



PETITION FOR DECLARATION OF NULLITY OF MARRIAGE

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**Canonical & Tribunal Services
Diocese of Austin, Pastoral Center
6225 E US 290 HWY SVRD EB
Austin, TX 78723**

PETITION must be reviewed by an Advocate. If any part of this document is not completed, it will be returned to you for further information.

I hereby petition the Tribunal of the Diocese of Austin for a Declaration of Nullity of my marriage according to the canon law of the Catholic Church.

1. I, the Petitioner (full legal name), _____
a member of (name of religion or church), _____
and the Respondent (full legal name), _____
a member of (name of religion or church), _____,
were married on (exact date), _____
at (name of church/court/home/setting), _____
in (City and State), _____

2. We finally separated on (exact date), _____
and were divorced on (exact date), _____
at (County, State), _____

[Check one] I, the Petitioner The Respondent filed for the divorce decree.

3. We have (number), _____ child/children born of this marriage union. Upon divorcing, custody of the child/children was granted to [check one]: me the Respondent both of us.

4. I believe that my marriage to the Respondent was invalid *from its beginning* for the following reasons [must be completed]: _____

5. Proofs (written or oral testimony) can be obtained from the following persons (these persons must have known you and/or the Respondent *before, at the time of, or very soon after your wedding—not years later*). Children of this marriage and your current spouse should not be submitted as witnesses:

(Name): _____ (Relationship to you): _____

(Phone): _____ (E-mail): _____

(Name): _____ (Relationship to you): _____

(Phone): _____ (E-mail): _____

6. I swear that the declarations I have made and will make to the Tribunal are the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help me God.

✍ Petitioner's signature ✍ Print Petitioner's Name _____
Date

✍ Respondent's signature ✍ Print Respondent's Name _____
Date

✍ Petitioner's Advocate's signature ✍ Print Advocate's Name _____
Date

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IF THE RESPONDENT DOES NOT CO-SIGN THIS PETITION, IT NORMALLY IS SENT TO HIM/HER WHEN HE/SHE IS NOTIFIED OF YOUR PETITION (canon 1508, §2).

FOR TRIBUNAL USE ONLY:

Case Name: _____ Case Number: _____



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CASE NAME: _____ **CASE NUMBER:** _____

(Please type or print in black ink.)

I, _____, the undersigned Petitioner, respectfully request the Tribunal of the Diocese of Austin to begin a judicial investigation and to declare null, on the ground of defect of consent due to [proposed grounds] _____, the marriage which I contracted with [respondent's name] _____ on [date of marriage] _____ at [place of marriage] _____

At this time, I agree to produce the necessary documents, proofs including medical reports, police reports and witnesses. I also understand that I am responsible for the following charges.

Date

✍ Signature of Petitioner

For all applicable fees, please see fee page.



**PETITION FOR DECLARATION OF NULLITY OF MARRIAGE
MANDATE AND WAIVER OF THE PETITIONER
(ADVOCATE)**

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On this date, I freely and knowingly issue the following mandate and waiver.

By this document, I mandate the undersigned _____

✍ Print Advocate's Name

to act as my Advocate. To that person, I concede the faculty of doing and performing in my name all that may be necessary and useful.

By means of this document, I also empower my Advocate to receive the citations, to be notified of the publications of the acts, to examine the acts, to be notified of the conclusion of the case and of the publication of the decision. To the extent of my ability to do so, I hereby absolve the Tribunals of first and second instance from any and all of these and other procedural steps, in connection with the expeditious, just and equitable disposition of the case.

By means of this document, I promise that I will institute no litigation before any civil jurisdiction or for any cause whatsoever, since this matter pertains to the governance of the Roman Catholic Church and is within her exclusive jurisdiction.

Given at _____, Texas, on this date.

✍ [Parish/City]

Date

✍ Petitioner's Signature

Print Petitioner's Name

Date

✍ Advocate's Signature

Print Advocate's Name

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Mailing Address of Advocate _____

Parish _____ Phone _____

Email _____



**PETITION FOR DECLARATION OF NULLITY OF MARRIAGE
MANDATE AND WAIVER OF THE PETITIONER
(ADVOCATE/PROCURATOR)**

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In consideration of my canonical right to freely appoint an Advocate (according to canons 1481 §1, 1483, and 1484 §1; *Dignitas Connubii*, article 106), I, _____,
(Print Your Name)
the undersigned Petitioner, do hereby nominate and appoint _____
(Print Name of Your Advocate)
to be my canonical Advocate in the petition presented to the Tribunal of the Diocese of Austin.

I understand the Advocate, in accord with the norm of law, is authorized as follows:

1. To protect my rights and keep the secret of office (DC, art. 104 §1).
2. To receive copies of notifications sent to me pursuant to this case (DC, art. 104 §2).
3. To keep me informed of the status of the case, notwithstanding my right to make independent inquiry as necessary (DC, art. 104 §2).
4. To inspect the acts of the case (c. 1598 §1).
5. To defend me before the Tribunal, without prejudice to my right to defend myself (DC, art. 101 §1; 104 §2).
6. To make recourse to the Tribunal as it pertains to my defense (DC, art.104 §2).
7. With my permission, to renounce an instance or judicial act placed by me or by my Advocate on my behalf (c. 1485).
8. To review the Definitive Sentence rendered in this case (c. 1615).
9. To appeal the Definitive Sentence in the case if this is deemed necessary or advisable (c. 1486 §2).
10. To renounce this Mandate voluntarily or at my request, only for a grave cause. I understand the judge can, for a grave cause, remove the Advocate (c. 1487; DC, art. 110, 1°).
11. To render other legitimate functions that may be necessary and proper to further my cause before the Tribunal.

By my signature herein, I accept the office and functions of Advocate.

✍ Petitioner's Signature

✍ Advocate's Signature

By my signature herein, I also mandate my Advocate to place acts on my behalf including amendment of grounds (c. 1514) as my Procurator.

✍ Petitioner's Signature

✍ Procurator's Signature

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Date
06-21-2019



**PETITION FOR DECLARATION OF NULLITY OF MARRIAGE
STATEMENT OF TRIBUNAL POLICY**

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Fairness and justice require that the Tribunal have adequate information in order to make the right decision. In addition to the statements of the parties themselves and the testimonies of their witnesses, the Tribunal may request information from medical or psychological records (as well as school, military or personnel records) if this becomes necessary and only with your permission.

