



ARCHDIOCESE OF
NEW ORLEANS

Metropolitan Tribunal

AGREEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

1. I understand that, if the Tribunal accepts my case for consideration, it cannot and does not guarantee that an Affirmative decision (Decree of Nullity) will be given in the case.
2. I understand that the Tribunal cannot and will not ever promise or guarantee that the case will be concluded by a certain date. Because of this, I agree to wait until I receive a final decision in writing from the Tribunal before I set a definite date for remarriage within the Catholic Church or for the celebration of my already existing marriage in the Catholic Church.
3. I understand that the Tribunal, in the investigation of the case, may employ the services of a psychological professional or other expert witness and I hereby authorize the Tribunal to disclose complete information concerning my case to such a professional for case review.
4. Upon completion of the case, I also authorize the Tribunal to release information regarding the case to a psychological expert, counselor, priest, or deacon for follow-up counseling as well as for pre-marital preparation presently or in the future. It is understood that otherwise all contents of this investigation will be kept confidential, reserved exclusively to the parties to the case and to the staff of the Tribunal, according to the canon law of the Roman Catholic Church.
5. To provide for candor and openness in testimony, in recognition of the purely spiritual and religious nature of these proceedings, and to allow the Tribunal to process this case free from undue entanglements or hindrances, I voluntarily waive now and in the future any right under law to the subpoena or judicial discovery of the testimonies and Acts of this case. This waiver is given without reservation and condition.
6. I understand that the Tribunal's presiding judge may issue a decree binding all parties in this case to confidentiality. Accordingly, I agree to keep confidential and secret any information that I shall learn in the course of the proceeding because all testimony in this case is given for the possible ecclesiastical decree of nullity regarding my marriage; and, because my interest is solely to present my case to the Tribunal, I promise not to use information that I may learn through the case in any other forum or for any other purpose.
7. I swear that all information contained in and accompanying my petition, as well as in future statements written and oral provided during this process, is and will be the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help me God.

Signature of Petitioner

Date

Name of Petitioner

Signature of Procurator

Date

Name of Procurator