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Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana | Office of the Tribunal
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Application for Introduction of a Marriage Case

IMPORTANT: 1) IN AN EFFORT TO AVOID UNNECESSARY DELAYS AND REQUESTS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION/DOCUMENTATION, THIS APPLICATION **MUST** BE FILLED OUT IN ITS ENTIRETY. 2) IF POSSIBLE, THIS APPLICATION SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN THE PRESENCE OF YOUR PARISH PRIEST. 3) **PLEASE NOTE: ALL INFORMATION GATHERED IN THE COURSE OF THIS INVESTIGATION IS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL. THIS INFORMATION IS NOT MADE AVAILABLE EXCEPT AS MAY BE AUTHORIZED BY CHURCH LAW OR STATE LAW REGARDING MANDATED REPORTING.**

NOTE TO PARISH PRIEST: Please review the completed application with the Petitioner prior to forwarding to the Tribunal.

1. Name: _____ Maiden Name : _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone #: _____ Work Telephone #: _____

County of Residence: _____

Date and Place of Birth: _____

Occupation: _____ Present Religion: _____

Do you actively practice your religion: _____

2. Have you ever been baptized, christened or sprinkled: _____

If so, a. In which religion? _____

b. When? _____

c. What church and minister? _____

d. What is the Church's address? _____

Have you received any OTHER baptisms, sprinklings or christenings? _____

If so, give the above information about each baptism (attach separate sheet).

3. If you are unbaptized, please list the names and addresses of two individuals (must be your parents if living, otherwise grandparents, aunts, uncles, older siblings, life long family friends) who have been close to you throughout your life and who can testify to your non-baptism:

1) _____

2) _____

4. If you are not Catholic, are you currently taking instructions in Catholicism: _____

OR..... Are you planning to do so? _____

NOTE: Please repeat questions 5 through 26 on **separate applications for each failed marriage.**

5. How many times have you been married (Religiously, civilly or even common law – INCLUDE PRESENT UNION)? _____

6. Give the name of the VERY FIRST person with whom you entered into marriage: _____

If a woman, please indicate MAIDEN name: _____

What is his/her PRESENT name, address and (home and work) telephone numbers? _____
(will be contacted by this office)

County of Residence: _____ Last known occupation: _____

When and where was he/she born? _____

If deceased, give date and place of death: _____

7. Was he/she baptized, christened or sprinkled? _____

If so, a. In which religion? _____

b. When? _____

c. What church and minister? _____

d. Give Church's address if known: _____

Did he/she receive any OTHER baptisms, sprinklings or christenings? _____

If so, give the above information about each baptism (on separate sheet).

8. If your former spouse was unbaptized, please list the names and addresses of two individuals (must be parents if living, otherwise grandparents, aunts, uncles, older siblings, life long family friends) who have been close to him/her throughout your previous spouse's life and who can testify to the non-baptism:

1) _____

2) _____

9. How long was your courtship with your first spouse? _____

Was there an engagement? _____ If so, how long was the engagement? _____

How often did you see each other during your courtship? _____

What were the attitudes of the parents of EACH party to the marriage? _____

Was premarital pregnancy a factor in the decision to marry? _____

10. Date of your marriage: _____ County: _____

Place (Church or Court; Street Address, City, State): _____

Who performed the ceremony (Name and Designation): _____

If either you or your first spouse were Catholic at the time of the wedding, were the two of you first married in a civil ceremony (non-Catholic) and later married in the Catholic church? _____

If so, give place, Church, and date of Catholic wedding: _____

How long did you live with your first spouse? _____

Did you have any children? _____ Number: _____ Who retained custody? _____

11. When did you first separate from your first spouse? _____

When was your final separation (ceased living together)? _____

Who left and why? _____

Who obtained the civil divorce? _____

Date of civil divorce: _____ County and State of civil divorce: _____

12. Was either party alleged to have been guilty of adultery prior to the final separation? _____

If so, whom? _____

13. Was your first spouse ever married before? _____

IF SO, ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ON PAGE 5 AND THEN CONTINUE WITH THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

14. Did you and your first spouse contract marriage freely? _____

If not, were any unjust threats or pressure used by a third party to force you or your first spouse to marry? _____

Could you and your spouse have easily avoided marrying? _____

15. At the time you entered marriage, did you intend to be exclusively faithful to the extent that you stopped "keeping company" with all other persons? _____ Did your former spouse? _____

