Province of Chicago
WITNESS AFFIDAVIT
Archdiocese of Chicago

Testimony of a Knowledgeable Witness for ________________________

to be married ________________________

Church and City of Marriage ________________________

This form (in whole or in part) is to be used in the following cases:
1. To establish freedom to marry when either party is not known to the priest of deacon arranging the marriage.
2. To prove the baptismal status of either party when other proof is not available.
Witnesses must be interviewed SEPARATELY by the priest or deacon. Parents usually are preferred witnesses.

1. Name __________________________________________________________
A married woman should also include her maiden name

Address __________________________________________________________
Street ______________________________________ Apt. no. ______________________
City ______________________ County ______________________ State ______________________ Zip Code ______________________

2. How long have you known the person whose name appears above? ______________________
What is your relationship to this person? ______________________

3. Has this person ever been baptized? ______________________ In what religion? ______________________
Place of Baptism ______________________________________________________
Church ______________________ City, State ______________________
Date of Baptism ______________________

4. Has this person ever contracted or attempted marriage (in church, civil, or by common law)? ______________________
How many times? ______________________ With whom? ______________________ When? ______________________
Where? ______________________ How ended? ______________________

For any invalid marriage(s) listed above, was there ever a validation before a Catholic priest or deacon? ______________________

5. Do you know of any canonical impediments to this marriage (age, family relationship, sacred orders, public perpetual
vow of chastity, crime, public propriety, impotency)? ______________________

6. Is this person mentally and physically able to live a normal married life? ______________________

7. As far as you know, does this person intend to enter a marriage that is for life, to give his or her spouse the right to
have children, and to accept the obligation of fidelity? ______________________

8. Is this person being forced in any way to enter marriage against his or her will? ______________________

9. Do the parents or guardians give their consent to this marriage? ______________________

10. Do you solemnly swear to the truth of the statements you have made? ______________________

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Church Seal

______________________________
Signature of Witness

______________________________
Signature of Priest/Deacon

______________________________
Church and City

Date ______________________
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   Church and City

   ______________________________
   Date