

**TESTIMONY OF FREE STATUS  
DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN**

Groom \_\_\_\_\_

Bride \_\_\_\_\_

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

Church of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

The deposition which follows concerns the free status of

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Prospective Spouse

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town and State

**I. QUALIFICATIONS OF WITNESS**

1. Are you related to this party? \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. If so, in what way are you related? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. If not, how long have you known this party? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Are you familiar with the fact that this party is contemplating marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

**II. BAPTISMAL STATUS**

1. Has this party ever been baptized or "christened" in any Christian denomination? \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. If so, in what denomination? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. If so, would you know in what parish church and at what (approximate) age? \_\_\_\_\_

**III. MARITAL STATUS**

1. Has this party ever been married before in any kind of ceremony? \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. If so, to whom was this party married? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Place and date of this prior marriage? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Before what type of official was it performed? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. How was this prior marriage dissolved? \_\_\_\_\_  
(By death or ecclesiastical decree?)
2. Has the Catholic party ever been dispensed from the observance of the Canonical Form (Catholic form) of marriage? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Has the Catholic party abandoned the Faith by formal act prior to the wedding? (If applicable) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Has the Catholic party ever joined a non-Catholic sect? \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Where more than one prior marriage exists, please give the same information for each instance, using the reverse side of this form.*

**IV. INTENT AND CAPACITY**

1. Insofar as you know, does this party intend to enter into a "Christian marriage," i.e., a life-long union of exclusive love and affection, open to the bearing of children? \_\_\_\_\_  
If not, please give details \_\_\_\_\_

2. Insofar as you know, does this party have the physical, mental capacity and emotional maturity to assume and reasonably fulfill the responsibilities of marriage? \_\_\_\_\_  
If not, please give details \_\_\_\_\_

3. Are you aware of any other obstacle to the proposed marriage on the part of either party? \_\_\_\_\_  
*Note: The Priest should refer to consanguinity, affinity, ligamen, etc.*

*If so, please explain* \_\_\_\_\_

*When this deposition is taken outside of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, please forward to the local Chancery for a Visum.*

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Chancellor

\_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Seal of Chancery)

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Priest

\_\_\_\_\_

Parish  
(Seal of Parish)

\_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_