All information gathered in the course of this process is the exclusive property of the Tribunal of the Diocese of Austin - and is confidential and privileged. This information is **never** made available to any others **except** as required by the law of the Catholic Church - notably: for inspection by the Petitioner, the Respondent, and officers of the ecclesiastical Court. The information is **never** made available to witnesses or anyone acting on their behalf or in any civil proceedings.

AFFIDAVIT

I attest that I have read this statement of Tribunal policy and that I understand it and voluntarily agree to be bound by the policies explained in this statement.

I further swear that the statements I have made in the enclosed Petitioner’s statement are the truth and nothing but the truth, so help me God. I am making this same oath also with regard to any further communications I may make to the Tribunal.

Print Petitioner’s Name

✍ Petitioner's Signature

Print Name of Pastor or Advocate

✍ Signature of Pastor or Advocate

Date

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GUIDELINES FOR FILLING OUT AND SUBMITTING PETITION FOR DECLARATION OF NULLITY OF MARRIAGE

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1. Before you answer any of the questions, please read the entire questionnaire.
2. Study each question carefully and think about how you will answer it. It is important that you answer each question as *truthfully and fully* as possible.
3. Please provide as much detail as possible. There is also space for any additional information that you may wish to provide, or you may use as many additional pages as necessary. Type or print on only the front side of each page, not on the back side. Specific and detailed answers are most helpful to the judge in reaching a decision.
4. If you do not understand a question, or are unable to fill out the questionnaire, please contact your Pastor or Advocate. If you live outside the Diocese of Austin, you may contact the Tribunal of your Diocese. Various electronic versions of the petition are available on the diocesan website, at: <http://www.austindiocese.org/offices-ministries/offices/canonical-and-tribunal-services-office/forms/nullity-petition-forms>.
5. The questionnaire should be either *typewritten* or completed *legibly* in *black* ink.
6. If a question does not apply to you, please write “N/A”.
7. If you need more space to answer a particular question, you may use a separate sheet of paper.
8. The Petitioner is the person seeking the annulment. The Respondent is your former spouse.

We realize that some of the questions may appear to be very similar to other questions that you have been asked. Please understand that each question is significant to a particular time, such as dating, the engagement, or the actual marriage.

CONCERNING THE WITNESSES:

- A. As a general rule, witnesses should have knowledge of the marriage in question, especially the courtship, engagement, and wedding. When possible, they should have known at least one party *before* the wedding. **Children of the marriage and your current spouse should not be named as witnesses.**
 - B. Talk with your prospective witnesses and be sure that they are willing to complete a questionnaire.
 - C. The witnesses should answer each question *fully*.
 - D. If witnesses are unable to read or write or do not speak English, inform your Pastor or other Advocate, and other arrangements will be made to take their statements.
 - E. The expert testimony of physicians, other health-care professionals, and counselors may be of great importance. A release form is included to allow them to testify.
9. The following documents *must* accompany your Petition for a Declaration of Nullity. Cases *cannot* be accepted if a necessary item is missing. If you want the documents to be returned, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Please keep a copy of all information sent to Tribunal.
- A. A civil marriage license
 - B. A marriage certificate issued by the Catholic Church, if applicable
 - C. A *certified* copy of the divorce decree signed by the Judge
 - D. A *recent* copy of the baptismal certificate of Catholic parties, with notations. The baptismal certificate can be obtained from the Church in which the person was baptized. Your Advocate may need to assist you in obtaining this information.
 - E. The *required* letter from the Pastor, Associate Pastor, Deacon, or other parish-based Advocate. This letter follows in this document.

In order that you may be aware of the possible outcomes of this process, we offer, informally, the following information.

IF AN AFFIRMATIVE DECISION (a declaration that the marriage in question was invalid) IS GIVEN by the Austin Tribunal, there are two courses the case may take:

1. *If there is no appeal* (by the Respondent or the Defender of the Bond) against the decision of the Austin Tribunal:
 - The Tribunal of the Diocese of Austin will issue a decree declaring the parties free to marry.
2. *If there is an appeal*
 - The case goes to the Court in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston for a full appellate hearing or to the Tribunal of the Roman Rota in the Vatican. The Petitioner or the Respondent may offer additional evidence and arguments in the appeal.

IF A NEGATIVE DECISION IS GIVEN, that is, the Austin Tribunal does not declare the marriage invalid, the case will *not* be acted upon further, unless the Petitioner appeals to the Court of second instance.

If the second-instance decision is the *same* as that given by the Austin Tribunal, whether two affirmatives or two negatives, the case is complete and no further appeal is possible.

If the second-instance decision is *different* from the first, then a third-instance appeal is necessary to obtain the two concurring decisions required for the conclusion of the case. The third-instance appeal always goes to the Tribunal of the Roman Rota.

PLEASE RETAIN THESE THREE PAGES FOR YOUR RECORDS.



**PETITION FOR DECLARATION OF NULLITY OF MARRIAGE
DOCUMENT CHECKLIST FOR FORMAL PETITION**

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Document Checklist for Completion by Advocate:

DOCUMENT	YES	NO	STATUS/NOTES
Civil Marriage License			
Full Civil Divorce			
Church Marriage Certificate			
Petitioner Baptismal Certificate			
Respondent Baptismal Certificate			
Other:			

Print Advocate's Name

✍ Advocate's Signature

Date

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**PETITION FOR DECLARATION OF NULLITY OF MARRIAGE
DEFICIENCIES TO BE AVOIDED BY BOTH ADVOCATE AND PETITIONER**

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Advocate,

- a. BEFORE your Petitioner begins to complete his or her annulment questionnaire, please be clear and firm in explaining to him/her that the following deficiencies must be avoided. (This checklist is in addition, of course, to the checklist of necessary documents, which names those items which must be included in the Petitioner's petition package to the Tribunal.) Thanks for your cooperation.
- b. Be certain, of course, that your Petitioner's marital situation for this particular checklist qualifies as a formal-trial case and is not actually a lack of canonical form case or a prior-bond case. The latter two kinds of cases require a different petition form and questionnaire than the first kind; and the latter two do not directly relate to the nature of this particular checklist. If the Petitioner's case is incorrectly categorized from the outset, much time and effort can be lost in correcting it.

I, the Advocate for [Petitioner's name], _____,
confirm that I have instructed the Petitioner to take the following steps in the completion of his/her annulment questionnaire:

1. Give your thoughtful, important response to question 4 on your *Libellus* form (the *Libellus* is the short, different document, not this one now in your hand).

Check if done: _____ I have explained this item #1 to the Petitioner.

2. Provide a current, valid postal-mailing address for the Respondent (a street address; or a post-office box address, if only that is available). If you cannot provide it, be prepared to pay a fee of \$100 for the Tribunal to do an extensive search for it. The Tribunal is required by canon law to fulfill the Respondent's right to be properly contacted by our office.

Check if done: _____ I have explained this item #2 to the Petitioner.

3. Use the current, June 2019 edition of the petition questionnaire of approximately 150 questions. The current edition (whose date appears in small print at the bottom of each of its pages) is found online on the Diocese of Austin website in its "Canonical and Tribunal Services" section. (Or your Advocate might have a copy of the current one in his/her office.)

Check if done: _____ I have explained this item #3 to the Petitioner.

4. Write legibly or type your answers only on the front side of every page in the questionnaire; print form one-sided and do not write on back side. If you need additional space for answers, use your additional sheets of blank paper.

Check if done: _____ I have explained this item #4 to the Petitioner.

5. Answer every question; do not leave blank answers. Obviously, not every question might apply to your situation. If a question does not apply, write “N/A” [“not applicable”] as your answer. This will let the Tribunal know that you did not deliberately or forgetfully skip a question. And where applicable, give answers which are accurate and complete—that is, try to avoid simple “yes” or “no” answers which carry no explanations.

Check if done: _____ I have explained this item #5 to the Petitioner.

6. If your wedding with the Respondent in this case first occurred in a non-Catholic ceremony (for example, a civil ceremony; a Protestant or non-Christian ceremony), and then later you and him/her had a Catholic convalidation wedding (a Church “blessing”) with a Catholic priest or deacon, be aware of the following: In your questionnaire answers, make it clear—where possible—that you are referring to your first wedding (the non-Catholic one) or to your second wedding (the Catholic one) or to both weddings.

Check if done: _____ I have explained this item #6 to the Petitioner

7. Name four qualified and reliable witnesses for your case. “Qualified” means that they personally knew you and/or the Petitioner during any and only these time periods: during your youth; during your courtship; during your engagement; at the wedding; no longer than a year after your wedding. Such qualified witnesses are usually your parents, grandparents, siblings, uncles, aunts, cousins, close friends, members of your wedding party. (Obviously your own children and your future spouse for your next marriage do not qualify as witnesses.)

“Reliable” means that your witnesses agree with you, before they receive their own questionnaire from the Tribunal, to provide full answers to the questions. (A witness who gives too many “I don’t know” answers, or a witness who delays too long in returning her questionnaire to the Tribunal, will hardly be helpful to your case.)

Check if done: _____ I have explained this item #7 to the Petitioner.

8. Please do not—we repeat—do not set a date and choose a locale for your next wedding, if you intend to have another one. Despite what you might have heard from a friend or even from some priest or deacon, marriage annulments these days are not granted “easily and quickly” or “in only a few months.” Some rules (canon law) for the annulment process have been changed, but it still takes about one year for a case to be finally adjudicated. But your Advocate and the Tribunal do not promise you a final decision in one year. In short, if your case will receive an affirmative decision (annulment to be granted), you must wait to receive in the mail from the Tribunal your signed Declaration of Nullity document—before planning any new wedding. The Tribunal cannot rush an annulment decision ahead of other cases to satisfy your prematurely set wedding date.

Moreover, be aware that a Declarations of Nullity is not automatically granted by the Tribunal. It is not granted simply because the Petitioner has, for example, “suffered enough in his/her prior marriage,” or because “he/she is now a very religious person,” or because “his/her current spouse wants to get married in the Catholic Church.” Rather, the Tribunal judge must follow the traditional Catholic belief and rules governing the nature and duties of marriage and the annulment process.

Check if done: _____ I have explained this item #8 to the Petitioner.

9. Remember to give your signature and your printed name (and, Advocate, your parish seal) where required on the various pages.

Check if done: _____ I have explained this item #9 to the Petitioner.

Advocate, thank you again for your patience and cooperation in this important matter.

Date: _____

Advocate's PRINTED name

Advocate's SIGNATURE

Petitioner's PRINTED name

Petitioner's SIGNATURE



**PETITION FOR DECLARATION OF NULLITY OF MARRIAGE
STATEMENT OF RELEASE FROM CONFIDENTIALITY**

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(Please type or print in black ink.)

Counselor's name: _____

Counselor's mailing address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Dear [counselor's name]: _____

I, [Petitioner's Name], _____, hereby release you from the obligation of your oath of professional secrecy, so that you might testify in connection with the ecclesiastical investigation of the marriage case pending in the Tribunal of the Diocese of Austin.

I urge you to feel free to disclose any information you received from me that might be of assistance to the Tribunal. I have been assured that any information you divulge will be used solely for the purpose of the ecclesiastical investigation and will be kept in strict confidence.

Date

✍ Signature

✍ Witness

✍ Witness



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ADVOCATE'S LETTER

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A letter from your Pastor or Advocate must accompany the Petition. The letter attests to the truthfulness of the Petitioner and explains any circumstances that may be important.
(Cf. Bishop's Letter to the Clergy on "Proper Tribunal Procedure," June 16, 1994, p. 3)

I. NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF THE FACTS OF THE PETITION

*This letter must be written by the Petitioner's Advocate, Pastor or Parochial Vicar, who advocates the case, or, where authorized by the Tribunal, by another Parish-based Advocate.



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ADVOCATE'S LETTER (Page 2)

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II. THE GROUND PROPOSED

III. OBSERVATIONS ON THE CREDIBILITY OF THE PETITIONER

IV. CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE PETITION AND OTHER RELEVANT OBSERVATIONS

✍ Signature of Advocate

Print Advocate's Name

Date _____

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**PETITION FOR DECLARATION OF NULLITY OF MARRIAGE
WHEN THE RESPONDENT'S ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN**

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If an address for the Respondent cannot be provided, please submit a letter detailing the following:

1. When was the last contact you had with the Respondent?
2. What was the Respondent's last known address? When was this address last known to be correct?
3. What attempts have been made to ascertain the Respondent's current address? What were the results of each attempt?*
4. Why is it thought that nothing further could be done to locate the Respondent?

