



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO
Office of the Tribunal

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

LIGAMEN PETITION ON PART OF PETITIONER

I, the undersigned petitioner, request that this tribunal, competent according to canon 1672, declare my marriage to the respondent named below to be canonically invalid on the ground of the impediment of Ligamen (c. 1085 §1). I, the undersigned petitioner, was bound to a prior valid marriage with a person who was alive when I married the respondent. I testify by my signature below that the following information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

1. PETITIONER

2. RESPONDENT (the subsequent former spouse)

maiden name if female

maiden name if female

full legal name at present, including first, middle, last

full legal name at present, including first, middle, last

street address of residence (apartment no., postal box)

*street address of residence (apartment no., postal box)

city, state, zip code and county of residence

city, state, zip code and county of residence

day time phone home / cell phone if different

day time phone number home / cell phone if different

date of birth (m/d/y) age at time of wedding

date of birth (m/d/y) age at time of wedding

baptismal status and religion at time of wedding

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**date of Catholic baptism or reception (also specify which) **date of Catholic baptism or reception (also specify which)

parish (church etc.) of Catholic baptism or reception

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street address of that parish (church etc.)

street address of that parish (church etc.)

city, state and zip code of that parish (church etc.)

city, state and zip code of that parish (church etc.)

*If whereabouts of the respondent is unknown, you must attach Affidavit of Whereabouts of Respondent Unknown. If residence differs from mail address, give residence above and give complete mail address on a separate attached page.

**You must include authentic, annotated records for any Catholic baptism or reception; and if possible, copies of non-Catholic baptism records.

3. MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE INFORMATION FOR PETITIONER AND RESPONDENT

You must include authentic copies of civil records of this marriage and all pages of the final divorce decree.

_____ date of wedding

_____ if a religious wedding, what religion or denomination?

_____ name of place of wedding (church, court, home etc.)

_____ final separation date

_____ no. years together

_____ street address of place of wedding

_____ number of children born

_____ number of children adopted

support obligations met

support obligations met or n/a

_____ city, state, zip code of place of wedding

_____ civil divorce date and place of divorce (city, state)

4. INFORMATION ABOUT THE PRIOR SPOUSE OF THE PETITIONER

*Give as much information as you can about **your** prior spouse, not information pertaining to the respondent of this case.*

You must include authentic copies of civil records of your prior marriage and all pages of the final divorce decree.

_____ maiden name if female

_____ religion of the prior spouse of the petitioner

_____ full legal name at present (first, middle, last)

_____ date of wedding

_____ if a religious wedding, what religion or denomination?

_____ name of place of wedding (church, court, home etc.)

_____ street address of place of wedding

_____ city, state, zip code of place of wedding

_____ final separation date

_____ no. years together

_____ civil divorce date

_____ place of divorce (city, state, county)

7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRIBUNAL POLICIES

Please read the separate **Statement of Tribunal Policy in Documentary Cases** carefully before signing.

- 1) I include all necessary sacramental records and copies of civil marriage certificates and complete divorce decrees. If the whereabouts of the respondent is truly unknown, I have provided a detailed explanation of the attempts I have made to locate this person, and they are summarized in **Affidavit of Whereabouts of Respondent Unknown**.
- 2) I understand that any person, whom I wish to marry, if a declaration of invalidity is granted in this case, must also be canonically free to marry, and that any and all previous marriages not dissolved by death must be resolved by a canonical procedure.
- 3) I attest that I have read the **Statement of Tribunal Policy in Documentary Cases** and that I understand it. I agree to cooperate fully with the tribunal and to be bound by the policies in that statement.
- 4) I appoint _____ as my procurator and advocate. By this mandate, I authorize this person to act on my behalf before the tribunal with all the rights and privileges granted by ecclesiastical law. I give this person as procurator a special mandate to the right to abandon the case if necessary. I expressly authorize this person as procurator to name a substitute procurator, if necessary.
- 5) I declare that the testimony which I submit or will submit is, to the best of my knowledge, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

date

signature of petitioner

8. ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AND MANDATES BY PROCURATOR AND ADVOCATE

I accept the appointment and mandates of the petitioner to serve as procurator and advocate as above. I also attest the petitioner has received, read and understood the **Statement of Tribunal Policy in Documentary Cases**.

date

signature of procurator/advocate

name (print or type) of procurator/advocate

name of parish or place of procurator/advocate

street address of procurator/advocate

city, state and zip code of procurator/advocate

day time phone number