



## Saint Thomas More Catholic Church

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**Instructions:** Please print in black or type. Complete all information omitting shaded areas.

Tribunal Use Only:	<b>VISUM</b>
No. _____	Date: _____
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Delegate of Bishop	

### Witness Questionnaire

Groom (Full name)	Bride (Full name)
Parish/Church of Marriage	
Address of Church of Marriage	
Affidavit of Witness for:	(name of bride or groom)

**TWO WITNESSES ARE TO BE USED FOR EACH PARTY:** (Each witness should be interviewed alone and under oath)

- To assist in proving baptism, when certificate is unavailable.
- To assist in establishing freedom to marry when some doubt exists concerning that freedom (e.g. bride or groom not known to instructing priest/deacon).
- To investigate the attitude of BOTH parents, and the stability of the proposed marriage when the party is under 19 years of age.

**Note: Parental testimony is always preferred.**

1. Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth, without any reservations, in answering the following questions?	Yes	No
2. Name (First/Middle/Last)		
Address	City/State/ZIP Code	
3. What is your relationship to the person whose name appears above?		
4. How long have you known this person?	How well?	
5. Has the above mentioned person ever gone through any type of marriage ceremony?	Yes	No
How many times?	With whom?	
How did the marriage(s) end? (i.e. death, divorces, still exists)		
6. Is the above mentioned person related to the other party to this intended marriage?	Yes	No
<i>If "yes," in what way?</i>		
7. To the best of your knowledge, is the above person:	a. intending to enter a life-long union?	Yes No
b. entering this marriage freely? Yes No	c. intending to be faithful for life to the partner in this marriage?	Yes No
<i>If "no" to any part of question 7, please explain.</i>		
Do you know of any reason why this person should not be married?	Yes	No
<i>If "yes," please explain.</i>		

## To Be Completed if Baptismal Certificate Not Available

9. Was the above mentioned person ever baptized?		In what religion?
When?	In what church and place?	
By whom?	Who were the sponsors?	
Were you present?    Yes        No	If not, how do you know of the baptism?	
What religion does this person practice at present?		

## To Be Completed if the Bride or Groom Not Baptized

10. If the above person was not baptized, how do you know of the non-baptism?
What religion does this person practice at present?

## To Be Completed if Party is Under 19 Years of Age

11. How long have these parties known one another?
12. How long have they been dating with a view to marriage?
13. When did you become aware of their intention to marry?
14. Have you tried to discourage them from entering this marriage?    Yes        No
15. Is there any reason why this person feels compelled to marry at this time?
16. How does this couple intend to meet their financial responsibilities?

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Signature of Witness

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Signature of Interrogating Priest or Deacon

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Place

Comments by interviewer (if necessary)

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