



DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN
The Tribunal

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**PETITION FOR A DECLARATION OF NULLITY
ON THE GROUNDS OF LACK OF CANONICAL FORM**

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CASE NAME:

Prot. No. LF-

- ☐ Baptized Catholic
☐ Baptized Orthodox
☐ Baptized Protestant
☐ Non-Baptized , attempted to enter

I, _____, a
NAME OF PETITIONER (MAIDEN NAME IF A WOMAN)

marriage with _____, a
NAME OF FORMER SPOUSE (MAIDEN NAME IF A WOMAN)
☐ Baptized Catholic
☐ Baptized Orthodox
☐ Baptized Protestant
☐ Non-Baptized ,

on _____ in the presence of _____
DATE NAME OF OFFICIANT

who was a _____ . The ceremony took place in
MAGISTRATE, MINISTER, ETC.

NAME OF CHURCH OR BUILDING CITY / TOWN COUNTY STATE ZIP CODE

This union was terminated by a Decree of Civil Divorce issued on _____ by the court of
DATE

_____ in _____
NAME OF COUNTY CITY / TOWN STATE ZIP CODE

In proof of the invalidity of this marriage, I submit these documents:

1. Recent Baptismal Certificate(s) of the Catholic party(ies)
2. The Marriage Certificate for this union.
3. The Final Decree of Divorce
4. *WHEN APPLICABLE: Certificate of Reception into Full Catholic Communion*

Authentic Originals Only.

NO PHOTOCOPIES.

Documents will be returned with Decree.
Baptism Certificate must be recently issued,
and must indicate any marriage notations
or indicate "no notations."

I, the undersigned, seek a Declaration of Nullity from the Tribunal of the Diocese of Allentown for the above-named marriage which was invalid due to a lack of the required canonical form, I swear to the truthfulness of all information I have given within this formal petition. I understand that everything submitted with this petition will become the property of the Tribunal. I further understand that this information will be seen only by those who have a canonical right to examine it. Finally, I herewith enclose \$75.00 in payment of the the tribunal costs for my petition.

SIGNATURE OF WITNESSING PRIEST / DEACON / PASTORAL MINISTER

SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER

NAME OF CHURCH

DATE

STREET ADDRESS

PARISH
SEAL

CITY / TOWN STATE ZIP CODE

YOURSELF

1. _____
PRESENT NAME
2. _____
MAIDEN NAME IF A WOMAN
3. _____
STREET ADDRESS
4. _____
CITY STATE ZIP
5. () ()
HOME PHONE NUMBER WORK PHONE NUMBER
6. _____
DATE OF BIRTH
7. _____
PLACE OF BIRTH, CITY AND STATE
8. _____
FATHER'S NAME
9. _____
FATHER'S RELIGION
10. _____
MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
11. _____
MOTHER'S RELIGION
12. _____
NAME OF CHURCH OF YOUR BAPTISM
13. _____
CHURCH OF BAPTISM CITY STATE
14. _____
DENOMINATION OF CHURCH OF BAPTISM
15. _____
DATE OF BAPTISM
16. _____
RELIGION AT THE TIME OF MARRIAGE
17. Were you received into the Catholic Church after baptism in another church?
☐ Yes ☐ No
18. If yes, state when and where this happened.

DATE CHURCH CITY STATE
19. If you were Catholic prior to marriage, give your address at the time of marriage.

STREET CITY COUNTY STATE

YOUR FORMER SPOUSE

1. _____
PRESENT NAME
2. _____
MAIDEN NAME IF A WOMAN
3. _____
STREET ADDRESS
4. _____
CITY STATE ZIP
5. () ()
HOME PHONE NUMBER WORK PHONE NUMBER
6. _____
DATE OF BIRTH
7. _____
PLACE OF BIRTH, CITY AND STATE
8. _____
FATHER'S NAME
9. _____
FATHER'S RELIGION
10. _____
MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
11. _____
MOTHER'S RELIGION
12. _____
NAME OF CHURCH OF HIS / HER BAPTISM
13. _____
CHURCH OF BAPTISM CITY STATE
14. _____
DENOMINATION OF CHURCH OF BAPTISM
15. _____
DATE OF BAPTISM
16. _____
RELIGION AT THE TIME OF MARRIAGE
17. Was this person received into the Catholic Church after baptism in another church?
☐ Yes ☐ No
18. If yes, state when and where this happened.

