



DIocese of RALEIGH

Tribunal

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### LACK OF CANONICAL FORM PETITION

The nullity of marriage due to lack of canonical form (canon 1108, §1) occurs when a Catholic does not marry before a Catholic priest or deacon and two witnesses. This petition is intended to be used **only when at least one party was Catholic at the time of the wedding**, thus held to canonical form, and is to be completed by the priest/deacon/pastoral minister.

Copies of the following required documents **must** be submitted with this petition and *will not be returned*. Please check to indicate inclusion:

- Certificate of Baptism of the Catholic party (Petitioner or Respondent) issued within the last six months; **and**
- Copy of marriage certificate/record; **and**
- Copy of final divorce decree/judgment.

If applicable, please indicate the date of your upcoming wedding: \_\_\_\_\_

#### PETITIONER

Full **present** name \_\_\_\_\_

If woman, provide **maiden** name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Religion of Petitioner at the time of this marriage (please check one):

- baptized Catholic       baptized non-Catholic       unbaptized

#### RESPONDENT

Full **present** name \_\_\_\_\_

If woman, provide **maiden** name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Religion of Respondent at the time of this marriage (please check one):

- baptized Catholic       baptized non-Catholic       unbaptized

**MARRIAGE**

Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Marriage (city, state) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Officiant \_\_\_\_\_  minister  civil official

Please provide the Petitioner's responses to the following questions.

Did you meet with a Catholic priest prior to entering this marriage?  Yes  No

Did you at any time during this marriage approach a Catholic priest asking to have your marriage "blessed" (validated)?  Yes  No

**DIVORCE**

Date of Divorce \_\_\_\_\_ County/State where granted \_\_\_\_\_

Were any children born of this union?  Yes  No

If "yes", is the non-custodial parent fulfilling his or her obligations to the child/ren?

Yes  No If "no", please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

If required, are you meeting your obligations towards your former spouse?  Yes  No

If "no," please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

List all locations (city, state) where Petitioner and Respondent lived as husband and wife.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

By my signature below, I swear to the truth of all information in this petition.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Priest/Deacon/Pastoral Minister's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT Name of Priest/Deacon/Pastoral Minister

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parish City

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