METROPOLITAN TRIBUNAL – ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA

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**PETITION FOR LACK OF CANONICAL FORM**

I respectfully petition that my previous marriage herein described be declared invalid on the ground that this marriage did not follow the canonical form prescribed for a valid marriage and at least one of the two parties was Catholic at the time of marriage. I swear that the respondent and I did not obtain a dispensation to be married before a non-Catholic minister or civil official, that the marriage did not take place before a Catholic priest, deacon, or bishop, and that it was not ever subsequently witnessed, validated or *sanated* by one. I acknowledge by my signature below that I have been informed that no date can be given for the completion of a case and that no marriage date can be assigned until the case is completed.

**Date Signature of Petitioner**

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| TITLE | PETITIONER'S FIRST NAME | | FULL MIDDLE | | PRESENT LAST NAME | | | MAIDEN |
| STREET ADDRESS | | | | | | BIRTHDAY (M/D/YYY) | | HOME PHONE (   )- |
| CITY | | | STATE | | ZIP CODE | | | WORK PHONE (   )- |
| PETITIONER'S BAPTISMAL STATUS AT TIME OF MARRIAGE:  BAPTIZED  UNBAPTIZEDReligion: | | | | | | | | |
| TITLE | RESPONDENT'S FIRST NAME | | FULL MIDDLE | | PRESENT LAST NAME | | | MAIDEN |
| STREET ADDRESS | | | | | | BIRTHDAY (M/D/YYY) | | HOME PHONE (   )- |
| CITY | | | STATE | | ZIP CODE | | | WORK PHONE (   )- |
| RESPONDENT'S BAPTISMAL STATUS AT TIME OF MARRIAGE:  BAPTIZED  UNBAPTIZED  Religion: | | | | | | | | |
| DATE OF MARRIAGE (M/D/YYYY) | | CITY | | | | | STATE | |
| CEREMONY WITNESSED BY:  CIVIL OFFICIAL  LICENSED MINISTER  OTHER: | | | | | | | | |
| DATE OF DIVORCE(M/D/YYYY) | | CITY | | COUNTY | | | STATE | |

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| List all locations where you lived as husband and wife (unless married in a military chapel). Were you married in a military chapel? Yes  No  Cities and States you lived: (if more space is needed, please continue on back of form) |

**PARISH SEAL Parish**

     

**Signature of Priest/Deacon/Case Sponsor Name Printed Telephone**

**IMPORTANT NOTE: If your intended spouse has any prior marriages, please be certain to discuss this with your Case Sponsor or your Advocate as soon as possible, since it will be necessary for the Tribunal to review those marriages before a new marriage can take place. Also, list on another sheet or on the back of this form the dates of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) of children born during your marriage to the Respondent.**

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| **As proof of the above facts, I include the following documents (NOTE: At least one party was Catholic at the time of marriage.)**   * Catholic party's baptismal certificate/profession of faith (issued within last six months) petitioner initials \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ * Marriage certificate (original or certified by case sponsor copy) petitioner initials \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ * **Final** divorce decree (including date of final decree and signature of the Judge) (certified copy) petitioner initials \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ * Agreement of Understanding for Informal Cases petitioner initials \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

**For Tribunal Use:**

Date Received Case #

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Agreement to Policies and Practices

Agreement of Understanding – Informal Cases

1. I understand that, if the Tribunal accepts my case for consideration, it cannot and does not guarantee that an Affirmative decision will be given in the case.
2. I understand that the Tribunal cannot and will not ever guarantee that a case will be concluded by a certain date. Because of this I agree to wait until I receive a final decision in writing from the Tribunal before I set a definite date for remarriage within the Catholic Church or convalidation of an existing marriage.
3. I understand that I may be asked to assist in obtaining information or documents in the interest of my case, or that it may be necessary for the Tribunal to do this.
4. To provide for candor and openness in testimony, in recognition of the purely spiritual and religious nature of these proceedings, and to allow the Tribunal to process this case free from undue entanglements or hindrances, I voluntarily waive now and in the future any right under law to subpoena or judicial discovery of the testimonial or documentary acts of the case. This waiver is given without reservation or condition.

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Signature of Petitioner Date

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Signature of Pastor