



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

Office of the Tribunal

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

INTRODUCTION

Statement of Mission

The Tribunal exists to administer justice, vindicate rights and assist in the pastoral care of the people of the Diocese of Kalamazoo. To better serve you, we have compiled the following directions for submitting marriage cases, incorporating procedures required by the Code of Canon Law. These include the processes in Book VII of the code, particularly canons 1671-1691 as established by the apostolic letter, *Mitis Iudex* in 2015, and its norms for proceeding; canons 1055-1165 which pertain to marriage; and the instruction *Dignitas Connubii* (2015).

Personnel of the Tribunal

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| Rev Msgr. Thomas A. Martin, JCD | Judicial Vicar |
| Rev Kenneth W. Schmidt, JCD, MA, LPC, NCC | Assessor and Judge |
| Deacon Hallie Bohan, JCL | Judge |
| Msgr Michael Osborn, JCD | Promoter of Justice |
| Rev Michael Hack , JCD | Defender of the Bond |
| Ms Patricia Tuleja, BAA | Public and Ecclesiastical Notary, Instructor |

Information for all Correspondence and Communication

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The office hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday. The office is closed the week between Christmas and New Year's Day; on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Monday; and on certain civic holidays.

Location of Office: The office is in downtown Kalamazoo at 215 North Westnedge, behind St Augustine Cathedral.

Fees

The ministry of the Tribunal is free to those who seek it. Funding for nullity cases heard in this tribunal is covered, in part, by the Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA).

The actual cost of a case in the Formal Process may exceed \$2000. Donations to offset expenses are always gratefully accepted. Checks should be made out to the Diocese of Kalamazoo Tribunal.

Obtaining Case Forms

Forms are available electronically at the diocesan website. To request printed copies or have forms emailed to you contact the tribunal at 269.903.0215.

Obtaining Catholic Church Records

The Official Catholic Directory, published annually by P.J. Kenedy & Sons, kept in rectories and diocesan archives, provides addresses of parishes in this country.

Abbreviations Used in Tribunal Guide

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| CIC | Code of Canon Law of the Latin Church (1983) |
| CCEO | Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches (1990) |
| CIC17 | Code of Canon Law (1917) |
| DC | <i>Dignitas Connubii</i> : Instruction to be observed by diocesan and interdiocesan tribunals in handling causes of the nullity of marriage (Pontifical Council for the Interpretation of Legislative Texts, 2005) |
| MI | <i>Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus</i> , apostolic letter, m.p. (2015) |
| c.; cc. | canon; canons |

Note: *Mitis Iudex* replaced canons 1671-1691 of the 1983 code. Consequently, a text of *Mitis* should be used when referencing these canons in this guide.