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Affidavits of Freedom to Marry

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Date of Wedding

_____ _____
Bride Groom

For the Groom: I swear that the person named above as **Groom**

1. Has never been married;
2. Is not related to the party he intends to marry; and
3. Is not affected by any other impediment to marriage.

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Signature of 1st Witness Relationship or Years of Friendship

_____ _____
Signature of 2nd Relationship or Years of Friendship

For the Bride: I swear that the person named above as **Bride**

4. Has never been married;
5. Is not related to the party he intends to marry; and
6. Is not affected by any other impediment to marriage.

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Signature of 1st Witness Relationship or Years of Friendship

_____ _____
Signature of 2nd Relationship or Years of Friendship

The National Conference of Catholic Bishops, in accord with the prescriptions of canon 1067 and with due regard for canon 1068, hereby decrees that the following norms shall be observed in preparation of a couple for marriage:

1. The couple should receive appropriate education and pastoral preparation through participation in a marriage preparation program approved by the diocesan bishop;
2. Parties should be questioned as to their freedom to marry;
3. Baptized Catholics should present a recently issued annotated baptismal certificate;
4. **Where necessary**, additional documentation (such as affidavits of parents) attesting to a Catholic party's freedom to marry should be presented;
5. **Baptized non-Catholics** should present satisfactory proof of baptism and freedom to marry;
6. **Unbaptized persons** should present satisfactory proof of freedom to marry;
7. Preparation for marriage should be in conformity with the prescriptions of canon 1063 (regarding what must precede marriage) and canons 1064, 1071, 1072, 1086, §2 and 1125, which entrust certain situations to the special care of local ordinaries;
8. Preparation for marriage should be in compliance with appropriate civil laws.