



**PETITION FOR DECLARATION OF NULLITY OF MARRIAGE  
STATEMENT OF RELEASE FROM CONFIDENTIALITY**

**Canonical & Tribunal Services  
Diocese of Corpus Christi  
620 Lipan Street, Corpus Christi, TX 78401  
P.O. Box 2620, Corpus Christi, TX 78403**

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(Complete name and mailing address of counselor.)  
(Please type or print in black ink.)

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby release you from the obligation of your oath of professional secrecy, so that you might testify in connection with the ecclesiastical investigation of the \_\_\_\_\_ marriage case pending in the Tribunal of the Diocese of Corpus Christi.

I urge you to feel free to disclose any information you received from me that might be of assistance to the Tribunal. I have been assured that any information you divulge will be used solely for the purpose of the ecclesiastical investigation and will be kept in strict confidence.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness



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**PASTOR'S LETTER**

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A letter from your Pastor or Advocate must accompany the Petition. The letter attests to the truthfulness of the Petitioner and explains any circumstances that may be important.

**I. NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF THE FACTS OF THE PETITION**

\*This letter can be written by an Associate Pastor or a Parish Deacon, who advocates the case, or, where authorized by the Tribunal, by another Parish-based Advocate.



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## **II. OBSERVATIONS ON THE CREDIBILITY OF THE PETITIONER**

## **III. CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE PETITION AND OTHER RELEVANT OBSERVATIONS**

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Signature

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Parish Seal

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Date



## **PETITION FOR DECLARATION OF NULLITY OF MARRIAGE WHEN THE RESPONDENT'S ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN**

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If an address for the Respondent cannot be provided, please submit a letter detailing the following:

1. When was the last contact you had with the Respondent?
2. What was the Respondent's last known address? When was this address last known to be correct?
3. What attempts have been made to ascertain the Respondent's current address? What were the results of each attempt?\*
4. Why is it thought that nothing further could be done to locate the Respondent?

The Petition for a Declaration of Nullity may be submitted in the Diocese or Archdiocese where the marriage took place, if the Respondent cannot be located. The Petition may also be submitted in the Diocese or Archdiocese in which most of the proofs of the case, such as the majority of the witnesses, are to be found. This applies to both Catholics and non-Catholics. Please consult your Advocate about this matter.

*By Order of the Judicial Vicar*

\*As part of the effort to locate the Respondent, recourse is recommended to agencies that contract location services, particularly nationwide database searches. Some examples are <http://www.locateme.com>, <http://ussearch.com>, and <http://www.intelius.com>. All are available on the Internet.

If you are unable to locate your former spouse, and the Diocese of Corpus Christi Canonical and Tribunal Services Office must conduct a search, the fee is **\$100**.



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### **CASE TITLE:**

(Please type or print in black ink.)

### **PN:**

I, the undersigned Petitioner, \_\_\_\_\_ respectfully request the Tribunal of the  
Diocese of Corpus Christi to begin a judicial investigation and to declare null, the marriage which I contracted with  
\_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_.

At this time, I agree to produce the necessary documents, proofs, and witnesses. I also understand that I am  
responsible for the following charges in court fees and charges:

\$350 in fees and, \$200 for each additional case submitted together, if deemed necessary in my case, an additional \$100  
to cover the cost of a psychological evaluation of the evidence. I understand that I may pay the entire \$350 fee now  
or make \$100 initial payment with five additional monthly payments of \$50 totaling \$250, with full balance due at  
the completion of the process. If complying with this fee schedule would cause real hardship, see separate  
instructions on a page titled Fees - Hardship Cases (Form 001).

If you are unable to locate your former spouse and the Diocese of Corpus Christi Canonical and Tribunal Services  
Office must conduct a search, there is an additional fee of \$100.

