

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR WITNESS FORMS
FOR THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY IN KANSAS**

Instructions for completing the Freedom to Marry Witness form for the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas for marriages outside the Archdiocese:

The Groom **OR** the Bride's name goes on the line marked, "Groom/Bride," depending on who the witness is for.

The witness's name goes in the line marked, "Witness to be named by party."

The witness's address goes on the lines marked, "Street, City."

The priest or deacon preparing you for the marriage goes on the line, "Person Arranging Marriage."

Please fill out the rest of the form and answer the questions on the "Testimony of Witness" section.

For the section, "If Proof of Baptism is needed": if you know the baptismal information, you may enter it. Otherwise, if you have submitted the baptismal certificates to the priest or deacon arranging the marriage, he can submit it with the prenuptial paperwork and you don't have to fill this section out.

Do not sign the form unless you have read the next step:

Either the signature of your pastor with the parish seal **OR** a notary is needed at the bottom of the form.

Therefore,

(1) Sign the form where it says "Witness," and ask your parish priest to sign at the bottom on the signature line and affix the parish seal by his signature,

OR

(2) Have the form notarized. If you are going to notarize it, you **MUST** sign it in the presence of the notary on the line that says "Witness." Otherwise, the notary must refuse to notarize the document by law. You will need to print out a new one and start over.

Mail the form to the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas Tribunal Office (address on the form) or to the priest preparing you for your marriage. Please do so in a timely manner so that your couple's church paperwork can be processed without delay.

Please Note:

The Tribunal Office of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas requires that two witness forms be filled out for the bride and two for the groom. The witnesses must be at least 18 years of age and can be parents, other relative or a close friend that knows the couple. The engaged couple can even use the same witnesses, but separate forms must be filled out.

Thank you!

ARCHDIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY IN KANSAS

12615 Parallel Parkway
Kansas City, Kansas 66109

FREEDOM TO MARRY testimony on behalf of:

_____ (Groom/Bride)

_____ (Witness to be named by party)

_____ (Street)

_____ (City)

_____ Groom

_____ Bride

_____ Date of Marriage

_____ Person Arranging Marriage

_____ Church of Marriage _____ City

Testimony of witness:

1. What is your relation to this person? _____
2. How long have you known this person? _____
3. Describe the maturity of this person: () *very immature () *immature () mature () very mature
4. What is your attitude toward this proposed marriage?
() *serious reservations () *reservations () accepting () very comfortable
5. Do you know any reason why this marriage should not take place or might not succeed? *Yes _____ No _____
6. Was this person ever married before? *Yes _____ No _____
7. Are there any persons/circumstances pressuring this person to enter into this marriage? *Yes _____ No _____
8. Have the parents of this person any objections to this marriage? *Yes _____ No _____
9. Please explain any answer checked where an asterisk (*) appears and add any further comments:

IF PROOF OF BAPTISM IS NEEDED for this person, the one arranging for this marriage should please check this box: ()

Is party baptized? Yes ___ No ___ In what religion? _____

Baptism Date _____ Church _____

City _____ State _____

Witness _____ Notary _____

Date _____ Place _____

Please return completed form to:

Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas - Office of the Tribunal
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