



St. Mary's By The Sea
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Testimony of Freedom to Marry

Matrimony is a gift from Lord for the engaged couple and their Church. The priest witnesses the establishment of a covenant of love and fidelity in marriage, not only between the couple themselves, but also between the couple and our Church. As such it is important and a canonical obligation of the priest to ascertain that the couple is truly capable of entering into the Sacrament of Matrimony. Your solemn attestation, through this document, will enable the priest (deacon or minister) to faithfully fulfill this sacred obligation.

Testimony of Witness for: _____

Who wishes to enter into marriage with? _____

At church of (name and address): _____

Date of marriage: _____

Name and address of witness: _____

What is your relationship to this person? _____

Do you know of any serious reason (impediment) why this person should not marry at this time? _____

Do you solemnly swear that the person named above: _____

(a) Is **not** related to the party he/she intends to marry _____

(b) Possesses sufficient maturity to enter the covenant of marriage _____

(c) Is, as far as you know, he/she freely intending to enter a faithful and lifelong marriage, open to children? _____

(d) Has this person ever been married before, either civilly, by the law or religiously?
(If yes, please explain on the back of this page) _____

I do solemnly attest to the truth of the statements I have made.

Signature of Witness

Signature of Priest (or notary)

Date

(seal)

Church (or City/State)

Reminder: This must be signed in the physical presence of any priest or notary public.