

ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA
AFFIDAVIT REGARDING THE FREE STATUS OF BRIDE OR GROOM

According to the NCCB Publication "Faithful to Each Other Forever, 1989" (page 147), two witnesses for each party should be interviewed using this Affidavit when any of the following applies:

- 1) Proof of baptism should be ascertained when a certificate is unavailable.
- 2) Proof of canonical freedom to marry must be ascertained when a party lives outside the diocese or if doubt exists in the mind of the officiant concerning freedom to marry.
- 3) Attitude of both sets of parents to the proposed marriage can be extremely important when the party is under 21 years of age or appears to be very immature.
- 4) When a party is a minor, under 18 years of age, the potential for a stable marriage needs to be investigated.

Parish: Our Lady of the Mountains
Address: 1908 Waleska 108
Jasper, GA 30143
Attn: _____
Date of Marriage: _____

Parental testimony is always preferred and should only be neglected for grave reasons.

Witness for _____ who wishes to marry _____

1. Your full name: _____
Address: _____
_____ Telephone: _____
2. How are you related to the above mentioned party? _____
3. How long have you known him/her? _____
4. Was the above person ever baptized? _____ Date: _____
Church: _____ City: _____
5. As far as you know or have heard, has he/she ever been married at any time in his/her life? _____
If yes: How many times: _____ With whom: _____
Place of marriage: _____
Approximate date: _____
6. As far as you know, do the parents (or guardians) consent to this marriage? _____
(If not, please state their objections on reverse side)
7. Do you know of any reason why this couple should not get married? _____ If so, please explain:

8. As far as you know, are there any conditions of any kind being attached to this marriage by either of the parties to the marriage? _____
9. Is any person or circumstance forcing either one to marry against his/her will? _____ If so, please explain:

10. Do you know of any reason on the part of either of these persons, why the forthcoming marriage would not be lawful and valid? _____ If so, please explain: _____

Your Signature: _____

Signature of Priest/Deacon/Pastoral Minister/Notary Public: _____

Parish: _____

City/State: _____

Date: _____

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