

**DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER
MIXED RELIGION**

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To the Reverend Chancellor:

....., aged

(Print Name in Full)

residing at

(Street Address and City / Town, State)

a Catholic of this parish, wishing to marry

....., aged

(Print Name in Full)

residing at

(Street Address and City / Town, State)

a non-Catholic, unbaptized, baptized in the church,
humbly petitions the Most Reverend Bishop to grant

..... a dispensation from the impediment of Disparity of Cult.

..... canonical permission for the Mixed Religion.

..... a dispensation from disparity of Cult "ad cautelam" and canonical
permission for the Mixed Religion.

The canonical reasons are:

..... Spiritual welfare of the couple;

..... Well-founded hope that non-Catholic party will become a Catholic;

..... Danger of an invalid marriage;

..... Danger of apostasy if the dispensation / permission is denied;

..... Validation of Marriage attempted outside of the Church;

..... Other (Please Specify):

These parties have been instructed by me concerning the sacredness of marriage, its unity and indissolubility. All required documents are on file and the pre-nuptial investigation has been completed.

The Catholic party has been specifically instructed concerning all obligations inherent in the profession and practice of the Catholic Faith, and has solemnly promised to fulfill these obligations. The non-Catholic party has been explicitly appraised of the obligations of the Catholic party and has been informed of the solemn promise given by the Catholic party. I attest to the sincerity of both parties.

..... **Pastor / Assistant**

..... **Church**

....., **Massachusetts**

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(1) Declaration and Promise of the Catholic Party

- a. The Catholic party is to state as follows:

"I reaffirm my faith in Jesus Christ and, with God's help, intend to continue living that faith in the Catholic Church."

"I promise to do all in my power to share the faith I have received with our children by having them baptized and reared as Catholics."

- b. The Catholic party may be invited to confirm this declaration and promise in writing. If he or she so chooses, the signature should be placed here:

.....
(Signature)

- c. Whether the declaration and promise be given orally only, or orally and then confirmed in writing, the fact is to be authenticated by the priest:

The required promise and declaration have been made by the Catholic in my presence. I attest to the sincerity with which this was done.

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(Date)

.....
(Priest)

(2) Notice Given to the Non-Catholic Party

- a. The priest is required to inform the non-Catholic party of the obligations of the Catholic party, and of the declaration and promise made by the Catholic party. This fact must be authenticated:

The non-Catholic party has been informed of all requirements, and it is certain that he / she is aware of the promise and obligation on the part of the Catholic.

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(Date)

.....
(Priest)