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## Testimony of Witness Form

*To the bride and groom: Each of you must have two witnesses (for a total of four witnesses for the both of you) sign completed versions of this form in the presence of either (1) a priest or deacon or (2) a notary public. It is recommended that you each complete all of the information about yourself and your fiancé (names, information about previous marriage(s), etc.) so that your witnesses simply have to supply their own personal information (name, address, phone number, etc.) and signature.*

This is to certify that I, the undersigned, have personal knowledge that –

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of bride or groom for whom you are serving as a witness

has never been married before, civilly or by the Church (or if married before, information about each previous marriage is provided below).

### ***Information about each previous marriage, if any:***

Name of Former Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Previous Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Previous Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate one of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ This former spouse is deceased (Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_ This marriage was declared null by the Roman Catholic Church, by the Diocese of

\_\_\_\_\_.

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\_\_\_\_\_.

I furthermore testify, to the best of my knowledge, that the aforementioned is giving his or her consent to marry –

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of other party (bride or groom)

at \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.  
Name of church City and state of church

I testify that, to the best of my knowledge, they desire to enter into a true Christian Marriage, including that both of them –

1. Are entering into this Marriage freely (without any pressure, force or fear) and without reservation or condition (Code of Canon Law can. 1089, 1103).
2. Intend a permanent Marriage, one which excludes divorce and which can only be ended by death (Code of Canon Law can. 1056).
3. Intend to be faithful to each other, loving and honoring each other for the rest of their lives (Code of Canon Law can. 1056, 1134).
4. Will accept children lovingly from God (Code of Canon Law can. 1055, 1096).

\_\_\_\_\_  
I have read all of the forgoing. I have knowledge of these matters because I have known the party for  
whom I am serving as a witness for \_\_\_\_\_ years and I am his or her \_\_\_\_\_.  
Number of Years E.g., father, mother, brother, sister, friend, etc.

<i>To be completed by witness:</i>	<i>To be completed by priest or deacon:</i>
_____ Witness Signature	_____ Priest or Deacon Signature
_____ Name of Witness	_____ Name of Priest or Deacon
_____ Address	_____ Place of Assignment (name of parish, chancery, etc.)
_____ City and State	_____ Address
_____ Telephone	_____ City and State
	_____ Telephone
	_____ Date

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