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Priest or Aide _____

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Prot. No. _____

PETITION FOR A DECLARATION OF NULLITY LACK OF FORM AND PREVIOUS BOND CASES

Petitioner in attempted marriage:		Respondent in attempted marriage:	
Full Name	Maiden Name	Full Name	Maiden Name
Present Address		Present Address	
Home/Cell Phone		Home/Cell Phone	
Email		Email	
Date/Place of Birth		Date/Place of Birth	
No. of Marriage (1st, etc.)		No. of Marriage (1st, etc.)	
Religion		Religion	
Date/Place of Baptism		Date/Place of Baptism	
Name/Address of Father OR Witness		Name/Address of Father OR Witness	
Phone	Religion	Phone	Religion
Present Name/Address of Mother OR Witness		Present Name/Address of Mother OR Witness	
Phone	Religion	Phone	Religion

Above-Named parties married at _____, date _____

In the presence of a _____, Number of Children: _____
(Minister? Civil Official?)

Final divorce decree

Civil annulment obtained at _____, date _____

Plaintiff was woman. Grounds for divorce (annulment) were _____
man.

Petitioner wishes to marry _____
(Name) (Address) (Religion)

When/Where _____

N.B: Evidence from the Civil Divorce proceedings concerning the support arrangements of the parties and especially any minor children is necessary, together with evidence as to how such obligations are actually being fulfilled. Same information must be giving (on separate sheet) for all other pertinent marriages. If the above named parties cohabited outside the Diocese of Stockton during their marriage life, the priest must give (on a separate sheet) the place and exact period of each extra-diocesan residence. **The phone and numbers are important for facilitating the decision.**

(Complete the form on the reverse side.)

AFFIDAVIT OF PETITIONER IN LACK OF FORM CASE

I, the undersigned, do hereby pledge my word of honor and solemnly swear that the forgoing information, to the best of my knowledge, is true, and I further solemnly swear that I have never contracted or attempted any marriage during my lifetime except as indicated herein. I further solemnly swear that the marriage(s) described herein was (were) never rectified (blessed) according to the laws of the Catholic Church, so help me God.

It is clearly understood by me that no date or time to marry can be given until this matter is decided at the Diocesan Tribunal. Subscribed and sworn before me.

At _____
Petitioner _____

This _____ day of _____ 20 _____

Priest or Aide Signature

(Seal of Church)

(For Chancery Use Only)

DECISIO:

Die:

IN FIDEM:

INFORMATION ON MARRIAGE CASES

- 1) The priest should not send anyone to the Chancery Office until he has first contacted a member of the Tribunal.
- 2) No petitioner can entertain hope of marriage until the Church has given a favorable decision. No priest, therefore, should assign a time for a marriage until such a decision has been placed in his hands.
- 3) Marriage record (vital statistics copy), and divorced record (final decree, with support arrangements included, where applicable) for each marriage or attempted marriage must accompany every request for a declaration of nullity.

LACK OF FORM CASSES:

- a) Sufficient proof must be supplied that at least one of the parties was bound to the Catholic form of marriage. Present names, addresses and/or phone numbers of both parties are required. The "Respondent" MUST be contacted.
- b) Baptismal record of recent date must always be presented by Catholics.
- c) Any additional, pertinent information and/or helpful pastoral observations should be supplied on separate sheet.

LIGAMEN CASES (Previous bond):

The priest, in presenting a Ligamen Case for consideration, should always submit:

- a) A clear outline of the case, mentioning the complete facts (i.e. when, where, etc., of marriage, divorce) on the original marriage (i.e. the allegedly valid marriage upon which the invalidity of a subsequent marriage is based) and on all previous attempted marriages of any party in the "chain," or schema, and all subsequent ones including the alleged invalid marriage.
- b) Full names, address and phone numbers if at all possible, of the two parties to the original marriage, also of the petitioner, and of the person whom the petitioner desires to marry.
- c) Marriage record (vital statistics copy) and divorce record (final decree with obligations included) for all pertinent marriages or attempts at marriage. If a death of some party is pertinent, include a copy of the death certificate.
- d) The names and addresses of at least two witnesses (the most knowledgeable, indicating relationship, if any) are to be supplied.
- e) Please contact the Tribunal if there be any doubt or problem.