



Lack of Canonical Form Petition: Instructions

1. Please fill out the form as fully as possible. This form is not to be completed or submitted without the complete contact information and signature of the assisting Catholic Pastoral Minister, with whom the Petitioner is working on the Lack of Canonical Form Petition.
2. The following must be determined prior to seeking a declaration of nullity due to a lack of canonical form:
 - At least one of the parties, at the time of the wedding, must have been a baptized Catholic.*
 - The marriage was contracted by the parties before someone other than a Catholic priest or deacon (such as a civil official or non-Catholic minister, etc.)
3. Required Documents:
 - An authentic and recent Baptismal record with ALL annotations (front and back) of any Catholic party or parties, issued within the last 6 months. If none, the parish of record is to cross the notation section out, or write "no notations."
 - An authentic and recent Profession of Faith record with ALL annotations (front and back) of any party who became Catholic as an adult after their baptism, issued within the last 6 months. If none, the parish of record is to cross the notation section out, or write "no notations."
 - A copy of the Civil Marriage Certificate showing the name and title of the officiant, the location, and the names of the witnesses.
 - A copy of the Final Decree of Divorce (particularly, the first page with docket number and last page with judge's signature).
4. Additional Items:
 - Please do not send this instruction page with the petition.
 - Please submit the petition only once, via postal mail or email.
 - Please do not staple pages or documents together.
 - Wet ink signatures required on all forms. Not digital.

*Unless the Catholic party formally left the Catholic Church between November 27, 1983, and April 7, 2010, before the marriage. If so, contact the Tribunal for further instructions.



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I, _____, a _____ married
LAST NAME OF PETITIONER (USE **MAIDEN** NAME IF A WOMAN), FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME RELIGION AT TIME OF MARRIAGE

_____, a _____ in
LAST NAME OF FORMER SPOUSE (USE **MAIDEN** NAME IF A WOMAN), FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME RELIGION AT TIME OF MARRIAGE

_____ on _____ before a _____.
CITY, STATE DATE PRIEST, MINISTER, MAGISTRATE, ETC.

My mailing address is:

MAILING ADDRESS

Email: _____
CIVILIAN EMAIL ADDRESS MILITARY EMAIL ADDRESS

Phone numbers: _____
HOME OR CELL WORK

Present name of **former** spouse: _____
PRESENT NAME OF FORMER SPOUSE

He/She lives at: _____
ADDRESS

Email: _____ Phone number: _____
EMAIL ADDRESS HOME OR CELL

I solemnly swear before Almighty God that the above statements are true and that the obligation of canonical form had not ceased by reason of dispensation or of formal departure from the Church and that the marriage was never regularized in the Catholic Church. Finally, I am unaware of any other impediment to my marrying in the Catholic Church in the future. Thus, I request a rescript declaring that this marriage is not canonically binding.

SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER

DATE

I, the undersigned priest or deacon, testify with moral certitude that the information provided by the Petitioner is accurate and true.

NAME OF CATHOLIC PASTORAL MINISTER

HOME OR CELL PHONE NUMBER

WORK PHONE NUMBER

SIGNATURE OF CATHOLIC PASTORAL MINISTER

CIVILIAN EMAIL ADDRESS

DATE

MILITARY EMAIL ADDRESS

I authorize the Tribunal of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA to have **Affidavits of Non-Regularization** sent to and signed by the following persons who knew me at the time of the marriage and can testify that it was at no time ever regularized before a Catholic priest or deacon or Orthodox priest. The Tribunal prefers that these persons be relatives or long-time acquaintances, **not** co-workers or recent acquaintances:

Witness #1: _____
FULL NAME RELATIONSHIP

MAILING ADDRESS

EMAIL ADDRESS PHONE NUMBER

Witness #2: _____
FULL NAME RELATIONSHIP

MAILING ADDRESS

EMAIL ADDRESS PHONE NUMBER

THIS SECTION FOR TRIBUNAL USE ONLY

Proof of obligation to canonical form of marriage: ☐ Petitioner ☐ Respondent

Date and place of Catholic Baptism: _____
DATE CHURCH

LOCATION

DECLARATION OF NULLITY

I, the undersigned Judge, am morally certain that the marriage in question is null Due to a Lack of Canonical Form.

JUDGE DATE