

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA



LACK OF CANONICAL FORM - APPLICATION FORM

PETITIONER

First name: _____
Middle name: _____
Current last name: _____
Maiden name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, ZIP: _____
Parish: _____
Date of birth: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Religion at time of marriage: _____

RESPONDENT

First name: _____
Middle name: _____
Current last name: _____
Maiden name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, ZIP: _____
Parish: _____
Date of birth: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Religion at time of marriage: _____

WEDDING

Date: _____
City: _____
State: _____
Venue: _____

Was it a military Chapel? Yes ☐ No ☐

Officiant: ☐ Civil Official ☐ Licensed Minister
☐ Other: _____

DIVORCE

Date: _____
City: _____
County: _____
State: _____

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS. RETAIN ORIGINALS IN FILE

- ☐ Catholic party's baptismal certificate or profession of faith (issued within last six months)
- ☐ Marriage certificate (original or certified copy)
- ☐ Final divorce decree (including date and judge's signature; original or certified copy)

OATH

I swear that, to the best of my knowledge,

- ☐ The Respondent and I did not obtain a dispensation of the canonical form.
- ☐ The marriage was not celebrated in the required canonical form.
- ☐ The marriage was not convalidated or sanated afterwards.

For Chancery use:

Date Received:

Protocol #:

PETITION

I respectfully petition the ecclesiastical authority to declare that the wedding referenced here was not celebrated in the required canonical form and, therefore, cannot be considered valid.

Signature of Petitioner

Date

Printed Name

Parish Name

The Priest or Deacon has two alternatives:

Option One – I attach my signed attestation to the application and other documents for the parish prenuptial file. I send a copy of my attestation and the application form to the Tribunal for recording. Originals go in prenuptial file.

Option Two – I send my signed attestation and a copy of the application form to the Tribunal. The original documents stay in the parish prenuptial file. The signed copy will be returned to me for the file.

OPTION ONE:

I have examined the baptismal certificate of the Catholic party and find no notation of a marriage celebrated according to canonical form. The civil marriage certificate confirms that canonical form was not observed. The Petitioner has attested that the marriage was not celebrated according to canonical form, that no dispensation from canonical form was ever granted, and that no convalidation took place.

Therefore, in accordance with Dignitas Conubii, art. 5 §3, and canon 1108, I conclude that the marriage described in this application was null in Catholic Church law due to lack of canonical form.

OPTION TWO:

I have conducted the prenuptial investigation required by the Code of Canon Law (1983), canons 1066–1071, and Dignitas Conubii, art. 5 §3, for the marriage of the Petitioner named above, whose previous marriage did not conform with the required canonical form (canon 1108).

I have examined a recent copy of the Petitioner's baptismal certificate, on which there is no notation of a marriage celebrated in the Catholic Church; the civil marriage certificate for the union, which confirms the same; and the Petitioner's attestation that the marriage was not celebrated according to canonical form.

I hereby request a declaration that the prior marriage was null in Catholic Church law by reason of lack of canonical form.

Signature of Priest/Deacon

Date

Parish
Seal

Printed Name and Title

Parish name

FOR TRIBUNAL USE:

Requested Declaration granted by: _____

Delegate of Ordinary: _____

Date Granted: _____

Tribunal
Seal