



PETITION for a DISPENSATION FROM THE CANONICAL FORM IN A MIXED MARRIAGE

If grave difficulties hinder the observance of canonical form in a mixed marriage, the Local Ordinary of the Catholic party may dispense the Catholic from the canonical form for a just pastoral cause, after having consulted the Ordinary of the place in which the marriage is celebrated and with some public form of celebration for validity (Canon 1127, §2). If there is a dispensation from canonical form, the presence of a Catholic priest or deacon is permissible though not required. One may not have a Catholic marriage ceremony before or after the non-Catholic marriage ceremony. (Canon 1127 §3) If there has been a dispensation from canonical form, ordinarily the marriage ceremony is celebrated in a non-Catholic church or oratory. In some exceptional circumstances (e.g. certain Catholic-Jewish marriages), it may be necessary that the dispensation be granted so that a civil ceremony may occur. A public form that is civilly recognized for the celebration of marriage is required.

NOTE:

1. A Petition for a Canonical Dispensation or Permission for a Mixed Marriage **MUST** accompany this completed Petition;
2. **PRINT** clearly;
3. Fax or send this completed petition to the Chancery.

The undersigned requests for the following persons:

a Catholic with domicile or quasi-domicile in the Diocese of Wollongong,

of _____ Parish, and

_____, [name of other party]

_____, [indicate religious affiliation]

a dispensation from the canonical form of marriage which will allow

a minister of _____ to receive the exchange of vows,
[Indicate religious affiliation]

or

a civil celebrant to receive the exchange of vows.

(A letter to the Bishop explaining the exceptional circumstances requiring a civil ceremony must be attached to this Petition.)

For the following reason(s):

- to achieve family harmony or to avoid family alienation;
- to obtain parental agreement to the marriage;
- the non-Catholic party is a close relative with a non-Catholic minister.
- to permit the marriage in a church that has particular importance to the non-Catholic.
- other: _____

Permission is sought for:

- a marriage ceremony in a non-Catholic church or oratory;
- a marriage ceremony in a suitable place outside a sacred space;
(A letter to the Bishop stating the serious reason for this request must be attached.)
- a Catholic Priest or Deacon to participate in this non-Catholic marriage ceremony by offering other appropriate prayers, read from the Scriptures, give a brief exhortation and bless the couple. Only the non-Catholic minister or civil celebrant receives the consent of both parties during a non-Catholic marriage ceremony (Canon 1127 §3).

Name and title of person who will receive the consent of both parties (exchange of vows):

Name of church or place where the non-Catholic marriage ceremony will occur:

Address:

Proposed date of non-Catholic marriage ceremony:

Signatures:

Bridegroom

Bride

I, the undersigned priest/deacon, declare that after this dispensation from canonical form is granted and after the non-Catholic marriage ceremony is celebrated, I will:

- (a) send to the Chancery a completed form - "Report of the Marriage Ceremony that occurred for which a Dispensation from Canonical Form was Granted";
- (b) place all documents, dispensation(s), permission(s), and records pertaining to this marriage in the usual marriage file of the parish where the pre-nuptial inquiry and request for this dispensation from canonical form occurred (c. 1121 §3);
- (c) make notation of this marriage in the same parish marriage register where the pre-nuptial inquiry and request for this dispensation from canonical form occurred, indicating the name of the minister, place and date of the non-Catholic marriage ceremony, and the granting of the necessary dispensation(s), permission(s) (c. 1121 §3);
- (d) send the notice of marriage to the place of baptism of the Catholic spouse (c 1122).

Signature of Priest or Deacon: _____

Parish: _____

Date signed: _____



In accord with Canon 1127 §2, the request for the dispensation from canonical form is granted. The permission(s) in this petition is/are granted.

Granted by: _____ Date: _____

Granted at: Wollongong / _____ Ref No. _____