

DISPARITY OF CULT DISPENSATION

For the marriage between a Catholic and someone who is not baptised to be valid, the Catholic's local Ordinary has to grant the required dispensation.

Dispensation from the impediment of disparity of cult is subject to the same canonical conditions as permission for a **MIXED MARRIAGE**.

Again, priests are asked to fill up our new one page **PRE-NUPTIAL ENQUIRY FOR NON-ROMAN CATHOLICS** (see appendix).

Along with this completed form, priests should also obtain a declaration from their immediate family (or their own legally sworn oath) that they are free to marry. It is important that the wording of their 'freedom' explicitly clarify that this party *'has never previously been married, either in a civil or a religious ceremony'*.

(Previous Marriage is dealt with in later section)

Once all the above has been gathered and completed the papers for both parties should be forwarded to Bishop's House along with a completed application for a **DISPARITY OF CULT DISPENSATION** (see appendix).

PRE-NUPTIAL ENQUIRY (NON RC)

Name _____

Address _____

Date/Place of Birth _____

Date/Place of Baptism _____

Denomination _____

Please attach copy of baptismal certificate.

Have you ever contracted a civil or religious marriage? _____

*If yes, clearance will need to be obtained and attached
(see Previous Marriage section).*

If no, please attach testimony of freedom (see page 12 or 15)

Are you entering marriage free from any kind of pressure? _____

Do you intend to enter a permanent marriage that can
only be dissolved by death? _____

Do you accept that marriage involves a lifelong responsibility
to love and support each other? _____

Do you accept that being married means being faithful
to each other for life? _____

Do you understand and accept the rights and duties of
marriage in relation to having and rearing children? _____

Are you giving your full consent to this marriage without
reservation? _____

Do you understand the promises your partner has made on
their pre-nuptial enquiry? _____

Signature of party _____

Signature of priest _____

Date: _____

DISPENSATION FROM DISPARITY OF CULT

Bishop Nulty,

I request the appropriate dispensation so that _____
a Catholic of the parish of _____
may lawfully and validly marry _____
who is **not** baptised.

The marriage is due to take place in _____
_____ on _____

The Pre-Nuptial Enquiry has been completed (enclosed) and I have established their freedom to marry in the Church.

The Catholic party has made and signed the required declaration and promise in their Pre-Nuptial Enquiry Form. The above has been explained to the non-Catholic party and his/her reaction was _____

Signature of Priest _____

Date

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