



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Metropolitan Tribunal

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DSF Supported

NULLITY CASE SPONSOR TRAINING — SPRING 2024

Sponsored by the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Location of courses: St. Vincent de Paul Church
6800 Buffalo Speedway
Houston, TX 77025

Times of all courses: Two Saturdays per course: 9 am–4 pm • *Lunch (not provided): Noon–1 pm*

COURSE 1 (12 hours): **Formal Nullity Petitions January 13 & 20**

- Review of Marriage Theology and different types of Processes
- Determining who requires a Formal Case Petition
- Explanation of how to complete the Formal Case Petition
- Lecture, case scenarios and practical applications to parish ministry will be presented.

COURSE 2 (12 hours): **Various Nullity and Privilege Petitions February 3 & 10**

- Overview of Marriage Theology and the concept of Nullity
- Overview of Different types of Nullity Processes
 - Formal Declaration of Nullity Petition
 - Lack of Canonical Form Petition
 - Defect of Canonical Form Petition
 - Ligamen* (Prior Bond) Petition
- Overview of different types of Dissolution Cases
- Lecture, case scenarios and practical applications to parish ministry will be presented.

**Courses 1 & 2 are prerequisites to take Course 3. Exceptions with the approval of the Metropolitan Tribunal.*

COURSE 3 (12 hours): **Practicum of All Types of Nullity Scenarios – March 16 & 23**

- Overview of Marriage Theology and the concept of Nullity
- Brief overview of all types of Nullity and Privilege Petitions
- Case scenarios of individuals requiring one or more nullity petitions will be presented to the students to determine what type(s) of petition(s) must be submitted.

I, _____, Pastor of _____
Pastor's printed name Parish Name and City

approve _____ to attend the Nullity Case Sponsor Training.
Individual's Name

Parish Seal

Pastor's Signature

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