

CHURCH REQUIREMENTS FOR MARRIAGE WITH FOREIGNERS

Clearance: Foreigners who wish to apply for marriage with a Filipino citizen must first secure clearance from the Archdiocesan Chancery Office at the Arzobispado de Manila, 121 Arzobispo St., Intramuros, Manila (near Manila Cathedral). This clearance must be submitted to the Parish Office upon filing of application for the wedding.

Baptismal Certificate: This must be the original and obtained not more than three months from the wedding date. It must have the annotation: "FOR MARRIAGE PURPOSE ONLY." This is a requirement for BOTH bride and groom whether they are Catholic or not.

Certification of freedom to marry: This can be obtained from the Catholic Pastor, Protestant Minister or the Embassy of the foreigner.

Marriage license: this can be obtained from the civil authorities; or a Marriage Contract if already married with the civil registry number.

Permission and certification of singularity: This can be obtained from the parish of the bride if she is Catholic.

Military clearance: This has to be secured from the base military authorities specifically from the immediate Commanding Offices ONLY if any of the parties belong to the military.

For Non-Catholic: A certification of his/her legal capacity to marry. Has to be obtained from his/her embassy or from the country of origin.

Marriage bans: These have to be posted for three consecutive Sundays.

Dispensation: A dispensation from the impediment of mixed marriage/religion (Disparitas Cultas) has to be obtained if necessary.

Widow and Widower: The **death certificate** of the former spouse has to be presented to the office.

Divorced parties: A document of the **Declaration of Nullity** promulgated by the Catholic Memorial Tribunal or a certification from the Bishop of the party that he/she is free to marry has to be presented to the Archdiocesan Chancery Office for authentication and clearance.