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THE TRIBUNAL

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PETITION FOR FORMAL CASE OF NULLITY – FORM C

(TO BE COMPLETED BY PRIEST / DEACON)

Name of Priest / Deacon	Parish
Telephone No.	Address
	City / State / Zip

PETITIONER		RESPONDENT
	Full Name	
	Maiden Name, if woman	
	Address	
	City / State / Zip	
	Daytime Phone No.	
	Work Phone No.	
	E-Mail Address	
	Date of Birth	
	Place of Birth	
	No. of Times Married	
	This Marriage is Number	
	Religion	
	Date of Baptism	
	Place of Baptism	
	Age at this time of Marriage	

Church of Marriage/Convalidation	
Date of Church Marriage/Convalidation	City / State
Date of Civil Wedding (if any)	City / State
Performed by (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Minister <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Official <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Date of Final Decree of Dissolution / Annulment	
County/State Issuing Decree	
Length of Engagement	Length of Married Life
Length of Separation Prior to Divorce	
Number of Children	Custodial Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Currently enrolled in RCIA <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Entering Subsequent Marriage <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Important Note: Kindly notify the Tribunal if there is ANY CHANGE IN ADDRESS and/or PHONE NUMBERS.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PRIEST / DEACON

1	Is this person a member of your parish? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If not, state his/her parish or residence and the reasons why this case is being presented by you.
2	How much contact have you had with the Petitioner?
3	What is your opinion of the Petitioner's sincerity?
4	State your reasons why you believe this petition might be a viable case for nullity
5	Are you aware of any potential difficulty the Petitioner might have in paying the fee requested for the services of the Tribunal? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No. If so, please explain.
6	Why does the Petitioner believe this marriage was not a true marriage?

7	What are the reasons for the breakdown of this marriage?
8	What special circumstances surrounded the decision to marry (pregnancy, substance abuse, expiration of visa, arranged marriage, etc.)? Please explain.
9	What psychological counseling did either party undergo prior to, during, or after the marriage? Please explain.
10	<p>If the Petitioner has remarried civilly or intends to marry, is the present or intended spouse free to marry in the Church? Check the appropriate statement(s):</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Present/intended spouse (check one):</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Is free to marry; has never been married before;</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Needs to apply for a formal annulment;</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Needs to apply for a Lack of Canonical Form.</p>
11	Has the Petitioner's former spouse – the Respondent – remarried? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

SIGNATURE OF PRIEST / DEACON

I, the undersigned Priest / Deacon, verify that the information given above is correct as far as I know. I understand that this case will entail a continuous ministry of pastoral support and encouragement from me during the processing of the investigation. I acknowledge having informed the Petitioner that no plans are to be made for a future marriage until the final decision of the Tribunal has been made, and that a fee will be requested for the processing of this case.

Signature of Priest / Deacon
Printed Name of Priest / Deacon
Date

RESPONDENT, WITNESSES, AND DOCUMENT INFORMATION

12	<p>Church Law requires that the Tribunal contact the Petitioner’s former spouse – the Respondent. If this person’s present address or whereabouts is unknown, kindly give the name and address of someone with whom contact can be made (<i>mother, father, aunt, uncle, sister, brother, etc.</i>).</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Name: _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Street Address: _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">City, State, Zip: _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Phone No. _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Relationship to Respondent: _____</p>
13	<p>The Tribunal requires the names of at least three witnesses who can and are willing to testify to the circumstances surrounding this marriage. Kindly list their names, addresses and telephone number below.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Name: _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Street Address: _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">City, State, Zip: _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Phone No. _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Name: _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Street Address: _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">City, State, Zip: _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Phone No. _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Name: _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Street Address: _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">City, State, Zip: _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Phone No. _____</p>
14	<p>If there are any unusual circumstances or problems in processing this annulment, kindly describe them (imprisonment of a party, domestic violence resulting in a current Temporary Restraining Order, etc.)</p>

DOCUMENTS

Kindly include the following **REQUIRED** documents with this form:

1. Baptismal Certificate issued in the last six months (no photocopies) and with notations (where applicable)
2. Marriage Certificate (*if multiple marriages, please send each marriage certificate*)
3. Final Divorce Decree (*if multiple divorces, please send each decree*)

All Documents will be returned upon completion of case.

SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER

I, the undersigned Petitioner, swear to the truth of the answers and information given above to the Priest / Deacon.

I acknowledge that I have been informed of the following, that:

- NO DATE is to be set for any future marriage until the FINAL DECREE OF NULLITY is sent to me by the Tribunal;
- There is a fee requested for processing my petition;
- My cooperation with the officials of the Tribunal is essential. Therefore, I agree to provide them with whatever assistance they need to bring my case to completion.

Signature of Petitioner
Printed Name of Petitioner
Date