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THE TRIBUNAL  
DIOCESE OF PATERSON  
777 VALLEY ROAD  
CLIFTON, N.J. 07013

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### APPLICATION FOR A DECLARATION OF NULLITY ON THE BASIS OF DEFECT OF THE CANONICAL FORM

I hereby request that a Declaration of Nullity for the canonically invalid marriage of

\_\_\_\_\_, a baptized member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Church,  
 (Petitioner)  
 currently residing at \_\_\_\_\_, and  
 (complete address)  
 \_\_\_\_\_, a baptized member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Church,  
 (maiden name/present legal name)  
 currently residing at \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (complete address)

The Petitioner testified under oath in my presence that the attempted marriage was the first union for both parties, and that it was never witnessed before a Roman Catholic priest and two witnesses. The Petitioner also stated under oath that no dispensation from the canonical form of marriage had been sought or granted by a Diocesan Chancery.

The following **MUST** accompany this application to the Tribunal:

- (1) a baptismal certificate from the Roman Catholic party, issued not longer than 2 months prior to the date of this application, making sure that any marginal inscriptions, especially those pertaining to the Sacrament of Marriage are stated. If there are no notations regarding marriage, make sure the phrase "no notations" is written in the appropriate place on the certificate.
- (2) an original or a certified record of the canonically invalid marriage **which shows the name and the title of the officiant (e.g. priest, judge, rabbi, minister);**
- (3) a copy of the decree of civil divorce or civil annulment;
- (4) a check in the amount of \$100.00 payable to "The Tribunal, Diocese of Paterson."

The Petitioner has indicated the name and address of the following witness who can testify to the facts alleged in this application:

(Mr., Miss, Mrs.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City & State \_\_\_\_\_

The Petitioner has been duly informed of the Respondent's right to be cited and to give judicial testimony with regard to this Petition. The Petitioner has also been informed of the Tribunal's obligation in law to cite the Respondent, and to provide this party with ample opportunity to address any issue of justice with regard to this petition.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & State \_\_\_\_\_

(Seal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parish Priest

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner