

## **POLICY 2.7.3 Marriage Forms**

### HOW TO USE THESE MARRIAGE FORMS

- Checklist** An easy way to keep track of what is required for each Marriage. Use the space at the bottom as required.
- Form 1** This initial interview gathers data needed for government forms and for learning of any previous marriages requiring dispensations, permissions, declarations of nullity, etc. Be sure to sign and date this form.
- Form 2** Please complete two of this form: one for Bride and one for Groom. Bride and Groom are interviewed separately, preferably by the Priest after their pre-marital instruction/course. Be alert for potential problems like drug dependency, homosexuality, etc.
- Form 3** To be completed only for someone who is not a baptized Catholic. Choose a parent, sibling, or close relative to be the witness. Otherwise, have two witnesses.
- Form 4** Use in the absence of a Baptism Certificate, for a non-Catholic. A parent, godparent, or sibling makes a suitable witness.
- Form 5** \*Must accompany requests for marriage dispensations or permissions. Be sure to fill in **both sides** of the form, i.e. the reasons for the request(s).
- \*If the couple are going to be **married outside** of your parish, you must **sign** the Permission of Their Pastor form on the back.
- \*If members of your parish are going to be married by a **Priest from outside of the Archdiocese**, you must **sign** the Delegation to Assist Form on the back.
- Form 6** Provides essential data about previous marriages and relationships. Full documentation is required, as noted on the Checklist. Use as many forms as necessary.
- Form 7** One copy of this form goes to the Parish of Baptism for each of the Catholic parties. This also applies to any of your parishioners who are married in non-Catholic churches if they have received a dispensation from Canonical Form.

### THE PURPOSE OF THE PERMISSION AND DELEGATION FORMS ON FORM 5

#### **Permission of Pastor**

This permission is given by the Pastor to his parishioner(s) who are to be married in another parish. It is not given to the parish or to the pastor who will witness the marriage.

#### **Delegation to Assist**

This Form is granted only to priests who have no ordinary faculties in our Archdiocese to witness a marriage here. It is not needed if the visiting priest is from our archdiocese.