The Petition for a Declaration of Nullity may be submitted in the Diocese or Archdiocese where the marriage took place, if the Respondent cannot be located. The Petition may also be submitted in the Diocese or Archdiocese in which most of the proofs of the case, such as the majority of the witnesses, are to be found. This applies to both Catholics and non-Catholics. Please consult your Advocate about this matter.

By Order of the Judicial Vicar

*As part of the effort to locate the Respondent, recourse is recommended to agencies that contract location services, particularly nationwide database searches. Further information is available at: <http://www.austindiocese.org/offices-ministries/offices/canonical-and-tribunal-services-office/forms/other-miscellaneous-forms> and click on Tools/Websites to Assist You in Finding Persons and documents.

If you are unable to locate your former spouse, and the Diocese of Austin Canonical and Tribunal Services Office must conduct a search; the fee is **\$100.00**.



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(TYPE OR PRINT ANSWERS) Please check that this is the LATEST VERSION of this document by downloading it from our website. DETAILS AND ACCURACY are important. UNANSWERED QUESTIONS will delay resolution of your petition. Please indicate when the question is NOT APPLICABLE. Use “n/a” or “—”. Do not type or print on both sides of a page—use only the front side.

PETITIONER: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Male Female

Legal Name: _____
First Middle Maiden Present Last Name

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Telephone: HOME/CELL: _____ WORK: _____

E-mail: _____

1. Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

2. What is your present religion? _____
What was your religion at the time of the wedding? _____

3. Are you baptized? Yes No If yes, in what religion? _____
Where were you baptized? [Name of church] _____

City: _____ State: _____

When? _____

(Complete baptismal information must be provided for Catholic Respondents. This information can be found at the Church of baptism or the Church of marriage.)

4. ** If you are NOT Catholic, do you intend to become one? Yes No

** If yes, are you enrolled in the RCIA? Yes No In what parish? _____

** Do you have an intended spouse? Yes No

**** PRECEDING QUESTIONS MAY QUALIFY CASE AS A PAULINE PRIVILEGE**

5. How many times have you been married in a civil ceremony and/or a religious ceremony?

[Number] _____

6. How many times have you been divorced by civil law? [Number] _____

(Please provide information for each marriage on the following pages.)

RESPONDENT: (former spouse) Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Male Female

Legal Name: First: _____ Middle: _____

Maiden: _____ Present Last Name: _____

COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS IS REQUIRED: (If unknown, see document titled *WHEN THE RESPONDENT'S ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN.*)

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Telephone: HOME/CELL: _____ WORK: _____

E-Mail: _____

7. Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

8. Religion at *time of marriage*? _____

9. Baptized? Yes No If yes, in what religion? _____

Where was he/she baptized? _____ [Name of church] City: _____

State: _____ When? _____

(Complete baptismal information must be provided for Catholic Respondents. This information can be found at the Church of baptism or the Church of marriage.)

RESPONDENT'S PRIOR MARRIAGE (If more space is needed, you may use a separate sheet of paper.)

**** FOLLOWING QUESTIONS MAY QUALIFY CASE AS A PRIOR BOND**

10. a. Was the Respondent previously married? Yes No
- b. If yes, to whom? _____
- c. By Justice of the Peace; or Name and City/State of Church? _____
- d. When? (Date) _____
- e. Date of Divorce? (Date) _____ Where? (Place) _____
- f. Was this prior marriage annulled by the Catholic Church? Yes No
- g. If *yes*, you **must** provide the place of annulment and the date of the decision. (***This is a requirement.***) _____

*Please provide a copy of the marriage license and divorce decree. These may be obtained at the County Courthouse where the marriage and divorce occurred.

PETITIONER’S (YOUR) MARRIAGE TO THE RESPONDENT:

11. Date of your marriage to the Respondent: (Date) _____
12. Place of marriage: (Church, J.P., etc.) _____ (City): _____
(State): _____
13. If you **or** your former spouse is Catholic and you were married in civil law (the marriage was not celebrated in the Catholic Church), was the marriage **later** validated or “blessed” in the Catholic Church? Yes No

If yes, please provide the following information:

- a. Date of Validation: _____
- b. Church where validated: _____ (City): _____
State: _____
14. Approximate date of Final Separation: _____
15. Date of Civil Divorce: _____
Where: _____
16. Number of children born (or adopted) in this marriage: _____

PETITIONER’S (YOUR) OTHER MARRIAGES

If you have had **more than one** marriage, please discuss with your Pastor or Advocate what must be done. All prior and subsequent marriages **must** be addressed at this time. Provide information about each marriage below or on a separate page. Please begin with your first marriage.

17. Other party: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Male Female

Legal Name: First: _____ Middle: _____

Maiden: _____ Present Last Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Date of marriage: _____

Place of marriage: (Church, J.P., etc.) _____ City: _____

State: _____

What was the religion of this spouse? _____ Baptized? Yes No

Has this marriage been declared invalid? Yes No If yes, provide details of the Declaration of Nullity or Lack of Form (protocol number/date/diocese): _____

If **no**, provide information on how this marriage is being addressed at this time:

18. Other party: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Male Female

Legal Name: First: _____ Middle: _____

Maiden: _____ Present Last Name: _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Date of marriage: _____

Place of marriage: (Church, J.P., etc.): _____ (City): _____

(State): _____

What was the religion of this spouse? _____ Baptized? Yes No

Has this marriage been declared invalid? Yes No

If yes, provide details of the Declaration of Nullity or Lack of Form: (protocol number/date/diocese):

If **no**, provide information on how this marriage is being addressed at this time:

19. Other party: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Male Female

Legal Name: First: _____ Middle: _____

Maiden: _____ Present Last Name: _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Date of marriage: _____

Place of marriage: (Church, J.P., etc.) _____

(City): _____ State: _____

What was the religion of this spouse? _____

Baptized? Yes No

Has this marriage been declared invalid? Yes No If yes, provide details of the Declaration of Nullity or Lack of Form: (protocol number/date/diocese): _____

