



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

Office of the Tribunal

215 N. Westnedge Street, Kalamazoo MI 49007-3760; 269-903-0215

Procedure for Radical Sanation

A Radical Sanation of Marriage is used when it is doubtful that one of the parties will not express new consent but only reaffirm previously exchanged consent (because they believe they are already married). The diocesan Bishop or his delegate is the proper authority to grant a Radical Sanation. In the Diocese of Kalamazoo, the Judicial Vicar has been delegated the authority to grant a Radical Sanation.

Required Paperwork Checklist:

- The Petition
- Special Prenuptial Questionnaire
- FOUR Witness Affidavits – two for the husband and two for the wife (unless the priest signs the “Certification” on the back of the Petition)
- A copy of the civil marriage record or marriage license if record of marriage is included
- A copy of the baptism certificate for the Catholic party issued in the past **six** months. It is not uncommon for an outdated certificate to be sent in with an explanation that the party was baptized in a foreign country. That a party was baptized in a foreign country does NOT waive this requirement. You will need to know the name of the Diocese the church is located in. You can send a letter to the Apostolic Nunciature for assistance. The Nunciature will send a response to your request to verify receipt of your letter.
- If either party was previously married, even if just civilly, a copy of the Declaration of Nullity or a copy of a death certificate for each prior marriage is required.
- A certificate of baptism for a baptized non-Catholic if it can be obtained.

Complete documents with the couple and mail all required documents to:

Diocesan Tribunal, 215 N Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo MI 49007-3760.
