



# THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO

Metropolitan Tribunal

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## APPLICATION FOR FORMAL CASES OF NULLITY AND PRIVILEGE OF THE FAITH CASES ("Form C")

**PETITIONER**

*[Please print or type]*

**RESPONDENT**

_____	Name	_____
_____	Maiden Name <i>(if applicable)</i>	_____
_____	Address	_____
_____	City, State Zip	_____
_____	Home Phone	_____
(W) _____ (C) _____	Other Phones	(W) _____ (C) _____
_____	E-mail Address	_____
_____	Date of Birth	_____
_____	Place of Birth	_____
_____	Religion	_____
_____	Date of Baptism	_____
_____	Church of Baptism	_____
_____	Maiden Name <i>(Church of Baptism)</i>	_____
_____	Age at Time of this Marriage	_____
A) _____ B) _____	A) Number of this Marriage B) Total Number of Marriages	A) _____ B) _____

**PARENT'S NAMES**

**Petitioner's Parents**

Father's Name:

Mother's Name:

*\*Please indicate if a parent is living or deceased.*

**Respondent's Parents**

Father's Name:

Mother's Name:

**MARRIAGE UNDER INVESTIGATION**

Year the Petitioner and Respondent met: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of engagement: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Officiant at the Marriage (*priest, minister, judge, etc*): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Convalidation (*if applicable*): \_\_\_\_\_

<p>Place of the Marriage (If the marriage took place in a Catholic church, please also give the name of the church)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Name of Church or Place of Marriage</p>
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Length of time the parties lived together after the marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Number and age of children of the marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable, who has custody? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Final Judgment of Dissolution of the marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the Final Judgment issued (*County and State*): \_\_\_\_\_

Who initiated proceedings? \_\_\_\_\_

Why does the petitioner believe that this marriage should not have taken place?

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<p>Please forward the following documents so the tribunal can begin to process this case:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Baptismal Certificate (<i>issued within the last six months</i>)</li><li>2. Marriage License</li><li>3. Final Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage</li><li>4. <b>One Hundred Dollar</b> (\$100.00) Filing Fee.</li></ol>
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Petitioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# PASTORAL EVALUATION

## The Marriage in Question

Were there any unusual circumstances before or during the marriage such as undue pressure, pregnancy, substance abuse, etc.?  Yes  No

*If yes, please explain:* \_\_\_\_\_

Will the petitioner be able to complete the Petitioner's Narrative, which is a narrative history of the marriage?  Yes  No  
Are there witnesses who can testify to the circumstances of the courtship & marriage?  Yes  No  
Do most of these witnesses live in San Francisco, Marin or San Mateo Counties?  Yes  No

*If not, where do they live:* \_\_\_\_\_

**For Privilege of the Faith Case**, please provide the name of the Interested Party (*e.g., Intended Spouse*).  
Please provide recent Baptismal Certificate for Interested Party.

## Status of the Petitioner

Is the Petitioner presently re-married civilly?  Yes  No  
Does the Petitioner intend to marry in the Church?  Yes  No  
If "Yes," is the Petitioner's intended spouse free to marry in the Church?  Yes  No  
Is the Petitioner or the Petitioner's intended spouse preparing for Baptism or reception into the Catholic Church?  Yes  No

**I, the Petitioner, acknowledge that no wedding date (not even a tentative date) can be set until a final declaration of nullity is given.**

Acknowledgement of Petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner

## Fees

Have you informed the Petitioner that there is a fee of \$600.00 for a Formal Cases if it is accepted?  Yes  No  
Does the Petitioner know that this fee can be paid in monthly installments?  Yes  No  
*If this fee is burdensome, what accommodation do you suggest should be made for the petitioner?*

Some cases require the review of the tribunal appointed psychologist which entails an additional cost. Can the Petitioner pay this fee?  Yes  No

Are you willing to assist the Petitioner during the preparation of this case?  Yes  No

Signature of the Pastoral Minister: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church of Pastoral Minister: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address of Pastoral Minister: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastoral Minister's Phan\*); Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## **PETITIONER'S NARRATIVE**

In order for this Tribunal to investigate the possible nullity of your former marriage, it is necessary to seek from you a complete family and marital history. This outline is offered as a guide to enable you to provide this information. We invite you to reflect upon the points presented in this outline and to write your responses on separate paper. Please do not write your responses on this paper. Should you prefer to respond orally, please contact this office, and arrangements will be made for a personal interview.

### **IA. FAMILY BACKGROUND**

Please provide a general idea of your family background, your religious training and moral values, and your educational background. How would you characterize your relationship with your parents and siblings? Are there any unusual circumstances that would have had a serious impact upon your family history or relationships, such as medical problems, family difficulties revolving around drug or alcohol abuse, gambling or financial difficulties? Please describe what you consider your outstanding personality and character traits, both your strong and weak points. If you have ever undergone psychological counseling, please describe the circumstances and any diagnosis.

### **IB. FAMILY BACKGROUND OF FORMER SPOUSE**

Please provide a general idea of the family background of your former spouse: religious training and moral values, educational background. How would you characterize your former spouse's relationship with his/her parents and siblings? Are there any unusual circumstances that would have had a serious impact upon his/her family history or relationships, such as medical problems, family difficulties revolving around drug or alcohol abuse, gambling or financial difficulties? Please describe what you consider to be the outstanding personality and character traits, both strong and weak points, of your former spouse. If your former spouse has ever undergone counseling, please describe the circumstances and any diagnosis.

### **1. COURTSHIP**

Please describe how you and your former spouse met. How long did you know each other before you seriously considered the possibility of marrying and who first brought up the subject of marriage? In discussing the subject of marriage, what were the attitudes you had: a) toward marriage as a permanent and exclusive relationship, b) about having children in the marriage and raising a family. Please describe any difficulties that may have arisen during the time of your courtship, for example: a) separations during the time you were dating, b) the reactions of each set of parents to your relationship and later to your engagement, c) whether either of you had any doubts as to the success of your marriage, d) whether there was any pressure within the relationship or from others to marry, e) whether either of you at any time wished to call off the wedding.

### **3. WEDDING AND HONEYMOON**

Please describe your thoughts and feelings as you were getting ready for the wedding. Were there any significant feelings as you were getting ready for the wedding? Were the wedding, reception and honeymoon a pleasant and happy time for the two of you? Were there any unusual fears or feelings of uneasiness about your marriage during this early time?

### **4. MARRIED LIFE**

Please describe the attitude which each of you had toward work and responsibilities within your marriage. Were there any changes in attitude toward having children? Did you notice any changes in your abilities as a couple to communicate and share your lives together? Did you share common interests, goals, friends and leisure time? Was there general agreement in such areas as financial management, career goals and the discipline of the children? Please describe when you first noticed difficulties arising in your relationship and describe their nature. Did any serious difficulties occur in your marriage such as drug or alcohol abuse, financial irresponsibility or gambling, instances of infidelity, incidents involving physical, emotional or psychological mistreatment or abuse? When it became apparent that the problems within your marriage were of a serious nature, was any professional help or counseling sought? Did you find your spouse to be significantly different than the person you thought you had married? Were there any significant separations prior to your final separation?

### **5. FINAL SEPARATION**

Please describe the situation of your final separation. In your opinion, what was the real cause for the break-up of your marriage, not just the legal reasons which were used at the time of the civil dissolution? What are your feelings about the possibility of the Church granting an annulment of this marriage?

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Thank you for the time and effort you have put into the preparation of this statement. If this Tribunal can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.