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PETITION FOR THE DECLARATION OF FREEDOM TO MARRY ON THE GROUNDS OF ABSENCE OF FORM OR LACK OF SACRED RITE

The pastor, his delegate or the auditor, having reminded the Petitioner of the sacred character and binding force of an oath, will ask: "Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth and nothing but the truth in answering the questions that shall be proposed to you, so help you God?"

Indicate the Petitioner's response to the oath: _____

PETITIONER	[Please Type or Print]	OTHER PARTY
Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms. Dr., _____	TITLE <i>(Circle One)</i>	Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms. Dr., _____
_____	FULL NAME <i>(First, Middle, Last)</i>	_____
_____	MAIDEN NAME <i>(If applicable)</i>	_____
_____	STREET ADDRESS	_____
_____	CITY, STATE ZIP+4	_____
_____	MAILING ADDRESS <i>(If different)</i>	_____
_____	CITY, STATE ZIP+4	_____
_____	BEST PHONE NUMBER <i>(Type: Home, Cell, Work.)</i>	_____
_____	EMAIL ADDRESS	_____
_____	DATE OF BIRTH	_____
_____	PLACE OF BIRTH <i>(City, State)</i>	_____
_____	DATE OF BAPTISM	_____
_____	PLACE OF BAPTISM <i>(Church, City, State)</i>	_____
_____	IF CATHOLIC, WHICH RITE <i>(Church Sui Iuris)</i>	_____
_____	AGE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE	_____
_____	RELIGION AT TIME OF MARRIAGE	_____
_____	CURRENT RELIGION	_____

MARRIAGE IN QUESTION

DATE OF MARRIAGE: _____

PLACE OF MARRIAGE (City, State): _____

OFFICIANT (e.g., Judge, Minister, Rabbi, etc.): _____

DATE OF CIVIL DIVORCE OR CIVIL ANNULMENT: _____

PLACE OF CIVIL ACTION (County, State): _____

Was a dispensation from Canonical Form granted for this marriage? Yes No

Was this marriage celebrated in an Orthodox or other Eastern Catholic Church? Yes No

Was this marriage ever convalidated (blessed) or sanated (corrected) in the Catholic Church? Yes No

Did the Petitioner and **Other Party** have children together, by birth and/or adoption? Yes No

If yes, number of children: _____

<u>Name of Child</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Date of Baptism</u>	<u>Church of Baptism (Denomination)</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

If any are still minors, who has custody? _____

Are there any unresolved issues from the civil divorce or civil annulment (e.g., visitation, child support, alimony, etc.)? Yes No

If "Yes," please explain: _____

**FORMAL DEPARTURE FROM THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
(For Marriages contracted after November 27, 1983 and before April 9, 2010)**

Did the Catholic party leave the Catholic Church by a formal act? Yes No

If the Catholic party has left the Catholic Church by a formal act, how did they depart and when? (For example, conversion celebration, baptism, or “enrollment” in another Church, renunciation of faith, etc.)

Did the Catholic party depart his/her practice of the Catholic faith due to difference in conscience with the Catholic Church in such areas as faith, morals, church structure, or church discipline? Yes No

Did the Catholic party inform an ecclesiastical authority, such as the pastor or bishop, in writing of his/her decision to be removed as a member of the Catholic Church? Yes No

Did the ecclesiastical authority respond to the Catholic party in writing acknowledging receipt of the request to depart the Catholic Church? Yes No

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are to be submitted with this petition:

- Certificate of Baptism with notations for the Catholic party (or parties), issued within the last six months
 - Copy of the Civil Marriage License or Certificate signed by the Officiant
 - Copy of the Decree of Civil Divorce or Civil Annulment
 - For marriages prior to January 1, 1949, please contact the Tribunal for additional required documentation.
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LIMITATIONS

For marriages of Catholics to Eastern Non-Catholics celebrated with a sacred rite by an Eastern Non-Catholic priest, absence of form can only be used for marriages prior to: January 1, 1965 for Melkite Catholics in Egypt; January 22, 1965 for other Eastern Church Catholics, except those that follow; April 7, 1965 for Ukrainian Catholics; December 1, 1965 for Maronite Catholics; and, March 27, 1967 for Latin Catholics.

ATTESTATION OF THE PETITIONER

In order to avoid any embarrassment, ill-will, or financial loss for the Petitioner, the following is the Policy of the Diocese of Cheyenne: No arrangements for a future marriage (even tentative ones) can be made before the completion of this process and the fulfillment of any other potential requirements.

I hereby affirm under oath that all the information given above is correct insofar as I know. I also understand that no arrangement for a future marriage (even tentative ones) can be made before the completion of this process and the fulfillment of any other potential requirements.

_____ Date

_____ Signature of Petitioner

ATTESTATIONS OF PASTOR, DELEGATE OR AUDITOR

Are you willing to assist the Petitioner during the preparation and presentation of this case? Yes No

_____ Name of Pastor, Delegate or Auditor

_____ Date

_____ Signature

_____ Parish

_____ City, State