

**APPLICATION TO CELEBRATE
A MARRIAGE OUTSIDE A SACRED PLACE**

BRIDEGROOM

BRIDE

Name_____

Name_____

Address_____

Address_____

Religion_____

Religion_____

Parish_____

Parish_____

Diocese_____

Diocese_____

Marriage Status_____

Marriage Status_____

Place and Date of Baptism_____

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Proposed date of Marriage_____

Proposed place of Marriage_____

Celebrant_____

We request permission to celebrate our marriage at the place noted above. Our reasons for this request are as follows:

Signed: Bridegroom_____ Bride_____

Date:_____

Ceremony outside a Sacred Place

The pastoral statement of the Australian Bishops on Mixed Marriage says: "If the request to have a marriage in a place other than a Church springs from a desire to water down the religious content of the ceremony, obviously it cannot be granted. A couple ought not to ask a priest to take part in what is no more than a civil ceremony with a few religious trappings."

While this is naturally the policy of the Archdiocese, priests should not too hastily conclude that every request is motivated by a "desire to water down the religious content to the ceremony".

To be completed by the priest celebrant

I (support/do not support) the application to celebrate a marriage outside a sacred place, My reasons are as follows:

Signed: _____ (Priest) Date: _____

Considering the details of this request, approval for this marriage to be celebrated outside a sacred place is granted/not granted.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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