*Please note that Declaration of Nullity decrees will not be released until any outstanding balance is paid.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

### **FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

One payment of	\$350	_____	OR:
Initial payment	\$100	_____	
Month One	\$ 50	_____	
Month Two	\$ 50	_____	
Month Three	\$ 50	_____	
Month Four	\$ 50	_____	
Month Five	\$ 50	_____	

*possible additional costs:*

Psychological evaluation	\$100	_____	(if necessary)
Search for Respondent	\$100	_____	(if necessary)



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MANDATE AND WAIVER OF THE PETITIONER**

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On this date, I freely and knowingly issue the following mandate and waiver.

By means of this document, I agree to whomever the Tribunals of first and second instance select to act as my Procurator-Advocate. To that person, I concede the faculty of doing and performing in my name all that may be necessary and useful.

By means of this document, I also empower my Procurator-Advocate to receive the citations, to be notified of the publications of the acts, to examine the acts, to be notified of the conclusion of the case and of the publication of the decision. To the extent of my ability to do so, I hereby absolve the Tribunals of first and second instance from any and all of these and other procedural steps, in connection with the expeditious, just and equitable disposition of the case.

By means of this document, I promise that I will institute no litigation before any civil jurisdiction or for any cause whatsoever, since this matter pertains to the governance of the Roman Catholic Church and is within her exclusive jurisdiction.

Given at \_\_\_\_\_, Texas, on this date. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
✍ Petitioner's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
✍ Signature of Pastor or other Advocate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Parish

**PARISH SEAL**



## **PETITION FOR DECLARATION OF NULLITY OF MARRIAGE STATEMENT OF TRIBUNAL POLICY**

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Fairness and justice require that the Tribunal have adequate information in order to make the right decision. In addition to the statements of the parties themselves and the testimonies of their witnesses, the Tribunal may request information from medical or psychological records (as well as school, military or personnel records) if this becomes necessary and only with your permission.

All information gathered in the course of this process is the exclusive property of the Tribunal of the Diocese of Corpus Christi - and is confidential and privileged. This information is **never** made available to any others **except** as required by the law of the Catholic Church - notably: for inspection by the Petitioner, the Respondent, and officers of the ecclesiastical Court. The information is **never** made available to witnesses or anyone acting on their behalf or in any civil proceedings.

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### **AFFIDAVIT**

I attest that I have read this statement of Tribunal policy and that I understand it and voluntarily agree to be bound by the policies explained in this statement.

I further swear that the statements I have made in the enclosed Petitioner's statement are the truth and nothing but the truth, so help me God. I am making this same oath also with regard to any further communications I may make to the Tribunal.

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✍ Petitioner's Signature

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✍ Signature of Pastor or other Advocate

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Date

**PARISH SEAL**



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*(TYPE OR PRINT ANSWERS)*

**PETITIONER:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Maiden) (Present Last Name)

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

Telephone: HOME: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ WORK: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

CELL: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is your present religion? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Are you Baptized? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, in what religion? \_\_\_\_\_

Where were you baptized? \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of Church)

(City)

(State)

When? \_\_\_\_\_

4. If you are NOT Catholic, do you intend to become one? Yes [ ] No [ ]

5. How many times have you been married? \_\_\_\_\_ (Please provide information for each marriage on the following pages.)

**RESPONDENT:** (former spouse)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle Name) (Maiden Name) (Present Last Name)



**COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS IS REQUIRED:**

(If unknown, see document titled WHEN

THE RESPONDENT'S ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN, Form 001/E: 01/09)

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: HOME: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ WORK: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

CELL: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Religion at *time of marriage*? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Baptized? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, in what religion? \_\_\_\_\_

Where? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Church) (City) (State)

When? \_\_\_\_\_

(Complete baptismal information must be provided for Catholic Respondents.

This information can be found at the Church of baptism or the Church of marriage.)

**RESPONDENT'S PRIOR MARRIAGE**

If more space is needed, continue on the back of next page.

