

COVENANT MARRIAGE

Affidavit and Attestation including also a Declaration of Intent
(For use by couples presently married)

DECLARATION OF INTENT

We, the undersigned, do solemnly declare that marriage is a covenant between a man and a woman who agree to live together as husband and wife for so long as they both may live. We understand the nature, purpose, and responsibilities of marriage. We have read the Covenant Marriage Act, and we understand that a Covenant Marriage is for life. If we experience marital difficulties, we commit ourselves to take reasonable efforts to preserve our marriage, including marital counseling.

With full knowledge of what this commitment means, we do hereby declare that our marriage will be bound by Louisiana law on Covenant Marriage, and we renew our promise to love, honor, and care for one another as husband and wife for the rest of our lives.

Signed this the _____ day of _____, in the year of our Lord _____.

Signature of Spouse

Signature of Spouse

AFFIDAVIT

PARISH OF _____

STATE OF LOUISIANA

BE IT KNOWN THAT on the hereinafter subscribed date, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally came and appeared:

(Print names of spouses)

who after being sworn by me, Notary, deposed and stated that:

Affiants acknowledge that they have received counseling from a priest, minister, rabbi, clerk of the Religious Society of Friends, any clergyman of any religious sect, or a professional marriage counselor, which counseling included:

- A discussion of the seriousness of Covenant Marriage;
- Communication of the fact that a Covenant Marriage is a commitment for life;
- The obligation of a Covenant Marriage to take reasonable efforts to preserve the marriage if marital difficulties arise, and

That the affiants both read the pamphlet entitled "The Covenant Marriage Act" developed and promulgated by the office of the attorney general, which provides a full explanation of a Covenant Marriage, including the obligation to seek marital counseling in times of marital difficulties and the exclusive grounds for legally terminating a Covenant Marriage by divorce or divorce after a judgment of separation from bed or board.

(Signature of Spouse)

(Signature of Spouse)

SWORN TO and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, _____.

Notary Public No. _____
State of Louisiana

ATTESTATION

The undersigned does hereby attest that the affiants did receive counseling from me as to the nature and purpose of marriage, which included a discussion of the seriousness of Covenant Marriage, communication of the fact that a Covenant Marriage is for life, and the obligation of a Covenant Marriage to take reasonable efforts to preserve the marriage if marital difficulties arise.

Counselor