Form C - **Testimony of Freedom** Bride

Diocese of Boise
1501 Federal Way
Boise, Idaho 83705-2588

DATE OF WEDDING: _____

Bride: _____ _____
(full name) (parish in which party will be married)

Witness for Bride: _____
Name
_____
Street Address
_____
City , State , Zip

Do you swear to tell the truth to the following questions? Yes No

1. What is your relation to the Bride? _____

2. How long have you known the Bride? _____

3. Has she ever been married, attempted marriage civilly or lived in common law union ? Yes No

4. Does she have children from any previous union ? Yes No

If so, is she fulfilling her obligations with respect to those children ? Yes No

5. Is there anything that would prevent this person from entering into a valid marriage ? Yes No

6. Is there "any person or circumstance" forcing this person to enter into this planned marriage ? Yes No

7. Have the parents of the Bride given their consent to this marriage? Yes No

If not, why not? _____

8. Is the Bride baptized? Yes No
If so, in what denomination? _____

9. Do you know of any reason why this marriage should not take place? Yes No

If so, please explain: _____

_____

X _____
Signature of Witness

_____
Signature of person receiving testimony

Date: _____, _____ Place: _____

Canon 1066 states, "Before a marriage takes place, it must be established that nothing stands in the way of its valid and lawful celebration." In those <u>rare</u> instances where it is impossible to obtain the above testimony of freedom (e.g., due to the couple's advanced age), if the person preparing the couple for marriage is morally certain of the parties' freedom to marry, <u>they may make a written and signed statement in the place of the form C stating their moral certitude and the basis of their belief.</u> Such a statement must be included in the couples' marriage file kept by the parish. When a dispensation or permission is necessary, the signed statement must be sent to the Chancery with the other appropriate forms A and B.

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