DATE CHURCH CITY STATE
19. If this person was Catholic prior to marriage, give his / her address at the time of marriage.

STREET CITY COUNTY STATE

20. Explain why your marriage was celebrated outside the Catholic Church: _____

21. Prior to the wedding ceremony, did you make any attempts to be married in the Catholic Church? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "yes", describe: _____

22. Was a dispensation (permission) obtained through a priest or deacon to allow this marriage to be celebrated outside the Catholic Church? ☐ Yes ☐ No

23. After this wedding, were any attempts made to have your union validated in the Catholic Church? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "yes", why did the validation not take place? _____

24. The date of your final separation _____ . How long did the marriage last? _____

25. Briefly state the underlying reasons why this relationship failed. _____

26. List the names and birth dates for any children born of this union:

1 _____ 3 _____
NAME DATE OF BIRTH NAME DATE OF BIRTH

2 _____ 4 _____
NAME DATE OF BIRTH NAME DATE OF BIRTH

27. If applicable, who has custody of the child (ren)? _____ Are child support and/or alimony payments being fulfilled? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "no", explain briefly: _____

28. Were the children baptized in the Catholic Church? ☐ Yes ☐ No Are they being raised as Catholics? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "no", explain: _____

29. Give the complete address of all the places you lived together during the marriage. Indicate the time period you lived there. Be sure to include County and Zip Code information. Use a separate sheet if additional space is needed. **(The Zip Code is very important.)**

1 _____
STREET ADDRESS CITY / TOWN COUNTY STATE ZIP CODE FROM / TO

2 _____
STREET ADDRESS CITY / TOWN COUNTY STATE ZIP CODE FROM / TO

3 _____
STREET ADDRESS CITY / TOWN COUNTY STATE ZIP CODE FROM / TO

4 _____
STREET ADDRESS CITY / TOWN COUNTY STATE ZIP CODE FROM / TO

30. Your current marital status: ☐ Single ☐ Engaged ☐ Remarried

If engaged or remarried, give your fiancé / spouse's name: _____

If remarried, do you intend to enter a sacramental marriage in the Catholic Church if this petition for nullity is granted? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Has your present fiancé / spouse been previously married? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, is he/she free to enter marriage in the Catholic Church? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how is he / she free? _____

Marriages which took place after November 27, 1983, are regulated by the provisions of Canon 1117 whereby Catholics who have left the Church by formal act are no longer bound to observe the Canonical Form of Marriage for validity. If your marriage took place after November 27, 1983, please complete all parts of Question #31. If your marriage was prior to November 27, 1983, go on to Question #32.

31. Did the Catholic party(ies) give up the practice of the Catholic faith prior to entering this marriage? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Did the former Catholic(s) regularly attend a non-Catholic church? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "yes", state what church and how frequently: _____

Why did the Catholic party(ies) leave the Catholic Church? _____

Did the Catholic party(ies) ever register, enroll or become formally accepted in a non-Catholic church? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If "yes", please indicate:

Name of Church _____ Address _____

Denomination _____ When did this occur? _____

Give the names and addresses of two people who can attest that the Catholic party(ies) never renounced the Catholic faith:

NAME	STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	PHONE NUMBER
NAME	STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	PHONE NUMBER

32. Beginning with your first marriage, list all marriages you have entered:

WITH WHOM	DATE	PLACE	DIVORCE DATE
WITH WHOM	DATE	PLACE	DIVORCE DATE
WITH WHOM	DATE	PLACE	DIVORCE DATE

33. Beginning with his / her first marriage, list all marriages your former spouse has entered:

WITH WHOM	DATE	PLACE	DIVORCE DATE
WITH WHOM	DATE	PLACE	DIVORCE DATE
WITH WHOM	DATE	PLACE	DIVORCE DATE

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