9. a. Was the Respondent previously married? Yes [ ] No [ ]

b. If yes, to whom? \_\_\_\_\_

c. Where? \_\_\_\_\_

d. When? \_\_\_\_\_

e. Date of Divorce? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

e. Was this prior marriage annulled by the Catholic Church? Yes [ ] No [ ]

f. If *yes*, you *must* provide the place of annulment and the date of the decision. (This is a requirement.) \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a copy of the marriage license and divorce decree. These may be obtained at the County Courthouse where the marriage and divorce occurred.

**PETITIONER'S (YOUR) MARRIAGE TO THE RESPONDENT:**

10. Date of your marriage to the Respondent:\_\_\_\_\_

11. Place of marriage:\_\_\_\_\_

(Church, J.P., etc.) (City) (State)

12. If you *or* your former spouse is Catholic and you were married in civil law (the marriage was not celebrated in the Catholic Church), was the marriage *later* validated or “blessed” in the Catholic Church? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, please provide the following information:

a. Date of Validation:\_\_\_\_\_

b. Church where validated:\_\_\_\_\_

(Church) (City) (State)

13. Approximate date of Separation:\_\_\_\_\_

14. Date of Civil Divorce:\_\_\_\_\_ Where:\_\_\_\_\_

15. Number of children born (or adopted) in this marriage:\_\_\_\_\_

**PETITIONER'S (YOUR) OTHER MARRIAGES** If more space is needed, continue on the back of next page.

If you have had *more than one* marriage, please discuss with your Pastor or Advocate what must be done. All prior and subsequent marriages *must* be addressed at this time. Provide information about each marriage below or on a separate page. Please begin with your first marriage.

1. (Other party's mailing address)

Name\_\_\_\_\_

(First) (Middle) (Maiden) (Present Last Name)

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Place of marriage:\_\_\_\_\_

(Church, J.P., etc.) (City) (State)

Has this marriage been declared invalid? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, provide details of the Declaration of Nullity:\_\_\_\_\_

If *no*, provide information on how this marriage is being addressed at this time:

\_\_\_\_\_

2. (Other party's mailing address)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Maiden) (Present Last Name)

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

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

Place of marriage: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Church, J.P., etc.) (City) (State)

Has this marriage been declared invalid? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, provide details of the

Declaration of Nullity: \_\_\_\_\_

If **no**, provide information on how this marriage is being addressed at this time:

\_\_\_\_\_

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3. (Other party's mailing address)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Maiden) (Present Last Name)

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

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

Place of marriage: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Church, J.P., etc.) (City) (State)

Has this marriage been declared invalid? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, provide details of the

Declaration of Nullity: \_\_\_\_\_

If **no**, provide information on how this marriage is being addressed at this time:

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**PETITIONER'S PRESENT MARRIAGE:**

1. Name\_\_\_\_\_   
 (First) (Middle) (Maiden) (Present Last Name)
2. Address:\_\_\_\_\_   
 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Date of marriage:\_\_\_\_\_
4. Place of marriage:\_\_\_\_\_   
 (Church, J.P., etc.) (City) (State)
5. Was the other party previously married? Yes [ ] No [ ]
6. If yes, what is the name of that spouse?\_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** If your present spouse was previously married, that marriage must be addressed at this time (including non-Catholics). If your present spouse is widowed or has received a Declaration of Nullity, please give the details below:

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7. What is your present spouse's religion?\_\_\_\_\_
8. Has he or she been baptized? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, where?\_\_\_\_\_
9. How many children from this marriage?\_\_\_\_\_
10. In what religion are the children being raised?\_\_\_\_\_
11. Do you intend this to be a permanent marriage?\_\_\_\_\_

**PETITIONER'S INTENDED SPOUSE**

1. What is the name of your intended spouse?\_\_\_\_\_
2. Has your intended spouse ever been married before? Yes [ ] No [ ]

**NOTE:** If your intended spouse was previously married, that marriage (or those marriages) must be addressed at this time (including non-Catholics). If your intended spouse is widowed or has received a Declaration of Nullity, please give the details below:

