

## PRESIDING PRIEST AUTHORIZATION TO MARRY

**All Priests or Deacons coming from OUTSIDE THE STATE OF NEVADA to perform marriages must be licensed by the State of Nevada.** Most states do not require the licensing of clergy to witness marriages. The State of Nevada **does**.

The visiting priest/deacon will need to provide the Diocese of Reno with a **Letter of Good Standing or Letter of Suitability and/or a Celebret**. And then obtain a **Single Ceremony Certificate** from the State of Nevada in Douglas County for a marriage taking place at Our Lady of Tahoe in Zephyr Cove, Nevada.

In order to avoid any delays for the bride and groom, please have the visiting priest/deacon send Diocese of Reno Clerk's Office of the Moderator of the Chancellor your documents.

Contact: Karen Smeath in the Diocese of Reno Office of Chancellor:

**1) Diocese of Reno**

**290 So. Arlington Avenue**

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Website: <https://renodiocese.org/home/about-our-diocese/tribunal/>

**AND**

Then a **Single Ceremony Certificate with Affidavit to Solemnize Marriages for State of Nevada/Douglas County** must be obtained. It requires a Notarized application and a fee to obtain. The application can only be submitted in person at the Douglas County Clerk Office because it requires original notarized documents. To download the application:

**2) Douglas County Clerk**

P.O. Box 218

Minden, NV 89423

(775) 782-9023

Website: <https://cltr.douglasnv.us/general-information/marriage-information/minister-instructions/>

3) **A Letter of Delegation** from Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic Church will be provided.

4) A copy of the Authorization to Solemnize Marriages issued license is required to be delivered to Our Lady of Tahoe.