16. Did either party deceive the other so that he/she would enter into this marriage? _____

17. Have you or your spouse ever suffered from ANY mental disturbance, "nervous breakdown", unusual depressions, etc.? _____

If so, please explain: _____

18. Did you or your spouse adamantly refuse to allow the possibility of conception of children during the first year of marriage? _____

If so, was it permanently, or only for a time? _____ Was anything said to that effect prior to the marriage? _____

19. Did either party enter the marriage with a condition in mind, e.g. "I am marrying you ONLY IF such-and-such is true"? _____

If so, please explain: _____

20. How old were you at the time of the marriage? _____ Spouse: _____

21. Were you and your spouse related by blood or marriage? _____

If so, please explain the relationship: _____

22. Were you and your spouse able to have normal sexual relations at the time of marriage? _____

Did you, in fact, consummate the marriage the night of the wedding? _____

23. At the time of the wedding, did you and your spouse sincerely intend a permanent union lasting until death? _____

If not, please explain: _____

Were there any discussions about divorce PRIOR to the marriage? _____

If so, with whom and what was actually said: _____

24. At the time of the wedding, was either party under the influence of alcohol or drugs? _____

If so, whom? _____

25. Did either of you seem so emotionally upset, lacking in responsibility, incommunicative, or immature, that living in a normal marriage would have been impossible? _____ If so, please explain: _____

26. Was either party afflicted by drug addiction, alcoholism, homosexuality or uncontrollable desires? _____

If so, please explain: _____

27. In your own words, what do you suspect is the reason your first marriage was not binding? _____

28. Who is your present spouse (Maiden and Current Name)? _____

His/her religion: _____

When, where and before whom were you married? _____

Has he/she ever married before? _____ If yes, is the previous spouse deceased? _____

(PLEASE SUBMIT COPY OF THE DEATH CERTIFICATE)

If the marriage ended in civil divorce, has an annulment of that marriage been secured through the Catholic Church? _____
(This question applies whether the marriage was a Catholic or Protestant Marriage)

29. If you have not remarried, do you plan to enter into marriage? _____ With whom? _____

His/her Address and Phone Number: _____

What is his/her religion? _____ Parish? _____

Has he/she ever married before? _____ If yes, is the previous spouse deceased? _____

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If the marriage ended in civil divorce, has an annulment of that marriage been secured through the Catholic Church? _____
(This question applies whether the marriage was a Catholic or Protestant Marriage)

30. If your current prospective spouse is not Catholic, is he/she taking instructions in the Faith? _____

or planning to do so? _____

31. Have you ever filed for an annulment before? _____ If YES, where? _____

- By signing, I give my permission for the Tribunal to discuss my case with my parish priest.

Signature of Deponent

Date

Signature of Priest

Parish

N.B. Pose the questions on this page **only if** the first husband/wife of the deponent was **previously** married.

1. Who was the first spouse of your first husband/wife (If a woman, please indicate her PRESENT and MAIDEN names)?

What was the date of this marriage? _____

Where did this marriage take place? _____

Date and place of their divorce: _____

2. Was this the FIRST marriage for the other party (i.e., your first husband's/wife's first spouse)? _____

If not, to whom was he/she previously married? _____

Address and phone number of this party (If a woman, please indicate her present and maiden names):

Date and place of the marriage: _____

Date and place of the divorce: _____

3. What was the religion of the other party (i.e., your first husband's/wife's first spouse)? _____

Was he/she ever baptized in the Catholic Church? _____

If so, when and where was this Catholic baptism? _____

Was he/she ever baptized as a non-Catholic? _____

If so, when and where was this non-Catholic baptism? _____

4. Was the first marriage contracted freely and without pressure? _____

If not, please explain the circumstances on the back of this page.

5. How old was each of the two parties at the time of this marriage?

Husband: _____ Wife: _____

6. Were they related in any way by blood or marriage? _____

7. Did they both intend a true marriage, permanent and exclusive? _____

8. Is that party (i.e., your first husband's/wife's first spouse) still living? _____

If not, when and where did he/she die? _____

(PLEASE SUBMIT COPY OF DEATH CERTIFICATE IF POSSIBLE)

How do you know? _____

9. Give the names, addresses and phone numbers of parents, relatives and/or close friends of that party (i.e., your first husband's/wife's first spouse):