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3. Are you married in civil law? Yes [ ] No [ ]

## **I. PETITIONER'S FAMILY BACKGROUND AND GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. What is *your* father's name? \_\_\_\_\_

His religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Living [ ] Deceased [ ]

What is *your* mother's first name and maiden last name? \_\_\_\_\_

Her religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Living [ ] Deceased [ ]

2. How would you describe your parents' marital relationship?

Warm and loving [ ] Emotionally distant [ ] Troubled [ ]

Please describe your parents' marital relationship *in detail*: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Please comment on such things as happiness in the family, who was the dominant parent (if either), special problems in the home such as drinking, use of illegal drugs, infidelity, divorce, physical, emotional, or verbal abuse, excessive strictness or permissiveness, serious illness, death of a significant person, any mental or emotional illness, or any other unusual or significant things about the family.

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5. How many brothers \_\_\_\_\_ and sisters \_\_\_\_\_ do you have?

Have any of your brothers or sisters been divorced? Yes [ ] No [ ]

If yes, how many of them? \_\_\_\_\_ If any have divorced more than once, how many of them and how many times? \_\_\_\_\_

6. How would you describe your relationship with your brothers and sisters while you were growing up? Warm and loving [ ] Emotionally distant [ ] Troubled [ ]

Please comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Did you experience any difficulties growing up that you feel influenced your future marriage? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. Prior to marriage, I dated: Frequently [ ] Seldom [ ] Rarely [ ] Never [ ]

Please comment on *your* dating experience *prior* to dating the Respondent:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. Was your relationship with the Respondent the first serious relationship for *you*?

Yes [ ] No [ ] If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. Were you ever engaged to anyone other than the Respondent? Yes [ ] No [ ]

If yes, why did this engagement end? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. Please describe *your* educational background: \_\_\_\_\_

12. *Before* the actual wedding, what did *you* think or feel about the following:

a. wanting or not wanting children:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

b. limiting the number of children:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

c. practicing or not practicing birth control:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

d. marriage is “for better or worse, until death do us part”:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

e. getting divorced and remarried *if* the marriage did not work out:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

f. sexual fidelity:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Did you discuss these matters with the Respondent before the wedding?

Yes [ ]    No [ ]    If no, why not?\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## **II. RESPONDENT’S FAMILY BACKGROUND AND GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. What is the Respondent’s father’s name?\_\_\_\_\_

His religion:\_\_\_\_\_Living [ ]    Deceased [ ]

What is his or her mother’s first name and maiden last name?\_\_\_\_\_

Her religion:\_\_\_\_\_Living [ ]    Deceased [ ]

2. How would you describe the Respondent's parents' marital relationship?

Warm and loving [ ]      Emotionally distant [ ]      Troubled [ ]

Please describe the Respondent's parents' marital relationship *in detail*:\_\_\_\_\_

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3. Please comment on such things as happiness in the family, who was the dominant parent (if either), special problems in the home such as drinking, use of illegal drugs, infidelity, divorce, physical, emotional, or verbal abuse excessive strictness or permissiveness, serious illness, death of a significant person, any mental or emotional illness, or any other unusual or significant things about the family.

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4. How many brothers \_\_\_\_\_ and sisters \_\_\_\_\_ does the Respondent have?

Have any of his or her brothers or sisters been divorced? Yes [ ]      No [ ]

If yes, how many of them?\_\_\_\_\_ If any have divorced more than once, how many of them and how many times?\_\_\_\_\_

5. How would you describe the Respondent's relationship with his or her brothers and sisters while growing up? Warm and loving [ ]      Emotionally distant [ ]      Troubled [ ]

Please comment:\_\_\_\_\_

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6. Did the Respondent experience any difficulties growing up that might have influenced any future marriage? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

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7. Prior to marriage, the Respondent dated: Frequently [ ] Seldom [ ] Rarely [ ] Never [ ]  
Please comment on *the Respondent's* dating experience *prior* to dating you:

