



# ARCHDIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA CITY

OFFICE OF THE TRIBUNAL

P.O. BOX 32180

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73123

## PETITION FOR DECLARATION OF NULLITY

PARISH \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Annulment \_\_\_\_\_ Enrolled in OCIA \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse enrolled in OCIA  
\_\_\_\_\_ Pending Marriage  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** The following documents are needed to process this case.

\_\_\_\_\_ Copy of the marriage license (If marriage was convalidated/blessed by Catholic Church, provide documentation from church)

\_\_\_\_\_ Copy of the divorce decree

\_\_\_\_\_ If Petitioner and/or Respondent is Catholic, please enclose an **updated** copy of baptismal certificate or Profession of Faith.

### Petitioner Information

Name

Prefix \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

**Baptism** (If Catholic, include a recent copy of baptismal certificate)

Date of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

**If convert to Catholicism, Professions of Faith?**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Church Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Current Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Current Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Marriages \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children (from this marriage) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Respondent Information**

**Name**

Prefix \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

**Maiden Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Address**

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Primary Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_

**Baptism** (If Catholic, include a recent copy of baptismal certificate)

Date of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

**If convert to Catholicism, Professions of Faith?**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Church Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Current Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Current Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Marriages \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children (from this marriage) \_\_\_\_\_

## Civil Union

Date of Civil Union \_\_\_\_\_

### Address

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Age at time of first date	Petitioner _____	Respondent _____
Age at time of proposal	Petitioner _____	Respondent _____
Age at time of civil union	Petitioner _____	Respondent _____
Age at time of marriage	Petitioner _____	Respondent _____

Catholic Church Marriage: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Name of church \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Final Separation \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Civil Divorce \_\_\_\_\_

Granted by (Name of court) \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Is the Respondent aware of this case for nullity? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No What is his/her response?

Do you believe that he/she will choose to participate in this process? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Is he/she in agreement that the nullity should be approved? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No Why or why not?

Was the Respondent married prior to the marriage being reviewed in this case? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

If yes, please provide the details below.

Name of Previous Spouse	Marriage Date and Location	Divorce Date	Church Annulment? Yes or No?

If you are engaged, please provide details regarding your fiancée. **(NO PLANS FOR A MARRIAGE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH CAN BE MADE UNTIL THIS CASE IS COMPLETE AND A FINAL DECREE IS ISSUED)**

Intended Spouse	Did he/she have a prior marriage?	Church Annulment?
Name_____	___Y ___N Date_____ Location_____	___Y ___N Date_____ Location_____

If you have remarried civilly, please provide details regarding your current spouse.

Current Spouse	Did your current spouse have a prior marriage?	Church Annulment?
Name_____	___Y ___N Date_____ Location_____	___Y ___N Date_____ Location_____
Date of current marriage_____		
Location_____		

Besides your marriage with the respondent, please list ALL prior marriages.

Name of Previous Spouse(s)	Marriage Date and Location	Divorce Date	Church Annulment?
Name_____	Date_____ Location_____	Date_____ Location_____	___Y ___N
Name_____	Date_____ Location_____	Date_____ Location_____	___Y ___N
Name_____	Date_____ Location_____	Date_____ Location_____	___Y ___N

## **Petitioner Witness List**

Written testimony regarding this marriage is required in order to process an annulment case. Please provide the name, complete mailing address, and relationship for persons you wish to designate as witnesses.

**Excluding children from this union.** Witnesses can include any family or friend that will be able to provide detailed information regarding your background, up to and including your courtship, wedding ceremony and first five years of marriage. Questionnaires will be mailed to these individuals, as well as your parents (unless a reason to exclude is indicated)

### **Father**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Exclude of Witness List \_\_\_\_Y\_\_\_\_N

Please describe reason to exclude

### **Mother**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Exclude of Witness List \_\_\_\_Y\_\_\_\_N

Please describe reason to exclude

### **Witness #1**

Name Mr.\_\_\_\_Ms.\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Relation \_\_\_\_\_

### **Witness #2**

Name Mr.\_\_\_\_Ms.\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Relation \_\_\_\_\_

*NOTE: Parents of the Respondent will not be used as witnesses unless designated by Respondent.*

### **Respondent Father**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### **Witness #3**

Name Mr.\_\_\_\_Ms.\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Relation \_\_\_\_\_

### **Witness #4**

Name Mr.\_\_\_\_Ms.\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Relation \_\_\_\_\_

### **Respondent Mother**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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## Case History

Please provide detailed information about you (Petitioner) and your former spouse (Respondent) by answering the questions below. One-word answers are not accepted. If additional space is needed, please continue your responses on a sheet of 8 ½" x 11" paper.

NOTE TO PETITIONER: According to canon 1598. 1° of the 1983 Code of Canon Law, your former spouse will be given the opportunity to review information obtained for this case by making an appointment with the Presiding Judge. This review is optional.

### **BEFORE MARRIAGE**

#### **Petitioner**

1. Please describe your immediate family, including parents and siblings. Please describe your religious education and background. Please describe your home life (*as a child and through your teenage years*). Stable or unstable? Structured or unstructured? Close or detached?

2. Please describe current relationships with your parents and/or siblings.

3. Is there any history of divorce in your family? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No If yes, please describe below.

