

A Marriage Inventory
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
East Longmeadow, MA 01028

Instructions: Please fill out this form as completely and honestly as you can. If a question does not seem to apply put "N/A" by it. It is desirable for you to answer every question leaving none blank. Fill it out your own by yourself. If you want to compare answers later, feel free to do so, but please don't change them. Return your inventories to the Parish office in advance of our next session so that I can have a chance to look at them before we talk about them. Enjoy.

Fr. Peter

Date: ___/___/___

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Live with: parents by self roommate , fiancé , other .

Telephone: ___ - ___ - ___ Employed by _____ Position _____

I. Background

How long have you known your intended? _____ Been engaged? _____

Number of previous engagements: _____ Marriage(s): _____ Who terminated previous relationships? _____

Number of sisters _____ brothers _____ in your family

Check the type of community you grew up in: rural , small town , suburb/large town , medium city , metropolitan center .

Check the highest level of schooling you have completed: Grade _____, high school , some college , bachelor degree , master degree , doctorate , professional degree .

Check what you consider your family's social status in its community:

One of the leading families , upper class , middle class , lower class , not sure .

As a child you had: many friends , some friends , few friends , almost no friends .

As a child did you feel: frequently lonely , occasionally lonely , seldom lonely .

Check any of the following which describe your thoughts/feelings about sex as a pre-adolescent: Clueless , anxious , baffled , curious , envious , guilty , ashamed , joyful .

Check any of the following which describe your thoughts/feelings about sex as a teenager:
Clueless , anxious , baffled , curious , envious , guilty , ashamed , joyful .

Check what you consider to be your sex education level right now. Elementary , some areas not too sure about confident , mastery .

Who was the most significant parent to you in your childhood home? Mother , Father , Other _____

Who was easiest to talk to? Father , Mother , Other _____

Discipline in your family was: Cruel , Harsh , Strict , gentle/firm lenient , non-existent .

Check the description of your parents' relationship which fits best when you were growing up:
Married and happy , Married and Silent , Married and Fighting , Divorced and bitter ,
Divorced and Polite , Lived with step/foster parents , Parents deceased .

Use these categories (or any other) to describe their relationship now: _____

How did they resolve differences? _____

How did messages get delivered: directly , through other people , everyone was supposed to know what you/they thought secrets were very important .

Check your degree of independence from your parents during adolescence: Emancipated , boarding school , quite independent , dependent , very dependent enmeshed .

Describe your dating behavior: dated many people , dated in groups , dated a few people , had one or two serious relationships , dated very little .

The degree of sexual involvement you expect in a dating relationship is:
non-intimate touching , kissing , intimate touching , sexual intercourse other .

Would you expect your children to have: the same dating standards , more liberal standards , more conservative standards .

How important was religion in your household growing up? _____

How important were ethnic/social/economic issues in your family? _____

Are you aware of any persons in your family of origin who were: problem drinkers , alcoholic , drug dependent , mentally ill , sex abusers , compulsive gamblers , anorexic/bulimic

List the afflicted person(s) and their relationship to you:

Person	Illness	Relationship
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

II. Issues and Interactions

Money

Do you have significant debt? _____ Do you have any problems managing money? _____ Do you worry about money a lot? _____ Does your intended discuss his/her financial condition with you? _____

Who earned the money in your family? Father , Mother both Other _____

Who made most of the spending decisions? Mother , Father , both , Other _____

Are you planning a pre-nuptial agreement? _____ If so, why? _____

Have you discussed/made plans for the any of the following:

	Discussed?	Agreed?
Joint checking account	_____	_____
Joint savings account	_____	_____
Buying real estate	_____	_____
Paying cash or credit	_____	_____
Who will manage money	_____	_____
How large purchases are made	_____	_____
A household budget	_____	_____
Career more important (husband/wife)	_____	_____
Women working after children are born	_____	_____

Recreation

List those activities your future spouse enjoys that you do not participate in:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

List those activities that you enjoy without your future spouse:

List the activities that you enjoy together:

What conflicts do you have over recreation? _____

Religion

Would you describe yourself as:

very religious , average interest , not very interested , antagonistic .

How would you rate your future spouse's interest in religion: _____

Have you had any significant differences in this area? _____

If so, describe them:

Are there any teachings of the Episcopal Church you have wondered about? _____

If so what are they? _____

How often have you worshiped together in the last 6 months? _____

Sex

Have you discussed any of the following:

	Discussed?	Agreed?
Degree of sexual intimacy in dating	_____	_____
Unacceptable sexual behavior	_____	_____
Birth control	_____	_____
Who initiates love making	_____	_____
Public displays of affection	_____	_____
Achieving good sex relations in marriage	_____	_____

Did any of these cause conflict? _____

Which of these would you like to discuss or get help with? _____

In-Laws

Have you discussed any of the following? Did you agree after discussion?

	Discussed?	Agreed?
How often to see/visit relatives	_____	_____
Resistance of any relatives to the marriage	_____	_____
What decisions relatives will make for you	_____	_____
Relations with In-laws	_____	_____
Differing customs in families	_____	_____

Did any of these cause conflict? _____
 Which of these would you like to discuss or get help with _____

Children

Have you discussed any of the following:

	Discussed?	Agreed?
How soon to have children	_____	_____
How many children to have	_____	_____
Religious training of children	_____	_____
Allowances	_____	_____
Discipline	_____	_____
Sex education	_____	_____

Emotions

Have you felt:	Y/N
Any need to be better-understood	_____
Any need for more warmth/closeness	_____
Any need for more tenderness	_____
Blocks to expressing own feelings	_____
Hostility over courtship issues	_____

How do you fight? _____

Do you think conflict will: go away by itself , should be settled by compromise , should be avoided if at all possible .

Issues

On the following continuum (Always agree . . . Never agree) mark where you find yourself:

	Always Agree	Never Agree
Drinking	_____	
Pre-marital sex	_____	
Politics	_____	
Friends/family members	_____	
Goals in life	_____	
Career(s)	_____	
Money	_____	
Time spent together	_____	
Gambling	_____	
Mood altering drugs (alcohol, etc.)	_____	

Please list the things that have troubled you about entering a marriage covenant.

What do you find most annoying or irritating about your intended?

If you could make your intended "to order", what would you change about her or him?

If you had your courtship to do over, what would you do differently?

What do you find most attractive about your intended?

What was it that caused you to choose St. Mark's Episcopal Church as the community in which to Celebrate and Bless your Marriage?

Anything else you want to say or ask?