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8. Was your relationship with the Respondent the first serious relationship for *him or her*?  
Yes [ ] No [ ] If no, please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

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9. Was the Respondent ever engaged to anyone other than you? Yes [ ] No [ ]  
If yes, why did this engagement end?\_\_\_\_\_

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10. Please describe *the Respondent's* educational background:\_\_\_\_\_

11. If you do not know the answers to any of questions 1 through 10 of Part II, or cannot answer them, please explain why, *in detail*: \_\_\_\_\_

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12. *Before* the actual wedding, what did the *Respondent* tell you or what do you think the *Respondent* thought or felt about the following:

a. wanting or not wanting children:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

b. limiting the number of children:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

c. practicing or not practicing birth control:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

d. marriage is “for better or worse, until death do us part”:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

e. getting divorced and remarried *if* the marriage did not work out:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

f. sexual fidelity:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### **III. CONCERNING DATING AND ENGAGEMENT**

1. How did you meet the Respondent and under what circumstances?\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. What were your ages when you first began to date each other?

You\_\_\_\_\_ Respondent\_\_\_\_\_

3. How often did you date and what kind of dates were these?\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Please describe how you and the Respondent got along while dating. Were there frequent arguments, breakups, etc.?\_\_\_\_\_

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5. Were there any separations due to living in different areas or breakups due to arguments? If yes, please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

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6. What did *your* parents and friends think about the *relationship*? Did anyone object? If so, why? Please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

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7. What did the *Respondent's* parents and friends think about the *relationship*? Did anyone object? If so, why? Please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

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8. Please explain anything about the Respondent during the dating period that struck you as “unusual,” “odd,” or “strange.”\_\_\_\_\_

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9. Were there any problems during the dating or engagement period that grew worse and might have indicated there would be future problems in the marriage? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

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10. If there were difficulties during the courtship, why did you proceed with the wedding?

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11. Who proposed marriage?\_\_\_\_\_Why?\_\_\_\_\_

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12. What attracted you to the Respondent as a possible marriage partner?\_\_\_\_\_

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13. How long did you date until you got engaged?\_\_\_\_\_

14. How long was it between the time you decided to get married and the actual marriage?

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15. Did you live together before the marriage? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, how long?\_\_\_\_\_

If *yes*, did you think that your relationship with the Respondent would change after the wedding? Yes [ ] No [ ] Please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

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If you lived together before the marriage, did *your* family and friends know?

Yes [ ] No [ ] If *yes*, what did they think or say about the situation?\_\_\_\_\_

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If *no*, why did they not know?\_\_\_\_\_

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If you lived together before the marriage, did *the Respondent's* family and friends know?  
Yes [ ] No [ ] If *yes*, what did they think or say about the situation?\_\_\_\_\_

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If *no*, why did they not know?\_\_\_\_\_

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16. What did *your* parents and friends think about your *engagement*?\_\_\_\_\_

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17. What did the *Respondent's* parents and friends think about the *engagement*?\_\_\_\_\_

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18. Were *you* reluctant or feeling pressured to marry? Yes [ ] No [ ]

If yes, please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

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19. Was the **Respondent** reluctant or feeling pressured to marry? Yes [ ] No [ ]

If yes, please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

20. Did you and the Respondent work together in making the wedding plans?

Yes [ ] No [ ] If no, please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

21. Were your respective families involved in making the wedding plans? Yes [ ] No [ ]

If no, please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

22. Did you and the Respondent receive any premarital preparation? Yes [ ] No [ ]

If yes, describe briefly and comment on its effectiveness in preparing each of you for marriage:-

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If no, why not?\_\_\_\_\_

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23. What did the minister (or judge) who performed the wedding think about the marriage?

