



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII
DIOCESE OF HONOLULU
WITNESS TO JESUS

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SUBJECT: CHANGE IN LAW REGARDING DECLARED MIDDLE AND LAST NAME

Dear Priests and Deacons,

Please note the communique below from the State of Hawaii.

When filling out the State marriage certificate on-line after the ceremony, you should inquire (if it is not already noted on the marriage license) what middle and last name each party will use on the official marriage registry. If there is a change of name, the **sacramental marriage register should use the person's baptismal name but make a note of the name change in the NOTATIONS.**

Declared Middle and Last Names in Marriage & Civil Union

Effective April 17, 2019, Hawaii law is changed to allow parties to a marriage or civil union to choose any middle or last name to use upon the marriage or civil union.

Chapter 574-1 Married persons; civil union partners. Upon marriage or civil union, each of the parties to a marriage or partners in a civil union shall declare the middle and last names each will use as a married person or civil union partner. No person shall be required to change that person's middle or last name upon entering into a marriage or civil union. Parties to a marriage and partners in a civil union shall not be required to have the same middle or last name. Every person may adopt any middle or last name upon entering into a marriage or civil union.