



Diocese of Raleigh
DECLARATION OF FREEDOM TO MARRY
Formal Declaration

This section is to be completed preferably by an immediate family member of the bride or groom.

SECTION A

Name of bride or groom: _____

Name of intended spouse: _____

Date of marriage: _____

Place of marriage: _____

Your relationship to the bride or groom: _____
Mother, father, brother or sister, close friend

How long have you known the bride or groom: _____

To the best of your knowledge, has he/she ever been married before? Yes No (please circle)

If yes, how many times: _____ Are the bride and groom civilly married to each other: _____

Please list name of all former spouse(s): _____

Do you know of any reason which could prevent this marriage from taking place? Yes No
(please circle)

If yes, please give details: _____

Please sign below in the presence of a public notary or clergy.

SECTION B

This section is to be completed and signed by the person who completed section A.

Name of person making this declaration: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature of person making this declaration: _____

I attest that the person making this declaration has signed it in my presence.

Public Notary/Catholic Clergy: _____

Date: _____

SEAL

Directions for filling out Declaration of Freedom to Marry (Form B)

There should be a two witness for the bride and two witnesses for the groom.

Parental testimony is preferred.

The next option would be from a close family member.

An additional option would be from a close friend who has known the person since the age of 18.

Future in-laws are discouraged from being the witnesses regarding freedom to Marry.

Bride and Groom can not witness for one another regarding freedom to Marry.

Form B must be dated, signed, and sealed by either a public notary, Priest, Deacon or Pastoral Minister.

For any questions regarding Freedom to Marry, please contact the Chancery directly.