



**Archdiocese of San Francisco
Metropolitan Tribunal**
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**FORM C: APPLICATION FOR FORMAL CASE OF NULLITY
AND PRIVILEGE OF THE FAITH CASE**

PETITIONER: Complete this form with your pastor or his delegate, answering the following questions. Please PRINT clearly.

PETITIONER		RESPONDENT
	Current Full Name <i>(First, Middle Last)</i>	
	Maiden Name <i>(if applicable)</i>	
	Physical Address: Number & Street	
	City, State	
	ZIP Code	
	Mailing Address <i>(if different):</i>	
	City, State	
	ZIP Code	
	Home Telephone	
	Work Telephone	
	Mobile Telephone	
	E-Mail Address	

	Date of Birth	
	Place of Birth	
	If Baptized, Date of Baptism	
	Denomination of Church of Baptism	
	Denomination/Religion at Time of Marriage	
	Current Denomination/Religion	

If not Catholic, are you currently undergoing instruction to be baptized or received into the Church (RCIA)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If so, which parish?	
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MARITAL HISTORY

ABOUT YOU

If the marriage under investigation is not your only marriage, please list below, in chronological order, all your prior or subsequent marriages. If any marriage was addressed by a Tribunal, please include the final decree(s).

Date of Marriage	Name of Spouse	Church or Civil	Officiant	City and State
#1				
#2				
#3				

ABOUT YOUR FORMER SPOUSE

If the marriage under investigation is not the only marriage for your former spouse, please list below, in chronological order, all prior or subsequent marriages of which you are aware.

Date of Marriage	Name of Spouse	Church or Civil	Officiant	City and State
#1				
#2				
#3				

MARRIAGE UNDER INVESTIGATION

1. Length of Courtship? _____
2. Date of Engagement? _____
3. Age at Engagement? He _____ She _____
4. Date of Wedding? _____
5. Age at Wedding? He _____ She _____
6. Place of Ceremony (*name and address of church or other location*)? _____
7. Who "officiated" at the ceremony (priest, minister, rabbi, judge, etc.)? _____
8. If this was a religious ceremony, please give denomination: _____
9. If the wedding was not a Catholic ceremony, was the marriage ever formally "blessed" or convalidated in the Catholic Church? Yes No If yes, please give name and address of the church of convalidation: _____
10. How long did you live together as husband and wife before your final separation? _____
11. What was the date of the final separation? _____
12. How many children were born or adopted of this marriage? _____
13. Who has physical custody of the minor children? _____
14. Final decree of divorce: Date _____ County & State _____
15. Have you ever submitted this case to a Catholic Tribunal prior to now? Yes No If yes, when and where? _____

We advise you to discuss this with your previous spouse prior to submitting this case to the Tribunal so that it does not come as a complete surprise. Every relationship is different, but ordinarily, there is a greater likelihood that he/she will cooperate if notified in advance.

16. Have you discussed this with the Respondent? _____
17. Will the Respondent cooperate in this process? _____
18. Have you discussed this with the Respondent's parents? _____
19. Will they participate by completing a questionnaire? _____

OATH CONCERNING DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRIAL AND FUTURE WEDDING

I declare **under oath** that I have read and understand the following with regard to my petition for a declaration of invalidity: ***(PLEASE INITIAL EACH STATEMENT)***

- _____ 1. I have read the accompanying *Letter to the Petitioner* (p. 9) and understand:
- _____ a. that the Respondent must be contacted, provided with a copy of my petition and summary statement, and given the opportunity to participate;
 - _____ b. that quality witness testimony is essential for the case to be successfully completed;
 - _____ c. that both parties and their advocates have the right to inspect the acts of the case at the Tribunal office;
 - _____ d. that the fact a case has been accepted for consideration does not mean that a declaration of nullity will automatically be granted;
 - _____ e. that the Tribunal cannot predict the outcome or timing of the process;
 - _____ f. that I will not set a date for a new marriage before a decision is rendered, any necessary appeal is concluded, and final notification is sent to the parties.
- _____ 2. The court may require review of the case by an approved psychologist or other expert, and that associated expenses must be paid by me, the Petitioner.
- _____ 3. That if a decree of invalidity is granted and circumstances warrant, I, the Petitioner, may be required to undergo additional counseling prior to entering a new marriage.
- _____ 4. That all of the information contained in or attached to this document is true to the best of my knowledge.

signature of petitioner

date

The pastor or his delegate: Before submitting, please be sure you have all requirement documents listed below.

- Form C – “Formal Case”** (download form from Tribunal website)
 - Recent **baptismal certificate** of Catholic parties (*must be issued within 6 months, with notations*)
NOTE: If there are no notations on the certificate, it must state “No Notations” on certificate.
 - Certified/Original **civil marriage license and certificate** (must have stamp or seal)
(+ church marriage certificate, if convalidation)
NOTE: California’s marriage license and certificate is one page. Nevada’s (and other states) marriage license and certificate are two separate items. We must have both the license and certificate. One indicates the number of previous marriages.
 - Certified/Original **decree of dissolution (divorce) or civil nullity** (must have stamp or seal)
NOTE: Two documents are required of divorces granted in California: “**Notice of Entry of Judgment**” and “**Judgment.**” Divorce decrees *from other states* may say “Judgment” at the bottom of the page; that is okay.
 - Copy of **final decrees from previous marriage case(s)**, if applicable
 - Petitioner’s signed and dated **Summary Statement** (brief summary of courtship and marriage)
 - Affidavit of Diligent Search**, if applicable (download form from Tribunal website)
 - Deposit of \$100 **OR** Payment in Full \$600 (check payable to–Archbishop of San Francisco)
- Questions about documents? Call the Tribunal before submitting case: 415 614 5690