If **no**, provide information on how this marriage is being addressed at this time: _____

PETITIONER'S PRESENT MARRIAGE: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Male Female

20. Legal Name: First: _____ Middle: _____

Maiden: _____ Present Last Name: _____

21. Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

22. Date of marriage: _____

23. Place of marriage: (Church, J.P., etc.) _____

(City): _____ (State): _____

24. Was the other party previously married? Yes No

25. If yes, what is the name of that spouse? _____

NOTE: If your present spouse was previously married, that marriage must be addressed at this time (including non-Catholics). If your present spouse is widowed or has received a Declaration of Nullity, please give the details below:

26. What is your present spouse's religion at the time of the wedding with you? _____
27. Has he or she been baptized? Yes No If yes, where? _____
28. How many children from this marriage? _____
29. In what religion are the children being raised? _____
30. Do you intend this to be a permanent marriage? Yes No

PETITIONER'S INTENDED SPOUSE: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Male Female

31. What is the name of your intended spouse? _____
32. Has your intended spouse ever been married before? Yes No

NOTE: If your intended spouse was previously married, that marriage (or those marriages) must be addressed at this time (including non-Catholics). If your intended spouse is widowed or has received a Declaration of Nullity, please give the details below. **A death certificate is required or other reliable proof of death.**

33. What is the religion of your intended spouse? _____
34. Has he or she been baptized? Yes No If yes, where? _____
35. Are you currently married in civil law? Yes No

MARRIAGE HISTORY OF THE PETITIONER

List all marriages from past to present.

A. This is a summary of your (Petitioner) marital history.				
Spouse Name First & Last	Date of Marriage	Date of Divorce	Was the spouse in a prior marriage? If so, provide the name of this person's previous spouse. Catholic or Non-Catholic?	Was the spouse living or deceased at the time of the subsequent marriage? Provide death certificate if deceased.
1 st			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Name: Catholic <input type="checkbox"/> Non <input type="checkbox"/>	Living <input type="checkbox"/> Deceased <input type="checkbox"/>
2 nd			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Name: Catholic <input type="checkbox"/> Non <input type="checkbox"/>	Living <input type="checkbox"/> Deceased <input type="checkbox"/>
3 rd			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Name: Catholic <input type="checkbox"/> Non <input type="checkbox"/>	Living <input type="checkbox"/> Deceased <input type="checkbox"/>
4 th			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Name: Catholic <input type="checkbox"/> Non <input type="checkbox"/>	Living <input type="checkbox"/> Deceased <input type="checkbox"/>

MARRIAGE HISTORY OF THE RESPONDENT

List all marriages from past to present.

A. This is a summary of the Respondent's marital history.				
Spouse Name First & Last	Date of Marriage	Date of Divorce	Was the spouse in a prior marriage? If so, provide the name of this person's previous spouse. Catholic or Non-Catholic?	Was the spouse living or deceased at the time of the subsequent marriage? Provide death certificate if deceased.
1 st			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Name: Catholic <input type="checkbox"/> Non <input type="checkbox"/>	Living <input type="checkbox"/> Deceased <input type="checkbox"/>
2 nd			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Name: Catholic <input type="checkbox"/> Non <input type="checkbox"/>	Living <input type="checkbox"/> Deceased <input type="checkbox"/>
3 rd			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Name: Catholic <input type="checkbox"/> Non <input type="checkbox"/>	Living <input type="checkbox"/> Deceased <input type="checkbox"/>
4 th			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Name: Catholic <input type="checkbox"/> Non <input type="checkbox"/>	Living <input type="checkbox"/> Deceased <input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION I
PETITIONER'S FAMILY BACKGROUND AND GENERAL INFORMATION

36. What is ***your*** father's first and last name? _____

His religion: _____ Living Deceased

What is ***your*** mother's first name and maiden last name? _____

Her religion: _____ Living Deceased

37. How would you describe your parents' marital relationship?

Warm and loving Emotionally distant Troubled

Please describe your parents' marital relationship *in detail*: _____

38. Please comment on such things as happiness in the family, who was the dominant parent (if either), special problems in the home such as drinking, use of illegal drugs, infidelity, divorce, physical, emotional, or verbal abuse, excessive strictness or permissiveness, serious illness, death of a significant person, any mental or emotional illness, or any other unusual or significant things about the family.

39. How many brothers (number) _____ and sisters (number) _____ do you have?

Has any of your brothers or sisters been divorced? Yes No

If yes, how many of them? (Number) _____ If any have divorced more than once, how many of them and how many times? _____

40. How would you describe your relationship with your brothers and sisters while you were growing

up? Warm and loving Emotionally distant Troubled

Please comment: _____

41. Did you experience any difficulties growing up that you feel influenced your future marriage?
Yes No If yes, please explain: _____

42. Prior to marriage, I dated: Frequently Seldom Rarely Never

Please comment on *your* dating experience *prior* to dating the Respondent: _____

43. Was your relationship with the Respondent the first serious relationship for *you*? Yes No

If no, please explain: _____

44. Were you ever engaged to anyone other than the Respondent? Yes No

If yes, why did this engagement end? _____

45. Please describe *your* educational background: _____

46. **Before** the actual wedding, what did *you* think or feel about the following:

a. wanting or not wanting children: _____

b. limiting the number of children: _____

c. practicing or not practicing birth control: _____

d. marriage is “for better or worse, until death do us part:” _____

e. getting divorced and remarried *if* the marriage did not work out: _____

f. sexual fidelity: _____

47. Did you discuss these matters with the Respondent before the wedding? Yes No

If no, why not? _____

SECTION II
RESPONDENT'S FAMILY BACKGROUND AND GENERAL INFORMATION

48. What is the Respondent's father's first and last name? _____

His religion: Living Deceased

What is his or her mother's first name and maiden last name? _____

Her religion: Living Deceased

49. How would you describe the Respondent's parents' marital relationship?
Warm and loving Emotionally distant Troubled

Please describe the Respondent's parents' marital relationship *in detail*: _____

50. Please comment on such things as happiness in the family, who was the dominant parent (if either), special problems in the home such as drinking, use of illegal drugs, infidelity, divorce, physical, emotional, or verbal abuse excessive strictness or permissiveness, serious illness, death of a significant person, any mental or emotional illness, or any other unusual or significant things about the family.

