

ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS
Sanation for
MATRIMONIAL DISPENSATION AND/OR MATRIMONIAL PERMISSION

application to be mailed to:
THE CHANCERY OFFICE
P. O. Box 1410
1400 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202

INSTRUCTIONS

SANATION OF MARRIAGE is the healing of an invalid marriage other than by a ceremony of validation and is often a **PASTORAL SOLUTION FOR AN OTHERWISE WELL DISPOSED PERSON TO AN OTHERWISE INSOLUBLE PROBLEM**. In preparing to help a person for whose marriage sanation is sought, you should obtain and/or prepare the following documents:

1. The record of the civil marriage for which sanation is sought.
2. The ordinarily required baptismal records.
3. The ordinary marriage form to be filled out in the usual manner by the person seeking the sanation, noting particularly the freedom to marry of the other party.
4. The dispensation form to be filled out by the person seeking sanation. This will usually be a request for dispensation from the impediment of Disparity of Worship or for the permission for Mixed Religion, but may also be for any other impediment of the ecclesiastical law which lies within the dispensing power of the Archbishop. It may also be simply a request for the sanation of a marriage which is invalid only by reason of defect of form, but in a situation such as this it is quite likely that the above mentioned permission should be requested.

You should then assure yourself of the following facts:

1. That there is no other impediment to the marriage for which sanation is sought.
2. That the conjugal consent of both parties endures and that it is likely that their common life will continue.
3. That the Catholic party is sincere in making the declaration and promise which are contained in the dispensation form.
4. That the non-Catholic or the reluctant Catholic party cannot be prudently asked or, being asked, will not consent to the ordinary validation of the marriage.
5. That in any case in which the Catholic party has made the required declaration and promise the other party be at least substantially aware of this fact.

The ordinary request for dispensation by way of sanation should then be sent to the Chancery Office with the notation in the space provided that sanation is sought and with indication in the space provided that all of the above facts are verified.

When the rescript of sanation has been received, the person who has petitioned it should be informed that it has been granted and the marriage from the date of the sanation is valid and binding until death. Sacramental absolution should be strongly urged, and all entries and notifications should be made with appropriate adaptations.

No sanation can be granted for a marriage which was impeded at the beginning by natural or divine law, even though the impediment has ceased, e.g., by the death of the spouse; but in this case an imperfect sanation can be sought from the Holy See. Also, it should be noted that only the Holy See can grant sanations in case of impediments reserved to it.

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I, the undersigned Priest/Deacon/Delegate of the Parish of _____, _____, _____
Name of Parish City State
do hereby request that the following **sanation** (*sanatio in radice*) be granted (*check the applicable one(s) below*):

- Permission for a Marriage of Mixed Religion
- Dispensation from Canonical Form and Permission for a Marriage of Mixed Religion
- Dispensation from Canonical Form and Dispensation from the Impediment of Disparity of Worship
- Dispensation from the Impediment of Disparity of Worship
- Permission for a Marriage of Mixed Religion and *ad cautelam* a Dispensation from the Impediment of Disparity of Worship (in the case of doubt regarding the baptism of the non-Catholic party.)

for the marriage between _____, a Catholic who is a
Name of the Catholic party
Parishioner at _____, and _____, a non-Catholic.
Name & city of the parish of domicile Name of the non-Catholic party

The non-Catholic party is (*check one*):

- Baptized in the _____ Faith.
Denomination
- Unbaptized.

The granted of this dispensation and/or permission will enable the parties to enter into a valid and licit marriage, according to the laws of the Roman Catholic Church.

The marriage ceremony took place at _____,
(Name of the church, place of worship, or temple)
at _____ on _____ at _____,
Name and Address Date Time
before _____ (name of minister).

I recommend the granting of this sanation (*sanatio in radice*) for the following reasons:

- The spiritual welfare of the faithful.
- The possibility of attempting an invalid marriage.
- The possibility of conversion of the non-Catholic party.
- To achieve family harmony or to avoid alienation.
- To recognize significant relationship to minister or church of the non-Catholic party.
- Other: _____.

Signature of Priest/Deacon/Delegate Date

PROMISE OF THE CATHOLIC PARTY

The Catholic party in a mixed marriage or a case of disparity of worship is required to make the following declaration in the presence of a Representative of the Catholic Church.

I reaffirm my faith in Jesus Christ and, with God’s help, intend to continue living that faith in the Catholic Church. At the same time I acknowledge the respect I owe to the conscience of my partner in marriage. I promise to do all in my power to share the faith I have received with our children by having them baptized and raised as Catholics.

Signature of Catholic Party

Date

ATTESTATION BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

I certify by my signature that the Catholic Party has made the above declaration and promise with full knowledge of its intent and that the other party is aware of the promise obliging the Catholic Party.

Signature of Priest/Deacon/Delegate

Date

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Dispensation/Permission by way of Sanatio No.: _____

The Catholic party named above is hereby granted the following sanation:

- Permission for a Marriage of Mixed Religion
- Dispensation from Canonical Form and Permission for a Marriage of Mixed Religion
- Dispensation from Canonical Form and Dispensation from the Impediment of Disparity of Worship
- Dispensation from the Impediment of Disparity of Worship
- Permission for a Marriage of Mixed Religion and *ad cautelam* a Dispensation from the Impediment of Disparity of Worship (doubtful baptism)

in order that the aforesaid marriage be contracted validly and licitly, according to the laws of the Roman Catholic Church.

Granted by:

Signature _____

Date _____

Printed Name _____

Title _____