



Diocese of Marquette  
WITNESS AFFIDAVIT

Witness I

Testimony of a Knowledgeable Witness for \_\_\_\_\_

to be married at \_\_\_\_\_  
Church and City of Marriage

This form (in whole or in part) is to be used in the following cases:

- 1. To establish freedom to marry when either party is not known to the priest or deacon arranging the marriage.
- 2. To prove the baptismal status of either party when other proof is not available.

Witnesses must be interviewed SEPARATELY by the priest or deacon. Parents usually are preferred witnesses.

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
A married woman should also include her maiden name

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. no. \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

2. How long have you known the person whose name appears above? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your relationship to this person? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Has this person ever been baptized? \_\_\_\_\_ In what religion? \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_  
Church \_\_\_\_\_ City, State \_\_\_\_\_

4. Has this person ever contracted or attempted marriage (in church, civilly, or by common law?) \_\_\_\_\_

How many times? \_\_\_\_\_ With whom? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

Where? \_\_\_\_\_ How ended? \_\_\_\_\_

For any invalid marriage(s) listed above, was there ever a validation before a Catholic priest or deacon? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Do you know of any canonical impediments to this marriage (age, family relationship, sacred orders, public perpetual vow of chastity, crime, public propriety, impotence?) \_\_\_\_\_

6. Is this person mentally and physically able to live a normal married life? \_\_\_\_\_

7. As far as you know, does this person intend to enter a marriage that is for life, to give his or her spouse the right to have children, and to accept the obligation of fidelity? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Is this person being forced in any way to enter marriage against his or her will? \_\_\_\_\_

9. (If the person to be married is under 18) Do the parents or guardians give their consent to this marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Do you solemnly swear to the truth of the statements you have made? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Priest/Deacon/Pastoral Coordinator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Church and City



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