51. How many brothers (number) **Click here to enter text.** and sisters (number) **Click here to enter text.** does the Respondent have?

Has any of his or her brothers or sisters been divorced? Yes No

If yes, how many of them? _____

If any have divorced more than once, how many of them and how many times? _____

52. How would you describe the Respondent's relationship with his or her brothers and sisters while growing up? Warm and loving Emotionally distant Troubled

Please comment: _____

53. Did the Respondent experience any difficulties growing up that might have influenced any future marriage? Yes No If yes, please explain: _____

54. Prior to marriage, the Respondent dated: Frequently Seldom Rarely Never

Please comment on *the Respondent's* dating experience *prior* to dating you: _____

55. Was your relationship with the Respondent the first serious relationship for *him or her*?

Yes No If no, please explain: _____

56. Was the Respondent ever engaged to anyone other than you? Yes No

If yes, why did this engagement end? _____

57. Please describe *the Respondent's* educational background: _____

58. If you do not know the answers to any of Questions 45 through 56 of Section II, or cannot answer them, please explain why, *in detail*: _____

59. *Before* the actual wedding, what did the *Respondent* tell you or what do you think the *Respondent* thought or felt about the following:

a. wanting or not wanting children: _____

b. limiting the number of children: _____

c. practicing or not practicing birth control: _____

d. marriage is "for better or worse, until death do us part:" _____

e. getting divorced and remarried *if* the marriage did not work out: _____

f. sexual fidelity: _____

Did you discuss any of these questions before marriage Yes No

Please explain: _____

SECTION III
CONCERNING THE DATING AND ENGAGEMENT

60. How did you meet the Respondent and under what circumstances? _____

61. What were your ages when you first began to date each other?

Your Age: _____ Respondent's Age: _____

62. How often did you date and what kind of dates were these? _____

63. Please describe how you and the Respondent got along while dating. Were there frequent arguments, breakups, etc.? _____

64. Were there any separations due to living in different areas or breakups due to arguments? If so, please explain: _____

65. What did *your* parents and friends think about the *relationship*? Did anyone object? If so, why? Please explain: _____

66. What did the *Respondent's* parents and friends think about the *relationship*? Did anyone object? If so, why? Please explain: _____

67. Please explain anything about the Respondent during the dating period that struck you as “unusual,” “odd,” or “strange.” _____

68. Were there any problems during the dating or engagement period that grew worse and might have indicated there would be future problems in the marriage? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

69. If there were difficulties during the courtship, why did you proceed with the wedding?

70. Who proposed marriage? _____ Why? _____

71. What attracted you to the Respondent as a possible marriage partner?

72. How long did you date until you got engaged?

73. How long was it between the time you decided to get married and the actual marriage?

74. Did you live together before the marriage? Yes No If yes, how long? _____

If **yes**, did you think that your relationship with the Respondent would change after the wedding?

Yes No

Please explain: _____

If you lived together before the marriage, did **your** family and friends know? Yes No

If **yes**, what did they think or say about the situation? _____

If **no**, why did they not know? _____

If you lived together before the marriage, did **the Respondent's** family and friends know?

Yes No

If **yes**, what did they think or say about the situation? _____

If **no**, why did they not know? _____

75. What did **your** parents and friends think about your **engagement**? _____

76. What did the **Respondent's** parents and friends think about the **engagement**?

77. Were **you** reluctant or feeling pressured to marry? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

78. Was the **Respondent** reluctant or feeling pressured to marry? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

79. Did you and the Respondent work together in making the wedding plans? Yes No

If no, please explain: _____

80. Were your respective families involved in making the wedding plans? Yes No

If no, please explain: _____

81. Did you and the Respondent receive any premarital preparation? Yes No

If yes, describe briefly and comment on its effectiveness in preparing each of you for marriage: _____

If no, why not? _____

82. What did the minister (or judge) who performed the wedding think about the marriage? _____

83. Describe *your* personality *before* you were married? _____

84. Describe the *Respondent's* personality *before* you were married? _____

SECTION IV
CONCERNING THE WEDDING AND HONEYMOON

85. What was *your* frame of mind on the day of the wedding, *especially* at the time of the wedding ceremony? _____

What was the *Respondent's* frame of mind? _____

86. What was *your* age on the wedding day? _____
the *Respondent's* age? _____

87. Were there any unusual events on the wedding day? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

88. Did anyone advise you or the Respondent against marrying? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

89. Did either you or the Respondent enter this marriage as an escape or rebellion against a situation or a person? Yes No If yes, who and why? _____

90. Was there a pregnancy before the wedding? Yes No If yes, had the wedding date been set before the pregnancy was discovered? Yes No

91. When you married, do you think both you and the Respondent had an adequate understanding of what marriage involved? Yes No

If no, who and why? _____

92. At the time of the wedding, did both you and the Respondent think or feel that you could commit yourselves to one person for the rest of your lives? Yes No

If no, please explain: _____

93. Was either of you seeing or dating another person while you were preparing for marriage?

Yes No If yes, who and why? _____

94. Did both of you understand what faithfulness to one another in marriage meant? Yes No

If no, please explain: _____

95. When you married, did you both intend the marriage to last for the rest of your lives? Yes No

If no, please explain: _____

96. Did either of you enter this marriage with the idea that if things did not work out, divorce was an option? Yes No If yes, please explain: _____

97. Before the marriage, did you discuss the idea of having children? Yes No

If no, why not? _____

If you did discuss the idea of having children, were you both willing to have children in *this* marriage? Yes No

If no, please explain: _____

98. Was the honeymoon a pleasant experience? Yes No

If no, please explain: _____

99. If this wedding was celebrated outside the Catholic Church and was validated (blessed) in the Catholic Church, what was (were) the reason(s) for this *second* ceremony? _____

Did you consider yourself *already married* because of the prior ceremony? Yes No

Please explain: _____

Did the Respondent consider himself or herself *already married* because of the prior ceremony?
Yes No

Please explain: _____

SECTION V
CONCERNING THE MARRIAGE

100. What was the month and year in which you and the Respondent last physically lived together before your final separation?