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24. Describe *your* personality *before* you were married?\_\_\_\_\_

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25. Describe the *Respondent's* personality *before* you were married?\_\_\_\_\_

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#### **IV. CONCERNING THE WEDDING AND HONEYMOON**

1. What was *your* frame of mind on the day of the wedding, *especially* at the time of the wedding ceremony?\_\_\_\_\_

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What was the *Respondent's* frame of mind?\_\_\_\_\_

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2. What was *your* age on the wedding day?\_\_\_\_\_the *Respondent's* age?\_\_\_\_\_

3. Were there any unusual events on the wedding day? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

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4. Did anyone advise you or the Respondent against marrying? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

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5. Did either you or the Respondent enter this marriage as an escape or rebellion against a situation or a person? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, who and why?\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
6. Was there a pregnancy before the wedding? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, had the wedding date been set before the pregnancy was discovered? Yes [ ] No [ ]
7. When you married, do you think both you and the Respondent had an adequate understanding of what marriage involved? Yes [ ] No [ ] If no, who and why?\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
8. At the time of the wedding, did both you and the Respondent think or feel that you could commit yourselves to one person for the rest of your lives? Yes [ ] No [ ] If no, please explain:\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
9. Were either of you seeing or dating another person while you were preparing for marriage? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, who and why?\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_



10. Did both of you understand what faithfulness to one another in marriage meant?

Yes [ ] No [ ] If no, please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

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11. When you married, did you both intend the marriage to last for the rest of your lives?

Yes [ ] No [ ] If no, please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

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12. Did either of you enter this marriage with the idea that if things did not work out, divorce was an option? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

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13. Before the marriage, did you discuss the idea of having children? Yes [ ] No [ ]

If no, why not?\_\_\_\_\_

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If you did discuss the idea of having children, were you both willing to have children in *this* marriage? Yes [ ] No [ ]

If no, please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

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14. Was the honeymoon a pleasant experience? Yes [ ] No [ ] If no, please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

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15. If this wedding was celebrated outside the Catholic Church and was validated (blessed) in the Catholic Church, what was (were) the reason(s) for this *second* ceremony?

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Did you consider yourself *already married* because of the prior ceremony?

Yes [ ] No [ ] Please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

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Did the Respondent consider himself or herself *already married* because of the prior ceremony? Yes [ ] No [ ] Please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

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## **V. CONCERNING THE MARRIAGE**

1. How long (years, months, weeks) did you *actually live together* as husband and wife?

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2. Did you adjust well with your new life with the Respondent? Yes [ ] No [ ]

Please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

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3. Were there any problems that you noticed before the wedding that caused trouble in the marriage itself?\_\_\_\_\_

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4. Did *your* personality change *AFTER* the wedding? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

5. Did the *Respondent's* personality change *AFTER* the wedding? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

6. Do you think *you* were sufficiently mature and emotionally stable to enter a marriage? Yes [ ] No [ ] Please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

7. Do you think the *Respondent* was sufficiently mature and emotionally stable to enter a marriage? Yes [ ] No [ ] Please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

8. How soon (years, months, weeks) after the wedding did problems *first* begin?\_\_\_\_\_
- Please explain what these problems were:\_\_\_\_\_

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9. How were problems and conflicts handled by *you*?

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10. How were problems and conflicts handled by the *Respondent*?

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11. What *influence* did *your family and friends* have on the marriage?

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12. What *influence* did the *Respondent's family and friends* have on the marriage?

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13. Did your sexual relationship cause any difficulties within the marriage? Yes [ ] No [ ]

