CHRIST CATHEDRAL PARISH
ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE of ORANGE
12141 S. LEWIS STREET, GARDEN GROVE, CA 92840

# Testimony to Prove Free State to Marry

*Revised 08/28/2026*

**I hereby testify that** the **GROOM OR BRIDE:** _____
*(Please mark the appropriate responses.)*

1. ☐ **No** ☐ **Yes** **Has ever been civilly married before?**
   **"No"** *indicates that the individual* ***has never been civilly married****.*
   **"Yes"** *indicates that the individual* ***has previously entered into a civil marriage****.*
   **If "Yes", how many times? 1 2 3 4** *(please circle)*
   - **1.a.** ☐ **Yes** ☐ No **Has the Roman Catholic Church declared the previous civil marriage(s) invalid?**
   - **1.b.** ☐ **Yes** ☐ No **Is it currently in the process of submitting Catholic annulment documentation for the previous civil marriage(s) according to the Roman Catholic Church?**

2. ☐ **Yes** ☐ No **Has freely given consent to marry** the **BRIDE OR GROOM:** _____ at **Christ Cathedral, Diocese of Orange, Garden Grove, California**?

3. ☐ **Yes** ☐ No **Do both the Groom and the Bride freely desire to enter into a truly Christian marriage**, that is, a covenant between one man and one woman, establishing a partnership for the whole of life through the mutual giving and receiving of love and respect, according to the **Rite of Holy Matrimony of the Roman Catholic Church**?

**I am the:**

☐ Father ☐ Mother ☐ Brother ☐ Sister ☐ Uncle ☐ Aunt ☐ Cousin ☐ Grandparent
☐ Friend of the Groom or Bride, whom I have known since he/she was 18 years of age or younger.

| _____ | _____ | _____ |
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| **Full Name** | **Signature** | **Date** |

***Please have the Testimony document signed by any priest or deacon at a Catholic church, whether within or outside Christ Cathedral Parish or the Diocese of Orange. Alternatively, you may have it notarized by any public notary.***

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| **Full Name** | **Signature** | **Date** |

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