

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**
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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.