



Application for a Dispensation from the Canonical Form of Marriage

If grave difficulties hinder the observance of canonical form in a mixed marriage, the Local Ordinary of the Catholic party may dispense the Catholic from the canonical form for a just pastoral cause, after having consulted the Ordinary of the place in which the marriage is celebrated and with some public form of celebration for validity (Canon 1127, §2). If there is a dispensation from canonical form, the presence of a Catholic priest or deacon is permissible though not required. One may not have a Catholic marriage ceremony before or after the non-Catholic marriage ceremony. (Canon 1127 §3) If there has been a dispensation from canonical form, ordinarily the marriage ceremony is celebrated in a non-Catholic church or oratory. In some exceptional circumstances (e.g. certain Catholic-Jewish marriages), it may be necessary that the dispensation be granted so that a civil ceremony may occur. A public form that is civilly recognized for the celebration of marriage is required.

NOTE:

1. A Petition for a Canonical Dispensation or Permission for a Mixed Marriage MUST accompany this completed Petition;
2. PRINT clearly;
3. Return this completed petition to the Chancery.

The undersigned requests for the following persons: _____, a Catholic,
with domicile or quasi-domicile in the Diocese of Wagga Wagga; of _____ Parish;
and _____, *[name of other party]*
_____, *[indicate religious affiliation]*

a dispensation from the canonical form of marriage which will allow

- a minister of _____ to receive the exchange of vows,
[Indicate religious affiliation]

Or

- a civil celebrant to receive the exchange of vows.

(A letter to the Bishop explaining the exceptional circumstances requiring a civil ceremony must be attached to this Petition.)

For the following reason(s):

- to achieve family harmony or to avoid family alienation;
- to obtain parental agreement to the marriage;
- the non-Catholic party is a close relative with a non-Catholic minister.
- to permit the marriage in a church that has particular importance to the non-Catholic.
- other: _____

