



TRIBUNAL

Diocese of Beaumont

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PETITION FOR DECLARATION OF NULLITY BECAUSE OF LACK OF CANONICAL FORM

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Please *print* or *type* all information and use the **maiden name** where applicable.
2. All required documents must accompany this testimony.
3. Before submitting this testimony, **be sure to date and sign** in the appropriate places.

PETITIONER TESTIMONY

Date: _____

Case: _____
(Petitioner) (Respondent)

Do you fully understand the nature of an oath and solemnly swear before God that you will tell the truth, the whole truth, to the best of your knowledge and beliefs?

Yes No (Place a in appropriate box)

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

1. Marriage Information (Attach marriage license)

Date of marriage: _____

Place (City, County, State): _____

Officiant at marriage: _____

2. Final Divorce Information (Attach certified, final divorce decree)

Decree Number: _____ Date granted: _____

Name of Court _____

County: _____ State: _____

3. Catholic Baptism (Attach baptism certificate -- issued in last 6 months)

Name of party with Catholic Baptism: _____

Date of Catholic Baptism: _____

Name and Address of Church of Catholic Baptism: _____

* In the event a **baptismal certificate** cannot be located, the auditor is to submit with the petition the testimony of **two reliable witnesses** who can testify to the Catholic baptism. The form for such testimony (LF 3) may be obtained from the Tribunal. Names of these witnesses:

a. _____

b. _____

1. I, _____, a _____ married
(Petitioner) (Maiden name, if woman) (Religion)

_____, a _____
(Respondent) (Maiden name, if woman) (Religion)

in the presence of a: civil official minister rabbi. Or by common law on or
about _____.
(Month, Day, Year)

2. The **present** name, address, and telephone number of my former spouse are:

Last name (Maiden name, if woman) First name Middle name

Address City State Zip code

Telephone number (Home) _____ (Work) _____

3. I submit that this marriage is invalid because

I myself (Petitioner) the other person (Respondent)

was bound to observe the Catholic form of marriage, and (if this marriage took place **after**
November 26, 1983) that the Catholic person never left the Catholic Church by a formal act
(Canon 1086). A dispensation from canonical form was never granted for this marriage, nor was
this marriage ever validated in the presence of a Catholic priest/deacon.

4. a. The number of children born from this marriage: _____

b. I myself (Petitioner) have custody; the other person (Respondent) has custody.

c. The provisions of the civil courts with regard to child support

are are not

being observed. (If not, please explain below.) (Canons 1071, 3^o; 1689).

5. I wish to contract marriage with:

Last name (Maiden name, if woman) First name Middle initial Date of birth

Address City State Zip code

Telephone number (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Religious affiliation _____

Tentative Church for Wedding Tentative Date for Wedding

6. I have read this petition carefully and I solemnly swear that the foregoing statements are true.

Signature of Petitioner Date

Address of Petitioner City State Zip code

Telephone number (Home) _____ (Work) _____

TESTIMONY OF AUDITOR

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| <p>AUDITOR'S INFORMATION</p> <p>Catholic Form: Binds Catholics, as well as those who wish to marry a Catholic -- Exchange of consent is to take place in the presence of a properly delegated Catholic priest/deacon and two witnesses.</p> <p>Lack of canonical form: A marriage which took place in the presence of a civil official, a non-Catholic minister WITHOUT a dispensation, or was established through common law.</p> <p>If some of required documents are not available, please explain below.</p> |
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Please verify with the Petitioner:

- 7. Was this marriage ever convalidated in the Catholic Church?
 Yes No. If "yes", please indicate when and where.

- 8. (If the marriage was after October 1, 1970) Was a dispensation from canonical form granted for this marriage? Yes No. If "yes", please indicate when and where.

- 9. Did the Catholic party to the marriage ever formally reject the Catholic faith?
 Yes No. If "yes", please explain in detail.

Signature of Auditor

Date

Parish Name and Address

Seal

Date received at Tribunal: _____

Signature of Notary/Witness