

LEGAL PAPERS for CATHOLIC WEDDINGS

1. BAPTISM CERTIFICATE

2. CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATE

This document should be requested and dated close to your wedding date.

3. CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATE

This document is the assurance that you are free from any canonical impediment for marriage.

a.) These certificates must be obtained from the parish priest in which you were baptized and must be dated within 3 months of your marriage.

b.) If the date of your confirmation is not written in the parish in which you were baptized, you should ask for it in the same parish in which you were confirmed.

c.) Take these certificates to your present parish priest who should make the pre-nuptial inquiries and catechetical instruction.

4. FREEDOM TO MARRY CERTIFICATE.

This document confirms that you have not been married and that you are free to marry. This mustn't be issued more than 3 months before your wedding.

5. WRITTEN PERMISSION MUST BE OBTAINED FROM YOUR BISHOP TO HAVE YOUR MARRIAGE PERFORMED OUT OF YOUR PARISH AND HERE IN SANTORINI.

This is according to Canon 1115" of the Codex Juris Canonici. Please discuss with your pastor.

6. CERTIFICATE STATING YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE "PRE-CANA" INSTRUCTION CLASS, RETREAT OR MEETINGS.

7. DIVORCE CERTIFICATE IF ANY (from Civil and Church Authorities).

In the case that one or both sides has been divorced, you are obligated to obtain those Certificate

Please note that all documents must be sent to Archbishop Office in Syros Island for review 2 months before your wedding in Santorini.

You have to stay in Santorini at least 1 day after your wedding, in order to go to the Town Hall to sign your Marriage Certificate.

It will be sent to you by post from the Town Hall.

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