101. Did you adjust well with your new life with the Respondent? Yes No

Please explain: _____

102. Were there any problems that you noticed before the wedding that caused trouble in the marriage itself? _____

103. Did **your** personality change **AFTER** the wedding? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

104. Did the **Respondent's** personality change **AFTER** the wedding? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

105. Do you think **you** were sufficiently mature and emotionally stable to enter a marriage? Yes No

Please explain: _____

106. Do you think the **Respondent** was sufficiently mature and emotionally stable to enter a marriage?

Yes No Please explain: _____

107. How soon (years, months, weeks) after the wedding did problems **first** begin? _____

Please explain what these problems were: _____

108. How were problems and conflicts handled by *you*? _____

109. How were problems and conflicts handled by the *Respondent*? _____

110. What *influence* did *your family and friends* have on the marriage? _____

111. What *influence* did the *Respondent's family and friends* have on the marriage? _____

112. Did your sexual relationship cause any difficulties within the marriage? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

113. Did either of you make any sexual demands that caused any difficulty due to being considered abnormal or undesirable? Yes No If yes, please explain: _____

114. Were **you** sexually involved with anyone else during the marriage? Yes No

If yes, what was the nature of the relationship? _____

When did it begin? _____

How long did it last? _____

115. Was the **Respondent** sexually involved with anyone else during the marriage? Yes No

If yes, what was the nature of the relationship? _____

When did it begin? _____

How long did it last? _____

116. Did you or the Respondent plan to postpone having children? Yes No

If yes, who, for how long, and why? _____

117. If there was an agreement to postpone having children, was it made by **both you and the Respondent**? Yes No

118. Was birth control used during this marriage? Always Usually Rarely Never

If birth control was used, was an agreement made by both? Yes No

Or, because one person was insistent? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

119. Did you use multiple forms of birth control? Yes No

120. Would one of you refuse to have sexual relations if birth control was not used?

Yes No If yes, who and why? _____

121. Was there a decision never to have children? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

If yes, did it become a source of difficulty during the marriage? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

122. Did either of you undergo a surgical operation to prevent the conception of a child? Yes No

If yes, who, when, and what type of surgery? _____

123. Was an abortion ever obtained in this marriage to prevent the birth of a child? Yes No

If yes, was it a mutual decision? Yes No

If not a mutual decision, who insisted on it? You Respondent

Please explain: _____

124. Please comment on the following as they may have affected your marriage:

a. A breakdown in communication: _____

b. The loss of shared interests or goals: _____

c. Women's equality issues: _____

d. In-laws: _____

e. Religion: _____

Did you practice religion? Yes No

If you did practice your religion, was it a positive force in your marriage? Yes No

Please explain: _____

If you did not practice your religion, why not? _____

f. Work/Career: _____

g. Money/Finances: _____

125. Did **you** think or feel that you and the Respondent were growing together in love for one another?

Yes No Please explain: _____

How open did you feel about revealing your deepest thoughts and feelings?

126. Did the Respondent think or feel that you and the Respondent were growing together in love for one another? Yes No

Please explain: _____

How open did he or she feel about revealing his or her deepest thoughts and feelings?

127. Did you and the Respondent have or adopt any children? Yes No If yes, please answer questions 128 through 134.

128. How long after the wedding was there a pregnancy? _____

129. What was *your* reaction to the discovery of the pregnancy? _____

130. What was the *Respondent's* reaction to the discovery of the pregnancy?

131. How many children were born or adopted during this marriage?

What are their names and dates of birth? _____

If any of the children are still minors, are all court-ordered obligations regarding child support, custody, and visitation being observed? Yes No

If no, please explain: _____

132. How was the responsibility of children handled by:

You? _____

Respondent? _____

133. Was there any physical, emotional, or verbal abuse of the children? Yes No

If yes, by whom? How frequent was it? How severe? _____

Please give examples: _____

134. If your marriage was troubled, why did you decide to have children? _____

135. Was there any physical, emotional, or verbal abuse between you and the Respondent? Yes No

If yes, by whom? _____

How frequent was it? _____

How severe? _____

Please give examples: _____

136. Was there any abuse of alcohol or drugs during the marriage? Yes No

If yes, by whom? _____

How often? _____

Was it alcohol or drugs? _____

Were there any arrests, accidents, loss of work, change in personality, etc., associated with it?

SECTION VI
CONCERNING THE END OF THE MARRIAGE

137. How many temporary separations were there during the marriage? _____

How long did each last? _____

When did they occur? _____

What caused them? _____

138. Who mentioned divorce for the first time? You Respondent

When? _____

Why? _____

139. What caused the *final* separation? _____

140. Between the final separation and divorce, were there any attempts to get back together?

Yes No Please explain: _____

141. What was *your* attitude toward seeking counseling to help solve the marital problems? _____

142. What was the *Respondent's* attitude toward seeking counseling? _____

143. Was either of you ever hospitalized or treated for nervousness, depression, emotional or psychological problems *before* the marriage? Yes No

If yes, who, and what was the nature of the illness? _____

144. Was either of you ever hospitalized or treated for nervousness, depression, emotional or psychological problems *after* the marriage? Yes No

If yes, who, and what was the nature of the illness? _____

145. Can you provide any documentation as proof? Yes No

If yes, what will it be? _____

Will it be attached to this questionnaire? Yes No

146. Did either you or the Respondent exhibit any strange or odd behavior during the marriage?

Yes No

If yes, who? _____

Please give an example: _____

147. Did either you or the Respondent seek any counseling from psychiatrists, psychologists, counselors, or family doctors? Yes No

If yes, who? _____

How many times? _____

If yes, ***please sign a release for professional information for this Tribunal.***

The release form is included in this packet. Please make copies if more than one is needed.

If the **Respondent** sought counseling, do you think that he or she would be willing to sign a release?

