



Testimony of Free Status

The priest conducting the PNI administers this to two witnesses, under oath, whenever the free status of the bride or groom is doubtful (e.g., party unknown to the priest), or one party is non-Catholic, or one of the parties has lived outside the Diocese of Providence for six months or more after reaching the age of puberty.

Reason for Testimony of Free Status:

Lived outside Diocese 6+ mo. after puberty Doubt of free status (e.g., party unknown to priest) Non-Catholic

Other: _____

The deposition which follows concerns the free status of:

_____ _____ _____
Groom Bride Religion

Name of Witness: _____

Address of Witness: _____

How are you related to: _____ ? _____
(Prospective spouse)

How long have you known this party? _____

What opportunity have you had to know this party well?

Is this party entering into marriage freely? Yes No

Has this party been married in any way (church, civil ceremony) before*? Yes No

*If yes, a) Name of spouse: _____

b) Place and date of wedding: _____

c) Before whom (priest/minister/justice)? _____

d) How did marriage Death (provide death notice)

cease? Decree of Nullity/Protocol Number: _____

Seeking convalidation (provide civil marriage license)

Dissolved by Rescript of the Roman Pontiff

Signature of Witness

Signature of Priest/Deacon

Parish & Address (with seal)

Date

N.B., when this disposition is taken outside of the Diocese of Providence, please forward to the local chancery for a "visum est".

Chancellor: _____ Date & Place _____

(Seal of Chancery)