If yes, please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

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14. Did either of you make any sexual demands that caused any difficulty due to being considered abnormal or undesirable? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, please explain:\_\_\_\_\_
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15. Were *you* involved with anyone else during the marriage? Yes [ ] No [ ]
- If yes, what was the nature of the relationship?\_\_\_\_\_
- When did it begin?\_\_\_\_\_
- How long did it last?\_\_\_\_\_
16. Was the **Respondent** involved with anyone else during the marriage? Yes [ ] No [ ]
- If yes, what was the nature of the relationship?\_\_\_\_\_
- When did it begin?\_\_\_\_\_
- How long did it last?\_\_\_\_\_
17. Did you or the Respondent plan to postpone having children? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, who, for how long, and why?\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
18. If there was an agreement to postpone having children, was it made by *both you and the Respondent*? Yes [ ] No [ ]
19. Was birth control used during this marriage? Always [ ] Usually [ ] Rarely or Never [ ]
- If birth control was used, was an agreement made by both? Yes [ ] No [ ]
- Or, because one person was insistent? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, please explain:\_\_\_\_\_
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- \_\_\_\_\_
20. Did you use multiple forms of birth control? Yes [ ] No [ ]
21. Would one of you refuse to have sexual relations if birth control was not used?

Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, who and why?\_\_\_\_\_

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22. Was there a decision never to have children? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, please explain:\_\_\_

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If yes, did it become a source of difficulty during the marriage? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

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23. Did either of you undergo a surgical operation to prevent the conception of a child?

Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, who, when, and what type of surgery?\_\_\_\_\_

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24. Was an abortion ever obtained in this marriage to prevent the birth of a child?

Yes [ ] No [ ]

If yes, was it a mutual decision? Yes [ ] No [ ]

If not a mutual decision, who insisted on it? You [ ] Respondent [ ] Please explain:

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25. Please comment on the following as they may have affected your marriage:

a. A breakdown in communication:

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b. The loss of shared interests or goals:

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c. Women's equality issues:

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d. In-laws:

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e. Religion:

Did you practice religion? Yes [ ] No [ ]

If you did practice your religion, was it a positive force in your marriage? Yes [ ] No [ ] Please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

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If you did not practice your religion, why not?\_\_\_\_\_

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f. Work/Career:

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g. Money/Finances:

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26. Did *you* think or feel that you and the Respondent were growing together in love for one another? Yes [ ] No [ ] Please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

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How open did you feel about revealing your deepest thoughts and feelings?\_\_\_\_\_

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27. Did the **Respondent** think or feel that you and the Respondent were growing together in love for one another? Yes [ ] No [ ] Please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

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How open did he or she feel about revealing his or her deepest thoughts and feelings?\_\_\_\_\_

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28. Did you and the Respondent have or adopt any children? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, please answer questions 29 through 35.

29. How long after the wedding was there a pregnancy?\_\_\_\_\_

30. What was **your** reaction to the discovery of the pregnancy?\_\_\_\_\_

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31. What was the **Respondent's** reaction to the discovery of the pregnancy?\_\_\_\_\_

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32. How many children were born or adopted during this marriage?\_\_\_\_\_

What are their names and dates of birth?\_\_\_\_\_

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If any of the children are still minors, are all court-ordered obligations regarding child support, custody, and visitation being observed? Yes [ ] No [ ] If no, please explain:

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33. How was the responsibility of children handled by

*You?*\_\_\_\_\_

*Respondent?*\_\_\_\_\_

34. Was there any physical, emotional, or verbal abuse of the children? Yes [ ] No [ ]

If yes, by whom? How frequent was it? How severe? Please give examples:\_\_\_\_\_

35. If your marriage was troubled, why did you decide to have children?\_\_\_\_\_

36. Was there any physical, emotional, or verbal abuse between you and the Respondent?

Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, by whom? How frequent was it? How severe? Please give examples:\_\_\_\_\_

37. Was there any abuse of alcohol or drugs during the marriage? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, by whom? How often? Was it alcohol or drugs? Were there any arrests, accidents, loss of work, change in personality, etc., associated with it?\_\_\_\_\_

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## **VI. CONCERNING THE END OF THE MARRIAGE**

1. How many temporary separations were there during the marriage?\_\_\_\_\_
- How long did each last? When did they occur? What caused them?\_\_\_\_\_

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2. Who mentioned divorce for the first time? You [ ] Respondent [ ]

When? Why?\_\_\_\_\_

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3. What caused the *final* separation?\_\_\_\_\_

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4. Between the final separation and divorce, were there any attempts to get back together?

