1st Witness: …………………………………………………………………………………………………………

………………………………………………………………………… *(First Name, Surname, Signature)*

Husband: 2nd Witness: …………………………………………………………………………………………………………

………………………………………………………………………… *(First Name, Surname, Signature)*

**First Name, Surname and Signature of the Minister (Priest/Deacon) who received the Consents**:

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*(First Name, Surname) (Signature)*

**Documents Required**: **Nota Bene**:

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|  | Bride | Extract from Baptismal Register  Certificate of Confirmation  Copy of an Identity Document / Copy of Birth Certificate  Other Document(s): : |  | Where there are doubts as to the validity of the marriage, the person who held the meetings with the engaged couple or who celebrated the marriage may attach to this file, before it goes to the parish archives, any comments considered useful, in a sealed envelope with the words ”For the Officials, in case of an Annulment Process” (Pastoral Guide). |
|  | Groom | Extract from Baptismal Register  Certificate of Confirmation  Copy of an Identity Document / Copy of Birth Certificate  Other Document(s):  : |  |
|  | For the Celebration | Copy of Civil Marriage Document  Annexe for Mixed Marriages  Canonical Dispensation /  Dispensation of Impediment |  |

**Registrations**:  Marriage Register  Marriage Register of the Parish  Baptismal Register  Baptismal Register

of the Place of Marriage granting the “Licentia assistendi” of the Bride of the Groom