

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 _____

Home _____ *Work* _____ TELEPHONE *Home* _____ *Work* _____

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!