



## Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama

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### PETITION FOR A DECLARATION OF NULLITY DUE TO DEFECT OF CANONICAL FORM

#### Petitioner

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Maiden Name  
(if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Full Mailing  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Church of Baptism  
and Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Religion at  
time of this  
marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of  
reception into  
Catholic Church  
(if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Where?  
(include  
City/State) \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### Respondent

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

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Is the Respondent still living? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date and place of wedding (include, as applicable, the name of the church, city, state, zip, and country):

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Wedding performed by (full name): \_\_\_\_\_

The reason that the Catholic Form of Marriage was defective is:

- ☐ The minister did not have proper delegation to perform the marriage ceremony, and/or
- ☐ In addition to the celebrant, there was only one additional witness, or
- ☐ There were NO additional witnesses present, and/or
- ☐ The authorized Catholic minister did not ask for and receive the consent of the parties.

As proof of this I submit the following (originals) while keeping a personal copy in my files:

1. Civil marriage certificate
2. Church Marriage Certificate
3. Copy of the Parish Marriage Register
4. Baptismal Certificate (Issued within past six months including all notations) of Catholic Parties
5. Civil Divorce Decree or Civil Annulment of this marriage
6. Signed Statement from the Celebrant of the marriage attesting to the reason for the defect of form.

Has the Petitioner entered any other marriage(s), whether civil or religious? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, provide date(s) of other marriage(s), as well as approximate date(s) of divorce(s) and/or death of other spouse(s), etc.

Other Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

### **AFFIDAVITS**

I affirm that the information contained in this document is true, that this union was never convalidated/blessed in the Catholic Church: to the best of my knowledge; so help me, God.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Pastor/Priest Administrator of Parish

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Signature of Advocate (if not Pastor/Administrator)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Address of Priest or Advocate: \_\_\_\_\_

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