



*Diocese of Venice Tribunal*

**APPLICATION**

**PAULINE PRIVILEGE DISSOLUTION**

**This application is intended for the use of marriages between two non-baptized persons, who remained non-baptized during the entire time of their common life, which has ended in civil divorce or dissolution. One of those non-baptized persons now seeks Catholic baptism and marriage with a Catholic spouse by the dissolution of their valid non-sacramental bond of marriage through a Decree of the Bishop of the Diocese of Venice. The dissolution of the previous marriage bond takes place at the time that the non-baptized person both receives baptism and gives marriage consent in a Catholic Ceremony.**

**PETITIONER**

**FORMER SPOUSE OF PETITIONER**

_____	Full Name (including maiden)	_____
_____	Current Address	_____
_____	City & State & Zip code	_____
_____	Telephone Number	_____
_____	Date and Place of Birth	_____
_____	Date and Denomination of Baptism	_____

**(if applicable)**

_____	Parents Full Name	_____
_____	Religious Affiliation	_____
_____	Parents Current Address	_____
_____	City & state & Zip code	_____

***Please answer the following questions on a separate page and attach the answers to this form.***

**REGARDING BAPTISMAL STATUS:**

1. Did your father and mother profess and/or practice any religion? If “yes,” please identify the Church that they attended and the address of the church. If your parents were Christian, please indicate their denomination.
2. Did you as a non-baptized person attend any Church before your marriage? If “yes,” please supply the name and the address of the Church as well as the denomination of that Church. Briefly explain why you never sought baptism.
3. Did your former spouse as a non-baptized person attend any Church before your marriage? If “yes,” please supply the name and address of the Church as well as the denomination of that Church. Briefly explain why he or she never sought baptism.
4. Did you and your former spouse attend any church at any time while you were married? Did either of you formerly join that Church or receive baptism?
5. Since your separation and subsequent divorce from your former spouse, did either of you become a baptized Christian? If “yes,” please supply: the name and address location of the church of baptism as well as the date of baptism.
6. If either of you received Christian baptism, has there been any renewal of married life by marital intercourse with your former spouse?

**REGARDING WITNESSES:**

***Two witnesses, knowledgeable about the fact of non-baptism from infancy onward to the time of final civil separation are needed over and above the testimony of the former spouse that he or she is a non-baptized person Parents, brothers or sisters, uncles or aunts are the best witnesses to non-baptism. We will contact them by mail or through a representative of the diocese.***

1. Please give full name, mailing address, city & state & zip code as well as family relationship of four persons: two for the Petitioner and two for the Petitioner’s former spouse.

**REGARDING THE MARRIAGE BOND TO BE DISSOLVED:**

1. When and where did you meet your former spouse; how long did you date before marriage; how long were you engaged?
2. Was this the first marriage for both of you? Please give the date, the place of marriage, and the official before whom the marriage took place.
3. How long did the two of you live together? What was the date of the final separation?
4. What caused the breakup of this marriage?
5. Was a third party involved in the breakup of this marriage? If yes, please identify.
6. How many children were born of this marriage? Who has custody?

7. Do you have any religious and financial obligations toward your former spouse and/or the children? If "yes," how are you fulfilling these obligations?

**REGARDING FUTURE MARRIAGE PLANS:**

1. Are you currently enrolled in a RCIA program? If "yes," please give the name of the parish program and your sponsor.
2. Are you already a baptized person? If "yes," please supply a copy of your baptismal certificate and the details describing your baptism.
3. Please give the name (including maiden name if a woman) of the person you intend to marry in the Catholic Church as well as his or her mailing address and telephone number.
4. Is your intended spouse a baptized person? If "yes," please supply the details of his or her baptism.
5. Has your intended spouse been previously married? If "yes," how is he or she now free to enter marriage in the Catholic Church?
6. If you have already entered marriage outside of the Catholic church with this person, please supply the details as to when, where and before whom did this ceremony take place. Have any children been born of this present union? If "yes," how many? Are these children being reared as Catholics?

I hereby testify and swear that the information provided is the truth to the best of my knowledge

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Priest or Deacon Presenting

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- 1. Marriage record for the union whose dissolution is being sought**
- 2. If applicable, marriage record if a new marriage outside the Catholic Church has taken place**
- 3. Decree of civil divorce or dissolution of marriage for which dissolution is being sought**
- 4. If you are already baptized, a church issued copy of your baptismal certificate**
- 5. A church issued copy of your intended's baptismal certificate**

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