



# ST. THOMAS SYRO MALABAR CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF CHICAGO

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## PRENUPTIAL QUESTIONNAIRE

*(Please type or print the appropriate information)*

Each of the parties should be interviewed **SEPARATELY** and under oath. Please print the information and answer all the questions, even if you know the parties well. A recent baptismal certificate is required for each Catholic party. Certificates are to be originals with parish seals, not photocopies.

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Groom (Legal Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bride (Legal Name)

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Full Name of Witness (1)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Full Name of Witness (2)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Priest blessing the Marriage

\_\_\_\_\_  
Delegation (if needed) given by

\_\_\_\_\_  
Delegation (if needed) Date

### GROOM RESPONSES

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

(Work) \_\_\_\_\_

(Mobile) \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Rite (if other than Syro Malabar) \_\_\_\_\_

Place (Church) of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Place (Church) of Confirmation \_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Rite\_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Rite\_\_\_\_\_

Parish you belong to \_\_\_\_\_ How long \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long have you known each other? \_\_\_\_\_ How long engaged?\_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you regularly participate in your faith? ☐ YES ☐ NO\*

3. Have you ever been married before? (in church, civilly or in any other religion)  
(If yes, provide details below) ☐ YES ☐ NO

4. Are you related to your fiancée by blood, marriage or legal adoption?  
(If yes, explain how below) ☐ YES ☐ NO

5. Are there any canonical impediments to your marriage?  
(age, impotence, sacred orders, public perpetual vow of chastity, public propriety)  
(If yes, explain below) ☐ YES ☐ NO

6. Have you seriously reflected on the obligations of a marital commitment  
and judged yourself capable of fulfilling them? ☐ YES ☐ NO\*

7. Have you or your fiancée experienced or been treated for any mental  
or emotional difficulty or any alcohol/chemical dependency?  
(if yes, explain below) ☐ YES ☐ NO

8. Do you understand the nature and obligations of marriage and do you agree, without any condition or  
reservation?

a) to enter a marriage that is for life ☐ YES ☐ NO\*

b) to give your spouse the right to have children ☐ YES ☐ NO\*

c) to accept the obligation of being faithful to your wife ☐ YES ☐ NO\*

d) to give your consent freely and without force of any kind ☐ YES ☐ NO\*

9. To the best of your knowledge, is your fiancée making this same commitment? ☐ YES ☐ NO\*

10. Do your parents consent to this marriage? ☐ YES ☐ NO\*

11. Do you swear to the truth of the statements you have made?

☐ YES ☐ NO\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Groom

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

If an answer appears where an (asterisk\*) occurs, please provide an explanation for the answer:

I, the undersigned priest, declare that the groom whose signature is affixed above, appeared before me personally on the date given above; that I proposed to him individually all of the above questions under oath and personally recorded the answers given; that no one else was present during the questions; that I have on file all necessary documents; and that the groom has been instructed in accord with the law of the Church.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Priest

\_\_\_\_\_  
Place

### PREVIOUS MARRIAGES OF THE GROOM (IF ANY)

With whom? \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Marriage

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of Marriage (City and State)

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Before whom? (Title of religious minister/civil official)

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
Is this marriage to be validated?

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
If the marriage was valid, how did the bond of marriage cease?

6. \_\_\_\_\_  
If former spouse is dead, provide date of death and include the death certificate

7. \_\_\_\_\_  
Protocol Number

(if a former marriage was dissolved or declared null by the Church. The official document from the Church Court must be presented to the Chancery with this form)

8. \_\_\_\_\_  
Did such a declaration of nullity indicate any restriction on your freedom to enter a new marriage?

9. \_\_\_\_\_  
How are the natural obligations, arising from this prior union, toward another party or toward children being met?

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## BRIDE RESPONSES

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ (Mobile) \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Rite (if other than Syro Malabar) \_\_\_\_\_

Place (Church) of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Place (Church) of Confirmation \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Rite \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Rite \_\_\_\_\_

Parish you belong to \_\_\_\_\_ How long \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long have you known each other? \_\_\_\_\_ How long engaged? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you regularly participate in your faith? ☐ YES ☐ NO\*

3. Have you ever been married before? (in church, civilly or in any other religion)  
(If yes, provide details below) ☐ YES ☐ NO

4. Are you related to your fiancée by blood, marriage or legal adoption?  
(If yes, explain how below) ☐ YES ☐ NO

5. Are there any canonical impediments to your marriage?  
(age, sterility, religious orders, public perpetual vow of chastity, public propriety)  
(If yes, explain below) ☐ YES ☐ NO

6. Have you seriously reflected on the obligations of a marital commitment  
and judged yourself capable of fulfilling them? ☐ YES ☐ NO\*

7. Have you or your fiancée experienced or been treated for any mental  
or emotional difficulty or any alcohol/chemical dependency?  
(if yes, explain below) ☐ YES ☐ NO

8. Do you understand the nature and obligations of marriage and do you agree, without any condition or reservation?

a) to enter a marriage that is for life

☐ YES ☐ NO\*

b) to give your spouse the right to have children

☐ YES ☐ NO\*

c) to accept the obligation of being faithful to your husband

☐ YES ☐ NO\*

d) to give your consent freely and without force of any kind

☐ YES ☐ NO\*

9. To the best of your knowledge, is your fiancée making this same commitment?

☐ YES ☐ NO\*

10. Do your parents consent to this marriage?

☐ YES ☐ NO\*

11. Do you swear to the truth of the statements you have made?

☐ YES ☐ NO\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Bride

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

If an answer appears where an (asterisk\*) occurs, please provide an explanation for the answer:

I, the undersigned priest, declare that the bride whose signature is affixed above, appeared before me personally on the date given above; that I proposed to her individually all of the above questions under oath and personally recorded the answers given; that no one else was present during the questions; that I have on file all necessary documents; and that the bride has been instructed in accord with the law of the Church.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Priest

\_\_\_\_\_  
Place

### PREVIOUS MARRIAGES OF THE BRIDE (IF ANY)

With whom? \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Marriage

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Marriage (City and State)

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Before whom? (Title of religious minister/civil official)

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Is this marriage to be validated?

5. \_\_\_\_\_

If the marriage was valid, how did the bond of marriage cease?

6. \_\_\_\_\_

If former spouse is dead, provide date of death and include the death certificate

7. \_\_\_\_\_

Protocol Number

(if a former marriage was dissolved or declared null by the Church. The official document from the Church Court must be presented to the Chancery with this form)

8. \_\_\_\_\_

Did such a declaration of nullity indicate any restriction on your freedom to enter a new marriage?

9. \_\_\_\_\_

How are the natural obligations, arising from this prior union, toward another party or toward children being met?

### CERTIFICATION WHEN OFFERED BY A PRIEST

A priest may certify the correct intention and freedom to marry of the groom and/or bride by signing below. In this event, other witnesses are not required.

The undersigned is morally certain of the freedom to marry and the correct intention of

\_\_\_\_\_ And/or \_\_\_\_\_ whose signature(s)

appear on this form. This certainty I have from my own personal knowledge or from personal investigation. The parents have been consulted for persons under 18 years of age.

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Priest

\_\_\_\_\_

Date