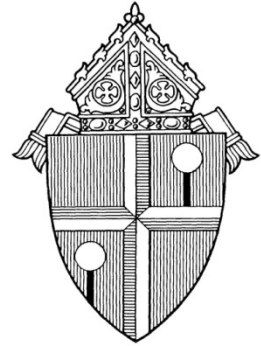


# THE DIOCESAN TRIBUNAL

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## Petition for Lack of Canonical Form Decree

Petitioner

Respondent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name-in-full \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Maiden last name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Street address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Work phone \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding date \_\_\_\_\_

Type of officiant (e.g., Protestant minister, judge) \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Place \_\_\_\_\_

City of marriage \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip (or Country) of marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Did you meet with a priest or deacon before the marriage and seek a dispensation from canonical form, permitting you to marry validly outside of the Catholic Church? \_\_\_\_\_

*If yes, you are not eligible to petition on the basis of a lack of canonical form.*

Were you first married outside of the Catholic Church and later had your marriage validated or "blessed" in the Catholic Church? \_\_\_\_\_

*If yes, you are not eligible to petition on the basis of a lack of canonical form.*

Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ Current ages of children \_\_\_\_\_

Date of divorce \_\_\_\_\_

Advocate's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish/City: \_\_\_\_\_

### Tribunal use only

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Prot. no. \_\_\_\_\_

Date received \_\_\_\_\_

**Include the following:** *(The documents will be returned to be added to the marriage file)*

- For Catholics: Baptismal certificate – It must be a new certificate (not a photocopy or fax) issued within the past year. (If you were originally baptized in a non-Catholic community, provide a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church instead.)  
If only the respondent is Catholic, the respondent's baptismal certificate must be included.
- Marriage certificate
- Divorce decree (first and last/signature pages only)
- Witness affidavit (by a parent, relative or friend)

**Petitioner's Religion:**

What is your religion/denomination? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are Catholic: Date of baptism \_\_\_\_\_

If you were first baptized in another community before becoming Catholic: Date of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church? \_\_\_\_\_

Church of baptism (or reception into full communion) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not Catholic, are you baptized? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever changed religions? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, explain:

**Respondent's Religion:**

What is the respondent's religion/denomination? \_\_\_\_\_

If the respondent is Catholic: Date of baptism \_\_\_\_\_

If the respondent was first baptized in another community before becoming Catholic, date of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church? \_\_\_\_\_

Church of baptism (or reception into full communion) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

If the respondent is not Catholic, is the respondent baptized? \_\_\_\_\_

Has the respondent ever changed religions? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, explain:

**Current Status:**

Are you currently...?  remarried  engaged  dating

Full (maiden) name of current spouse, fiancé(e), or dating partner

\_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Has your current spouse/fiancé(e), or dating partner ever been married before? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Did that prior marriage end by death? \_\_\_\_\_

Has that prior marriage been declared invalid by the Catholic Church? \_\_\_\_\_

Has a petition been submitted to the Tribunal? \_\_\_\_\_

*(If your current spouse, fiancé(e), or dating partner has more than one prior marriage, attach additional information on a separate sheet of paper.)*

**Other Prior Marriages:**

Do you have any other prior marriages, besides the one contained in this petition? \_\_\_\_\_

Full (maiden) name of other prior spouse

\_\_\_\_\_

His/her religion \_\_\_\_\_

Did that prior marriage end by death? \_\_\_\_\_

Has that prior marriage been declared invalid by the Catholic Church? \_\_\_\_\_

Has a petition been submitted to the Tribunal? \_\_\_\_\_

*(If you have additional prior marriages, attach additional information on a separate sheet.)*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print your name), hereby swear that the answers which I have given on the attached sheets of paper are the whole truth and nothing but the truth. So help me God.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your signature Date \_\_\_\_\_

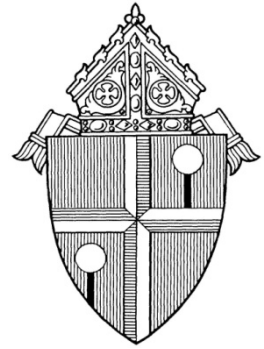
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Signature of priest, deacon, advocate, or public notary

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## Witness Affidavit for Lack of Canonical Form

*To be completed by a parent, other relative, or friend who knew the petitioner at the time of the marriage.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print your name),  
\_\_\_\_\_ (relationship to petitioner)  
of \_\_\_\_\_ (petitioner's name) swear to God that  
the petitioner civilly married \_\_\_\_\_ (respondent's name)  
in the presence of \_\_\_\_\_ (minister, civil official, etc.)  
at \_\_\_\_\_ (type of place and city/state/country).

I can further testify that the petitioner and respondent never had their marriage rectified (validated or "blessed") according to the laws of the Catholic Church.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Subscribed and sworn before me at \_\_\_\_\_ on this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of priest, deacon, advocate, or public notary

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