Yes No

Please provide the ***complete name and mailing address for the counselor:*** _____

148. Who physically moved out from the common life of the marriage? You Respondent

149. What major things could have been done or avoided by **you** that would have helped the relationship? _____

150. What major things could have been done or avoided by the **Respondent** that would have helped the relationship?

151. How much satisfaction was there for **you** in relation to **your** expectations about marriage?

152. How much satisfaction was there for the **Respondent** in relation to **his or her** expectations about marriage?

SECTION VII
CONCERNING THE DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE

153. Who filed for divorce? You Respondent Why? _____

154. On what grounds? _____

155. Who has or had custody of the children from this marriage? You Respondent

156. Are any provisions of the civil courts regarding child support being observed? Yes No

If no, please explain: _____

157. Have **you** “remarried” in civil law? Yes No If yes, how many times? _____

158. Has the **Respondent** “remarried” in civil law? Yes No

If yes, how many times? _____

159. Why are you seeking a Declaration of Nullity at this time? What effects do you think it will have?

SECTION VIII
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

160. Did you both practice the Christian faith in the time leading up to the marriage? Y N

Explain: _____

161. Did you both intend to have or adopt children in this marriage at the time of the marriage? Y N

Explain: _____

162. Was an abortion ever procured in order to prevent procreation? Y N

Was this the decision of one party or both? Explain: _____

163. Did you or your former spouse fraudulently hide any of the following in order to secure this marriage?

	If yes, indicate which party:	
	Petitioner	Respondent
Sterility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children from a previous relationship	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Incurable disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Incarceration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

164. Did you or your former spouse intend to marry solely for the purpose of getting the non-sacramental benefits of marriage? Y N . Explain: _____

165. Was the bride pregnant at the time of the marriage? Y N .

If yes, was the wedding date already set when the pregnancy was discovered? Y N .

Explain: _____

If no, what impact did the pregnancy have on your decision to marry? _____

166. Was there any physical coercion from any one to compel you or your former spouse to marry? Y N . If yes, on which party was the coercion the bride or the groom ?

Explain in detail: _____

167. Did either you or your spouse suffer with addiction problems or psychological disorders at the time of the marriage? Y N . If yes, was it the bride or the groom ?

Explain the nature of the problems or disorder: _____

168. Are you able to provide medical documents as proofs? Y N .

If yes, explain the type of proofs you will provide to the Tribunal: _____

If no, explain why not: _____

SECTION IX
CONVALIDATION

169. Did you marry civilly first, then validated (blessed) your marriage, in the Church? Y N

Note: If you answered “No”, proceed to the Witness Information Page (Last Page).

If you answered “Yes”, please complete the following questions:

170. Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Yes, I do, so help me God.

No, please explain: _____

171. Did you realize during the civil ceremony that the marriage would be invalid or unacceptable in the eyes of the Catholic Church? Y N

If so, why did you go ahead and have the civil ceremony instead of a religious one? _____

172. Were you or your former spouse under any pressure from yourselves or from another person to marry during the civil ceremony? If so, explain. _____

173. If you did not realize at the time of the civil ceremony that it would be invalid, how did you come to know that the civil ceremony was invalid? _____

174. How much time had passed between the celebration of the civil ceremony and the church ceremony (convalidation)? _____

175. If you thought it was a valid one, why did you proceed with the convalidation? _____

176. Would you say that the convalidation was simply a formality that you had to go through in order to add a “religious” character to your marriage? If so, could you explain? _____

177. Did the priest or deacon who prepared you for the convalidation explain to you why a convalidation was necessary? Y N

If so, do you recall briefly what his remarks were? _____

178. Which anniversary did you celebrate after the convalidation, the civil date of the marriage or the religious one? _____

179. If you celebrated the civil only, why did you not celebrate the religious one? _____

180. Did the convalidation ceremony change your lives together in any practical ways? If so, please give examples. _____

181. Were you or your ex-spouse opposed to having the marriage blessed? If so, why? _____

182. Before the convalidation, did you think the religious ceremony would change your marriage in any way? If so, what changes did you expect?

183. At any time after your civil ceremony, but before the convalidation, did you decide not to have any more children? If so, why was that decision made?

184. Was it made by both of you? If not, who made that decision?

185. If one of you objected to a decision not to have children, who objected and why?

186. If the decision was made not to have children, did that person stick with the decision after the convalidation?

187. How did you and your ex-spouse ensure that there would be no more children born (e.g. birth control, sterilization, etc.)

188. Why did you get your marriage convalidated?

189. Was there any pressure put on you to get your marriage convalidated (e.g. parents, to get a baby baptized, etc.)? If so, what was that pressure, and how was it placed on you?

190. At the time of the convalidation, was either of you involved with someone else? If so, who and when did the affair begin and end?

191. At the time of the convalidation, was either of you suffering from any mental or emotional health problems? If so what were they, and what treatments were sought?

192. At the time of the convalidation, was either of you having problems with drugs or alcohol? If so, please describe the extent of the problem.

193. Were there any other problems occurring at the time of the convalidation (e.g. physical or mental abuse, employment troubles, etc.)? If so, please describe them.

Please use this page and/or additional pages to add any further comments you have about your marriage.

WITNESS INFORMATION PAGE

WITNESSES, whom I have contacted and who are willing to answer a questionnaire. The witnesses will be asked about facts concerning you, the Respondent, and your relationship with the Respondent both before and after the wedding. It is important that they provide as much detailed information as possible. Your witnesses should be people who knew you at the time of your marriage. Please only list the names of witnesses who are willing to respond to the questionnaire. Please provide complete addresses. *Children of this marriage and your current spouse should not be submitted as witnesses. When submitting the names of a couple, please note that a husband and wife count as two witnesses. A questionnaire will be sent to each one separately. If it is not possible to submit the names of four witnesses, please give a written explanation as to why. Your case cannot be decided until the Tribunal has received completed questionnaires from at least THREE witnesses.*

Submit the names and addresses of *four* people only.

1. Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Male Female
[Witness' name] _____

[Street or P.O. Box] _____

[City, State, Zip] _____ Phone number: _____

[Relationship to you] _____ Email address: _____

Primary language? English Spanish Other _____

2. Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Male Female
[Witness' name] _____

[Street or P.O. Box] _____

[City, State, Zip] _____ Phone number: _____

[Relationship to you] _____ Email address: _____

Primary language? English Spanish Other _____

3. Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Male Female
[Witness' name] _____

[Street or P.O. Box] _____

[City, State, Zip] _____ Phone number: _____

[Relationship to you] _____ Email address: _____

Primary language? English Spanish Other _____

4. Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Male Female
[Witness' name] _____

[Street or P.O. Box] _____

[City, State, Zip] _____ Phone number: _____

[Relationship to you] _____ Email address: _____

Primary language? English Spanish Other _____