



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA

Office of the Tribunal

**APPLICATION  
DECLARATION OF SACRAMENTAL NULLITY  
DUE TO A L A C K O F C A N O N I C A L F O R M**

Prot. Num.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

This application is intended for the use of marriages in which one party, at least, was a Catholic and who entered marriage without fulfilling the requirement of canonical form which has ended in civil divorce or dissolution, and who now wishes to enter a new marriage in the Catholic Church. Catholic law requires a catholic to contract marriage before the local ordinary, pastor, or a priest or deacon delegated by either of them unless previously dispensed from this obligation by the Diocesan bishop. [Can. 1108] Individuals who left the Catholic Church by “formal act” after November 26<sup>th</sup>, 1983 are not obliged to follow canonical form. [Can. 1117] For marriages contracted before January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1949, contact the Tribunal Office for special instructions.

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

- A. A copy of the Catholic party or parties **baptismal certification, with all notations, issued within three months** of submitting this application;
- B. A copy of the civil marriage license and record of marriage from either the civil jurisdiction or the church entity;
- C. A copy of the civil decree of divorce or dissolution which demonstrates that the union ended in the eyes of the state;
- D. There if no processing FEE.

**PETITION**

I \_\_\_\_\_ a (Catholic - non Catholic), hereby petition to re-establish my freedom for a new marriage in the Catholic Church because my previous marriage with \_\_\_\_\_ a (Catholic or non Catholic) lacked proper canonical form. Our previous marriage ceremony took place in the presence of (Name) \_\_\_\_\_, a civil official/ minister/ rabbi on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ at (Site - City - State) \_\_\_\_\_ without the prior permission of the proper Diocesan bishop. A final civil divorce/dissolution was granted at \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_ on (date) \_\_\_\_\_.

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE PETITIONER

1. Your full name (maiden name): \_\_\_\_\_  
Present address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Your religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you presently practice? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Are you baptized? \_\_\_ In what denomination? \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of baptism: \_\_\_\_\_ Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Full name of your former spouse (maiden name) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Was he/she baptized: \_\_\_\_\_ In what denomination? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Was this marriage the first marriage of your former spouse? \_\_\_ If not give the full names of his/her previous spouse(s).
7. Was this marriage with him or her, your first marriage? \_\_\_ If not please give the full names of your previous spouse(s)
8. Was a dispensation from canonical form obtained before your wedding? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, please give name of Diocese granting dispensation \_\_\_\_\_
9. If you married after November 26, 1983, did either you or your former spouse receive a new baptism, make a profession of faith, give formal allegiance as a member of any non-Catholic Church, sect, or denomination, or formally leave the Catholic Church?
10. Did you or your former spouse at any time after marriage speak with a Catholic priest or deacon about having your marriage "blessed" or convalidated or sanated? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Did the two of you ever renew or say your vows before a Catholic official? \_\_\_\_\_
12. During this marriage, were either of you members of the Armed Forces? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, who \_\_\_\_\_ Branch \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
13. Number of children born to this marriage: \_\_\_\_\_ Who has custody? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Names of two witnesses (i.e. parents, brothers, sisters) who can testify to the facts of this marriage  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
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15. Have you entered a marriage after this one? \_\_\_\_\_ When?  
With whom? \_\_\_\_\_ Is he/she a divorced person?  
If yes please give name of church \_\_\_\_\_ Date of marriage  
Location of church \_\_\_\_\_
16. Do you swear that all the answers you have provided are the full truth \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Petitioner:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Priest/Deacon:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parish Seal**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/St: \_\_\_\_\_