STATEMENT OF RCIA CANDIDATE
PETITIONING THE TRIBUNAL FOR A NULLITY OF DISSOLUTION PROCESS

On _____, 20_____, I was interviewed by _____ at _____ Church in _____, Texas.

During the interview, I was informed that it is necessary to obtain a Church declaration of nullity/dissolution of (my) (my spouse's) (my fiancé's) previous marriage(s). I understand that the Tribunal process can take 12-14 months or longer. I also understand that the Tribunal acceptance of a nullity/dissolution petition does not guarantee that the petition will be granted. (A divorced non-Catholic person who has not remarried and is not engaged to be married need not receive an affirmative nullity/dissolution decision prior to sacramental initiation. However, an affirmative nullity/dissolution decision would be required if the person wished to remarry after becoming Catholic so as to be in a state of grace.) I also understand that after sacramental initiation if I attempt marriage outside the Catholic Church, without dispensation, then I will be prohibited from receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick, except in danger of death.

(For a non-baptized candidate): For these reasons I understand that while I may be admitted to the Period of Evangelization and Precatechumenate and the Period of Catechumenate, I will not be able to participate in the Rite of Election or Enrollment of Names or in any of the liturgical rites of the Period of Purification and Enlightenment or receive the sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) until the marital situation is resolved.

(For a baptized candidate for full communion): For these reasons, I understand that while I may continue my study and formation toward full Christian Initiation in the Catholic Church (Profession of faith, Confirmation and Eucharist) I may not participate in the celebration of the Call to Continuing Conversion or receive the sacraments of Christian Initiation (Confirmation and Eucharist) until the marital situation is resolved.

Because I want to discern a call to membership in the Catholic Church and receive the support and prayer of the parish community, I wish to continue my participation in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process to the extent allowed while awaiting a decision regarding the annulment petition.

_____ Date Signed _____
Signature of Candidate

_____ Date Signed _____
Signature of Interviewer
(Priest, Deacon, RCIA Director, etc.)

*Original kept by candidate; copy kept in parish RCIA file.