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Thank you for contacting me about officiating at your wedding ceremony.

I was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in 1978 as a member of a religious order, the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity, in Silver Spring, Maryland. I served parishes in West Virginia, Kentucky, and Ohio. I resigned from the Missionary Servants to marry in 1988. I currently live in Westminster, Maryland with my wife and our two children. I work in the field of mental health.

Because of my decision to marry, I am not authorized to administer sacraments on behalf of the Catholic Church. Through the auspices of CITI Ministries, Inc. (Celibacy is the Issue), I am affiliated with the International Council of Community Churches (ICCC) and through that affiliation, I am authorized to perform weddings that are recognized as legal and binding by the civil authorities (e.g. the State of Maryland). Copies of my authorization documents are available upon request. Please be aware that weddings I perform are **not** recognized as valid by the Catholic Church. If you wish, you may seek church approval of your wedding at a later time. You can contact your parish priest to have your marriage validated after the wedding ceremony.

My fee for weddings in Central and Western Maryland is \$700.00. My fee for weddings on Maryland's Eastern Shore and outside the state is \$850.00. The fee covers the wedding ceremony, the rehearsal, meetings prior to the rehearsal, submitting the signed marriage license via certified mail, unlimited consultations about the ceremony and other expenses related to my time and travel. A deposit of \$100.00 to reserve the date is required as part of the overall fee. The balance of the fee is due the day of the wedding. I do **not** expect to be invited to the rehearsal dinner or the wedding reception—I am aware of the expense involved. If a couple chooses to invite me, I will be happy to attend as my schedule permits.

If you would like to meet with me in person or arrange for a telephone interview before deciding, we can schedule that for a time that is mutually convenient. Many couples prefer to meet for coffee or a light meal and that can be easily arranged.

Please accept my congratulations on your upcoming nuptials. Whether or not you select me as your officiant, know that you have my prayers and best wishes for a joyful wedding ceremony and a long and happy life together. May God's blessings be with you as you prepare for the day of your wedding and for your life together.