**4.What was your family’s attitude toward marriage until the time of your union?**

**5. What was your opinion on divorce before the marriage?**

**6. What is your family’s religious understanding of marriage?**

**7. What was your personal understanding of marriage at time of consent?**

**8. What other factors influenced your view of marriage?**

**Respondent**

- 1. To the best of your knowledge, please provide similar information about former spouse's family background. Please describe his/her religious education and background. Please describe his/her religious education and background. Please describe his/her home life (*as a child and through his/her teenage years*). Stable or unstable? Structured or unstructured? Close or detached?**

- 2. Please describe current relationships with his/her parents and/or siblings.**

- 3. Is there any history of divorce in his/her family? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No If yes, please describe below.**

- 4. What is his/her family's attitude toward marriage?**

- 5. What was his/her opinion on divorce before the marriage?**

**6. What was his/her family's religious understanding of marriage, until the time of your union?**

**7. What was his/her personal understanding of marriage at time of consent?**

**8. What other factors influenced his/her view of marriage?**

## **COURTSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT**

- 1. Please detail the circumstances surrounding your courtship. How did you meet? When and Where? How long did you date? Did you live together? *(Please include a timeline)***

- 2. When did you start dating your former spouse exclusively?**

**3. Had you dated previously to dating your former spouse? Any long term or serious relationships?**

**4. What was the nature and frequency of your dates: (double dates, group activities, various private activities; several times a week, weekly, monthly)?**

**5. If you had conversation, what serious subjects did you discuss? (finances, children, marriage, roles of spouses)**

**6. Were there subjects that you avoided talking about? Why?**

**7. If there were arguments, how serious and how frequent were they? What prompted them?**

**8. Were there breaks in the relationship, and if so, what were the causes; how long (argument, work, military service)?**

**9. Were there any character or personality traits in your former spouse you noticed that you were uncomfortable with or that you had to ignore?**

**10. What did your family and friends think of your former spouse and your relationship with him/her?**

**11. How did you treat each other? How did it move from like to love?**

**NOTE: Convalidations use appendix**

**12. How long were you dating exclusively before getting engaged?**

**13. How long was the engagement period?**

**14. Was the courtship and/or engagement ever broken? If so, for what reason? How long was the separation? Was this a long-distance engagement? (*Please include dates*)**

**15. Did you receive any advice or recommendation not to enter into the marriage or did anyone persuade you into the marriage? If so, from whom and for what reason? Please provide detailed information regarding any problems or difficulties that were noted prior to the marriage.**

**16. What was the general attitude of each party regarding the long-lasting intentions of this marriage? Force or fear? Last minute jitters or cold feet? Describe in detail.**

**17. Was there any infidelity/cheating prior to marriage? If yes, please give details.**

**18. Did any uncomfortable character or personality traits continue or worsen during the engagement? Did any new ones appear?**

**19. Were there subjects you avoided talking about and why?**

**20. Describe the pre-marital instructions you received from a pastor or other source.**

**21. What were you and your spouse's opinion on divorce as a solution for resolving disagreements?**

**22. At any time up to the wedding, did either of you have misgivings about the future success of this marriage?**

**23. Describe your feelings/intentions towards having children as a couple.**

**24. If used, how long before the wedding were substances used and which type?**

**25. Did you engage in premarital sex? Was there use of any contraceptives? Why?**

## **Marriage Ceremony**

**1. Please provide details regarding the wedding ceremony? Anything unusual or irregular?**

**2. If this was not a religious ceremony, please indicate the reason(s) you decided not to have a religious ceremony.**

3. How did your family respond to your decision to marry? Were both families in attendance at the wedding? Please describe.

4. Was there a pre-marital pregnancy? If so, how did the pregnancy influence your decision to marry?

5. Were there any conditions or problems such as drugs. Alcohol, sex addictions?

## **BEGINNING OF MARRIAGE**

1. Were there any major problems or difficulties during the first few weeks of the marriage, especially during the honeymoon? If so, please provide details.

2. Did you learn anything about your spouse that would have caused the wedding not to have happened? Was this a concealment by your spouse or by yourself?

- 3. Did you reveal, or did your spouse learn, something about you that you withheld? Why did you withhold it?**

- 4. Were there any sexual problems in the beginning or later on in the marriage? Explain.**

- 5. Were there any responsibilities or issues that either of you found extremely difficult to cope with? Explain.**

- 6. How did the uncomfortable character, personality traits, and issues that existed before the wedding resolve themselves?**

## HISTORY OF MARRIAGE

1. Please provide a chronology of the entire marriage, including dates and places of residence (*cities, not complete addresses*) and length of time at these locations.

2. Was birth control used throughout the marriage?

3. Was birth control used before, during and/or after each children born?

4. Were there any conditions or problems such as drugs, alcohol, sex addiction?

5. Describe the problems that were discovered in the marriage? When did this trouble begin? Were there any outside influences (*In-laws, another man or woman?*) Problems with irresponsibility or grave immaturity? Were there any problems with alcohol, drugs or other addictive behaviors? Were there any emotional difficulties or treatment for these problems?

6. Please describe the manner in which the separation occurred? Number of separations? Who initiated the separation? When, how long and for what reason? Final separation? Who initiated the divorce?

7. Were there any attempts at reconciliation? Describe in detail.

## COUNSELING

Was there any counseling?

**SUMMARY**

Is there any additional information you find important and would like to add?

**SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS**

Why is a church annulment of this marriage being requested?

Are you (or any other members of your family) enrolled in OCIA classes or planning to enter the Catholic Church?  
If so, when is the Baptism/Profession of Faith planned?    ☐ Yes    ☐ No

**SIGNATURES**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Priest/Deacon Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Priest/Deacon Signature

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