



**MARRIAGE** (please provide copy of marriage license and divorce decree)

Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

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

Age at Time of Wedding \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent \_\_\_\_\_

Was this marriage ever convalidated/blessed by Catholic Church? \_\_\_\_\_ **Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No**

Date of Convalidation/Church blessing \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date of Final Separation \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Civil Divorce \_\_\_\_\_

Granted by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Court)

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

**SIGNATURES**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Priest/Deacon Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Priest/Deacon Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Parish Seal*

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**NOTE:** The following documents are needed to process this case.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Copy of the marriage license (If marriage was convalidated/blessed by Catholic Church, provide documentation from church)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Copy of the divorce decree  
\_\_\_\_\_ If Petitioner and/or Respondent is Catholic, please enclose an **updated** copy of baptismal certificate or Profession of Faith.

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**PETITIONER WITNESS LIST**

Written testimony regarding this marriage is required in order to process an annulment case. Please provide the name, complete mailing address, and relationship for persons you wish to designate as witnesses. Witnesses can include any family or friend that will be able to provide detailed information regarding your background, up to and including your relationship and marriage to the Respondent. Questionnaires will be mailed to these individuals, as well as your parents (*unless a reason to exclude is indicated*).

**Father**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Exclude from Witness List     Y             N

Please describe reason to exclude

**Mother**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Exclude from Witness List     Y             N

Please describe reason to exclude

**Witness 1**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Relation \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness 2**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Relation \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness 3**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Relation \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness 4**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Relation \_\_\_\_\_

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*NOTE: Parents of the Respondent will not be used as witnesses unless designated by Respondent.*

**Respondent Father**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Respondent Mother**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## CASE HISTORY

Please provide detailed information about you (Petitioner) and your former spouse (Respondent) by answering the questions below. If additional space is needed, please continue your responses on a sheet of 8 ½" x 11" paper.

NOTE TO PETITIONER: *According to canon 1598. 1° of the 1983 Code of Canon Law, your former spouse will be given the opportunity to review information obtained for this case by making an appointment with the Presiding Judge. This review is optional.*

### BEFORE MARRIAGE

#### Petitioner

1. Please describe your immediate family, including parents and siblings. Please describe your religious education and background.

2. What is your family's attitude toward marriage?

3. Is there any history of divorce in your family?  Yes  No If yes, please describe below.

4. Please describe your home life (*as a child and through your teenage years*). Stable or unstable? Structured or unstructured? Close or detached?

5. Please describe current relationships with your parents and/or siblings.

**Respondent**

1. To the best of your knowledge, please provide similar information about former spouse’s family background. Please describe his/her religious education and background.

2. What is his/her family’s attitude toward marriage?

3. Is there any history of divorce in his/her family?  **Yes**  **No** If yes, please describe below.

4. Please describe the Respondent’s home life *(as a child and through his/her teenage years)*. Stable or unstable? Structured or unstructured? Close or detached?

5. Please describe the relationship he/she currently has with his parents and/or siblings.

6. Was the Respondent married prior to the marriage being reviewed in this case?  **Yes**  **No**  
If yes, please provide details below.

Name of Previous Spouse	Marriage Date and Location	Divorce Date	Church Annulment? <i>Yes or No</i>

**COURTSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT**

1. Please detail the circumstances surrounding your courtship. How did you meet? When and Where? How long did you date? Did you live together? *(Please include dates)*

2. Was there a formal engagement? How long was the engagement period?

3. Was the courtship and/or engagement ever broken? If so, for what reason? How long was the separation?  
*(Please include dates)*

4. Did you receive any advice or recommendation not to enter into the marriage? If so, from whom and for what reason? Please provide detailed information regarding any problems or difficulties that were noted prior to the marriage.

5. What was the general attitude of each party regarding the long-lasting intentions of this marriage? Force or fear? Last minute jitters? Describe in detail.

**MARRIAGE CEREMONY**

1. Please provide details regarding the wedding ceremony? Anything unusual or irregular?

2. Was this a religious ceremony? If so, please include name and location of church.

a. If this was not a religious ceremony, please indicate the reason(s) you decided not to have a church wedding.

3. How did your family respond to your decision to marry? Were both families in attendance at the wedding? Please describe.

4. Was there a pre-marital pregnancy? If so, how did the pregnancy influence your decision to marry?

**BEGINNING OF MARRIAGE**

1. Were there any major problems or difficulties during the first few weeks of the marriage? If so, please provide details.

**HISTORY OF MARRIAGE**

1. Please provide a chronology of the entire marriage, including dates and places of residence (*cities, not complete addresses*) and length of time at these locations.

2. Describe the educational level/occupation of each party.

Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent \_\_\_\_\_

3. Describe the problems that were discovered in the marriage? When did this trouble begin? Were there any outside influences (*In-laws, another man or woman?*) Problems with irresponsibility or grave immaturity? Were there any problems with alcohol, drugs or other addictive behaviors? Were there any emotional difficulties or treatment for these problems?

4. Please describe the manner in which the separation occurred? Number of separations? Who initiated the separation? When, how long and for what reason? Final separation? Who initiated the divorce?

5. Were there any attempts at reconciliation? Describe in detail.



**COUNSELING**

Did either party receive marital or professional counseling? Please indicate the name, location and dates of counseling. What was the reason you and/or your former spouse sought counseling?

**CHILDREN**

Number of children? In whose custody? Describe the religious training offered to these children.

**SUMMARY**

1. In your own words, please give the UNDERLYING REASONS why this marriage did not succeed.

**SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS**

1. Why is a church annulment of this marriage being requested?

2. Are you (or any other members of your family) enrolled in RCIA classes or planning to enter the Catholic Church? If so, when is the Baptism/Profession of Faith planned?        **Yes**        **No**

3. Is the Respondent aware of this case for nullity?  Yes  No What was his/her response?

4. Do you believe that he/she will choose to participate in this process?  Yes  No

5. Is he/she in agreement that the nullity should be approved?  Yes  No Why or why not?

If a new marriage is being planned, please provide details regarding your intended spouse. **(NO PLANS FOR A MARRIAGE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH CAN BE MADE UNTIL THIS CASE IS COMPLETE AND A FINAL DECREE IS ISSUED)**

Intended Spouse	Did he/she have a prior marriage?	Church Annulment?
Name _____	Date <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N _____	Date <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N _____
	Location _____	Location _____

If you have remarried, please provide details regarding your current spouse.

Current Spouse	Did your current spouse have a prior marriage?	Church Annulment?
Name _____	Date <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N _____	Date <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N _____
Date of current marriage _____	Date _____	Date _____
Location _____	Location _____	Location _____

Besides your marriage with the respondent, please list **ALL** prior marriages.

Name of Previous Spouse(s)	Marriage Date and Location	Divorce Date	Church Annulment?
Name _____	Date _____ Location _____	Date _____ Location _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
Name _____	Date _____ Location _____	Date _____ Location _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
Name _____	Date _____ Location _____	Date _____ Location _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N

**SIGNATURES**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Priest/Deacon Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Priest/Deacon Signature