

PRENUPTIAL INVESTIGATION FOR PARISHES OF THE BYZANTINE METROPOLITAN CHURCH SUI IURIS OF PITTSBURGH, USA

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Form E-1 evaluation referral process for a special circumstance.
Form E-2 must also be used in a request to prohibit marriage.

Form E-1

EVALUATION REFERRAL PROCESS FOR A SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE MARRIAGE

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS: Should a pastoral minister find that a couple is experiencing significant difficulty or that a truly serious issue needs to be addressed, the couple should be referred for evaluation. A review may involve psychological, medical, or theological consultation according to procedure established in the particular eparchy.

1. This form is to be completed and sent to the designated eparchial office in an envelope marked CONFIDENTIAL. It will then be referred to the proper local agency.
2. If a psychological evaluation is needed, an intake screening will be arranged.
3. If professional counseling is indicated, a referral will be recommended to the couple.

Pastoral ministers must keep a balanced perspective. A pre-marital inventory is normally administered early in a couple's process of marriage preparation. When results are received, do not overreact simply to low scores in such instruments.

Before referring a pending marriage, explain the basic concerns to the couple and, when applicable, ask permission to discuss the matter first with the pastor of the parish and, if necessary, with an eparchial consultant. When a serious doubt remains, the case should be referred to the designated eparchial office, which will determine the appropriate steps to take.

Date of submission to the designated eparchial office: _____ / _____ / _____.

Name of the pastoral minister _____

Parish: _____ Telephone: ____ (____) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Proposed date of the marriage (if a wedding be already scheduled): _____ / _____ / _____.

Church where the wedding is to be held: _____

I hereby request the evaluation of the marriage readiness of this couple whose situation is explained on the reverse side.

SIGNATURE OF THE PASTORAL MINISTER: _____

DATA ABOUT THE COUPLE AND THE ISSUE(S) UNDER CONSIDERATION

Groom

Bride

_____ NAME _____

_____ CURRENT ADDRESS _____

_____ CITY OF CURRENT RESIDENCE _____

_____ STATE, ZIP CODE _____

_____ RELIGION AND CHURCH SUI IURIS _____

_____ AGE _____

_____ BEST PHONE NUMBER FOR CONTACT _____

_____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

_____ OCCUPATION _____

1. When did this couple first contact the parish? _____

2. How many meetings has the couple had with the pastoral minister? _____

3. Has the couple taken a pre-marital inventory? yes no
If so, attach a copy of the results.

4. Did the couple attend a marriage preparation program? yes no

5. For those under 18 years of age, have the parents been consulted? yes no

6. **Explain the difficulties or problems encountered:**

7. The couple consents to the referral of their marriage readiness to the eparchial review process.

We have reviewed the statement above about the difficulty we are experiencing as explained by the pastoral minister to us. We agree to having this matter referred to the designated eparchial office. If it be necessary for us to see a professional counselor, we understand the choice is ours as to whether or not to cooperate. If we do so, we know that we would need to sign a release before any counselor could communicate with the designated eparchial office and pastoral minister about us. We also know that a decision about our proposed marriage may finally have to be made by the eparchial bishop or his syncellus.

_____/_____/_____
SIGNATURE OF THE GROOM DATE SIGNATURE OF THE BRIDE