Yes [ ] No [ ] Please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

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5. What was *your* attitude toward seeking counseling to help solve the marital problems?

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6. What was the *Respondent's* attitude toward seeking counseling? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Were either of you ever hospitalized or treated for nervousness, depression, emotional or psychological problems *before* the marriage? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, who, and what was the nature of the illness?

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8. Were either of you ever hospitalized or treated for nervousness, depression, emotional or psychological problems *after* the marriage? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, who, and what was the nature of the illness?

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9. Can you provide any documentation as proof? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, what will it be?

Will it be attached to this questionnaire? Yes [ ] No [ ]

10. Did either you or the Respondent exhibit any strange or odd behavior during the marriage?

Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, who? Please give an example:\_\_\_\_\_

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11. Did either you or the Respondent seek any counseling from psychiatrists, psychologists, counselors, or family doctors? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, who? How many times?\_\_\_\_\_

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If yes, *please sign a release for professional information for this Tribunal.* The release form is included in this packet: Form 002/C: 01/04. Please make copies if more than one is needed.

If the **Respondent** sought counseling, do you think that he or she would be willing to sign a release? Yes [ ] No [ ]

Please provide the *complete name and mailing address for the counselor:*

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12. On what date did you *last* live together?\_\_\_\_\_

13. Who left the marriage? You [ ] Respondent [ ]

14. What major things could have been done or avoided by *you* that would have helped the relationship?\_\_\_\_\_

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15. What major things could have been done or avoided by the **Respondent** that would have helped the relationship?\_\_\_\_\_

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16. How much satisfaction was there for **you** in relation to **your** expectations about marriage?\_\_\_\_\_

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17. How much satisfaction was there for the **Respondent** in relation to **his or her** expectations about marriage?\_\_\_\_\_

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## **VII. CONCERNING DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE**

1. Who filed for divorce? You [ ] Respondent [ ] Why?\_\_\_\_\_

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2. On what grounds?\_\_\_\_\_

3. Who has or had custody of the children from this marriage? You [ ] Respondent [ ]

4. Are any provisions of the civil courts regarding child support being observed?

Yes [ ] No [ ] If no, please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

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5. Have **you** “remarried” in civil law? Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, how many times?\_\_\_\_\_

6. Has the ***Respondent*** “remarried” in civil law? Yes [ ☐ ] No [ ☐ ] If yes, how many times?\_\_\_\_\_

7. Why are you seeking a Declaration of Nullity at this time? What effects do you think it will have?\_\_\_\_\_

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Please use this page and/or additional pages to add any further comments you have about your marriage.



**WITNESSES, whom I have contacted and who are willing** to answer a questionnaire. The witnesses will be asked about facts concerning you, the Respondent, and your relationship with the Respondent both before and after the wedding. It is important that they provide as much detailed information as possible. Your witnesses should be people who knew you at the time of your marriage. Please only list the names of witnesses who are willing to respond to the questionnaire. Please provide complete addresses.

*Children of the marriage should not be submitted as witnesses.*

*When submitting the names of a couple, please note that a husband and wife count as two witnesses. A questionnaire will be sent to each one separately.*

*If it is not possible to submit the names of four witnesses, please give a written explanation as to why. Your case cannot be decided until the Tribunal has received completed questionnaires from at least two witnesses.*

Submit the names and addresses of *four* people only.

1. Mr. [ ] Mrs. [ ] Ms. [ ] \_\_\_\_\_

Street or P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

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

Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_

2. Mr. [ ] Mrs. [ ] Ms. [ ] \_\_\_\_\_

Street or P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

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

Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_

3. Mr. [ ] Mrs. [ ] Ms. [ ] \_\_\_\_\_

Street or P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

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

Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_

4. Mr. [ ] Mrs. [ ] Ms. [ ] \_\_\_\_\_

Street or P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

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

Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_