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**PAULINE PRIVILEGE PETITION**

*Your Excellency:*

*I, the undersigned \_\_\_\_\_ (maiden name, if woman) respectfully request that Canonical proceedings be instituted to establish the fact that I am entitled to avail myself of the Pauline Privilege in the instance of my marriage with \_\_\_\_\_ (first spouse; maiden name, if woman) the Respondent. It is my desire to contract a valid marriage with a Catholic \_\_\_\_\_ (name of Catholic party, maiden name, if woman) whose address is \_\_\_\_\_. I declare that there is no possibility of reconciliation with the Respondent. At the time of and during the marriage neither I nor the Respondent had been baptized, christened or sprinkled in any Christian religion.*

*I submit the following pertinent personal information:*

My name: \_\_\_\_\_, unbaptized  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Information regarding the former spouse:*

Name of former spouse: \_\_\_\_\_, unbaptized  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Information regarding the marriage under examination:*

Place of marriage: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of marriage: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In the presence of: \_\_\_\_\_ (Minister, Judge)  
 Date of divorce: \_\_\_\_\_ County and state: \_\_\_\_\_

*I enclose the following documents:*

- \_\_\_ Official marriage license/record
- \_\_\_ Copy of final Divorce decree
- \_\_\_ Petitioner's Oath of non-baptism
- \_\_\_ Pastor's Statement
- \_\_\_ Fee: \$250.00

*I respectfully request Your Excellency for this favor so that I may enter into a valid sacramental marriage with the Catholic party.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Petitioner's signature and date

## **PAULINE PRIVILEGE PACKET**

### **KINDLY NOTE**

The Pauline Privilege applies only to marriages in which BOTH parties were unbaptized prior to and during the marriage and then, one of them is baptized and the unbaptized departs; the baptized then enters a subsequent marriage with a baptized person.

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

The Petitioner is to complete the *Petition* with the assistance of the pastor/pastoral assistant. The *Petition* together with the other documents in the packet, namely, the *Sworn Statement from the Petitioner's Pastor* and the *Oath Regarding Non-Baptism for Petitioner* will be forwarded to the Tribunal by the pastor/pastoral assistant.

Upon receipt of the PAULINE PRIVILEGE Packet, the Tribunal will send the following documents to the pastor who will complete them with the help of the Petitioner.

\_\_\_ Oath regarding Petitioner's Non-baptism from Petitioner's Witness

\_\_\_ Oath regarding Respondent's Non-baptism signed by Respondent

\_\_\_ Oath regarding Respondent's Non-baptism signed by Respondent's Witness

**The Witnesses used by Petitioner and Respondent for these documents are to be Parents, older siblings or older relatives, such as aunt, uncle, cousin, etc.**

The three documents listed above will then be sent to the Tribunal where it will be reviewed, after which a Rescript will be issued.

**OATH REGARDING NON-BAPTISM  
FOR PETITIONER**

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, solemnly swear that I have  
neither been baptized in any Christian denomination prior to and during my marriage to  
\_\_\_\_\_, nor was the marriage contracted in the  
Catholic Church.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year of the  
Lord, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor

Parish seal