



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO
Office of the Tribunal

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

WITNESS TO THE CREDIBILITY OF THE RESPONDENT

Name of the petitioner: _____

Name of the respondent _____

Both of the parties named above believe and testify that their marriage is invalid according to the teaching and law of the Catholic Church, and a petition will be placed before the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo to determine the matter.

This involves a process that is exclusively religious in nature and is governed by the teaching and law of the Catholic Church. It has no civil effects whatsoever. Thus, matters of the civil divorce decree, custody rights, legitimacy of children, property rights, and inheritance rights are unaffected by the process.

To give their testimony about the marriage full credibility and weight, the respondent asks you personally to attest to their honesty and sincerity, and thank you in anticipation of your kind assistance. They ask you to complete the following questions within two weeks and return your response to the Tribunal in the enclosed envelope.

1. Please share with us your relationship or how you came to know the respondent, how long you have known the respondent, and how well you know the respondent.

 2. Being as complete and honest as possible, please tell us about the respondent's honesty, work ethics, reliability, trustworthiness, commitment, dedication, responsibility, sincerity in faith, and religious practice. What is the respondent's reputation for truthfulness among friends, neighbors and acquaintances? Would you accept the respondent's statements, given under oath, as worthy of full belief in any important matter, even though having a personal interest in its outcome?
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3. Do you have anything to add?

To the best of my knowledge, the answers I have provided about the credibility of the respondent are truthful and given in good faith. I understand that my responses are not made available to either party in this case, but only to the tribunal officials and Bishop of the Diocese of Kalamazoo for religious purposes only.

signature of witness

date

printed name of witness

street address of witness

city, state and zip of witness

pastoral minister/notary public

church (if minister), city, state of pastoral minister/notary public