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WITNESS QUESTIONNAIRE
For Marriage of

_____ and _____
Groom (full name) Bride (full name)

(Parish of Marriage and Address)

Affidavit of Witness for: _____
Name of Bride or Groom

TWO WITNESSES ARE TO BE USED FOR EACH PARTY: (Each witness should be interviewed alone and under oath)

1. To assist in proving baptism, when certificate is unavailable.
2. To assist in establishing freedom to marry when some doubt exists concerning that freedom (e.g. bride or groom not known to instructing priest/deacon).
3. To investigate the attitude of BOTH parents, and the stability of the proposed marriage when the party is under 19 years of age.

Note: Parental testimony is always preferred.

1. Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth, without any reservations, in answering the following questions? _____

2. Name (First/Middle/Last) _____

Address _____

3. What is your relationship to the person whose name appears above? _____

4. How long have you known this person? _____ How well? _____

5. Has the above mentioned person ever gone through any type of marriage ceremony? _____

How many times? _____ With whom? _____

How did this marriage(s) end? (i.e. death, divorce, still exists) _____

6. Is the above mentioned person related to the other party to this intended marriage? _____

If "yes", in what way? _____

7. To the best of your knowledge, is the above person: (a) intending to enter a life-long union? _____ (b) entering this marriage

freely? _____ (c) intending to be faithful for life to the partner in this marriage? _____ If "no" to any part of

question 7, explain _____

8. Do you know of any reason why this person should not be married? _____

If "yes", explain _____

(OVER)

TO BE COMPLETED IF BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE NOT AVAILABLE:

9. Was the above mentioned person ever baptized? _____ In what religion? _____
When? _____ In what church and place? _____
By whom? _____ Who were the sponsors? _____
_____ Were you present? _____ If not, how do you know of the
Baptism? _____
What religion does this person practice at present? _____

TO BE COMPLETED IF THE BRIDE OR GROOM NOT BAPTIZED:

10. If the above person was not baptized, how do you know of the non-baptism? _____

What religion does this person practice at present? _____

IF THE PARTY IS UNDER 19 YEARS OF AGE: The following questions should be answered.

11. How long have these parties known one another? _____
12. How long have they been dating with a view to marriage? _____
13. When did you become aware of their intention to marry? _____
14. Have you tried to discourage them from entering this marriage? _____
15. Is there any reason why this person feels compelled to marry at this time? _____

16. How does this couple intend to meet their financial responsibilities? _____

Signature of Witness

Seal

Signature of Interrogating Priest or Deacon

Date

Place

Comments by interviewer (if necessary) _____

