

Family Marriage History & Understanding of Holy Matrimony Form

The following questions are here to help the priest or deacon who is working with you as a couple to be better prepared to make a life-long commitment in the sacrament of Holy Matrimony. A family's history can color our understanding of marriage, so by knowing this history, we hope to be able to better form you through marriage prep. These questions are of a personal nature, but please don't imagine that by honestly answering these questions we mean to prejudice a priest or deacon who is preparing you. These answers will help us to better understand where you are coming from in your own understanding of marriage. These questions should be answered individually and by both the future bride and groom.

Have you been divorced in the past, & if so how many times? _____

Have your previous marriages (if any) all been annulled by the Church? _____

Were your biological parents married? _____

Are your parents still married? _____

Are your parents both Catholic? _____

Were your parents married in the Catholic Church? _____

If your biological father has been divorced in the past, then how many times? _____

If your biological mother has been divorced in the past, then how many times? _____

If your parents have been divorced, have those previous marriages been annulled? _____

If you have one, has your step father been divorced, & if so how many times? _____

If you have one, has your step mother been divorced, & if so how many times? _____

How many of your grandparents, uncles or aunts or siblings or in-laws are divorced (if any)? _____

Do you understand that Christ declared marriage to be a life-long & unbreakable covenant? _____

Name some of your mentors who have really shown you great examples of married life:

Do you have any good friends in strong marriages that can really support you and challenge you in your married life?

Have you spoken with your future spouse about your understanding of marriage based upon your own personal history and your experiences from your own family (both good or bad)? _____

Do you understand that despite any family history, with grace you are nevertheless free and able to make a commitment for life with your intended spouse? _____