

*Office of Canonical Services - The Ministry of the Tribunal*

***Petition for Declaration of Nullity of Marriage by Reason of **Lack of Canonical Form*****

Please type or print clearly. It is important that each line item have a response. If a question is not applicable, write "NA." If you do not know an answer, write "unknown."

**PETITIONER**  
(You)

**RESPONDENT**  
(Your former spouse)

PRESENT LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAIDEN NAME \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST AND MIDDLE NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

RELIGION OF BAPTISM \_\_\_\_\_

RELIGION PROFESSED AT TIME OF WEDDING \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT RELIGION \_\_\_\_\_

1. DATE and PLACE of wedding \_\_\_\_\_  
Date City State

2. By a ☐ NON-CATHOLIC MINISTER ☐ CIVIL OFFICIAL in \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Church, Synagogue, Court House, Home, or Other Place

3. This was my first marriage. ☐ YES ☐ NO.

4. This was my former spouse's first marriage. ☐ YES ☐ NO.

5. An Official dispensation was obtained to have this marriage outside of the Catholic Church. ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ DO NOT KNOW

6. Did you ever speak to a Catholic priest about your marriage? ☐ YES ☐ NO. If "yes", please explain.

7. Was there ever a renewal of marital consent before a Catholic priest or deacon, i.e., a convalidation or "blessing" of the wedding; or was a sanation granted? ☐ Yes ☐ NO ☐ DO NOT KNOW

8. Did either a parent or grandparent of the Catholic party belong at any time to one of the Eastern (or Oriental) Catholic Churches or to the Orthodox Catholic Church? ☐ Yes ☐ NO ☐ DO NOT KNOW. If "yes", please provide details:

9. Date and Place of Divorce \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Parish/County State

10. Did the Catholic party ever leave the Catholic Church by a formal act or officially join another church?  
☐ YES ☐ NO If "yes", when, where, and how long:

**THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS MUST ACCOMPANY THIS PETITION:**

- ☐ **Recently issued** (within the past six months) **baptismal certificate of any Catholic party**, which may be obtained from the parish of baptism.
- ☐ **Marriage license** and certificate for wedding alleged to have lacked canonical form.
- ☐ **Decree of civil divorce** for this same union

**Photocopies of the original or official documents are acceptable.**

*I, the undersigned Petitioner, respectfully request a declaration of nullity of the marriage in question on the grounds that the Catholic party, who was obliged to marry in the presence of a Catholic priest, failed to do so. No dispensation from Canonical Form was ever received nor was this marriage subsequently validated ("blessed") by a Catholic priest or deacon. I solemnly swear that the foregoing statements are true.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**TO BE FILLED IN BY THE PASTOR, PAROCHIAL VICAR, or DEACON:**

*I testify that THE PETITIONER HAS SWORN IN MY PRESENCE that the wedding vows in question were never convalidated according to the form required for marriage in the Catholic Church pursuant to canon 1108, AND neither a dispensation from canonical form or a senatio was ever obtained.*

*I further attest to petitioner's character and credibility as follows:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Pastor, Parochial Vicar, or Deacon**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name and Location of Parish**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**Affix parish seal here.**

**PETITIONS FILED WITHOUT COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION WILL BE RETURNED UNANSWERED!**