



**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
DIOCESE OF TUCSON
OFFICE OF THE TRIBUNAL**

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PETITION MARRIAGE ATTEMPTED IN THE ABSENCE OF CANONICAL FORM
(For Catholics who entered marriage outside of the Catholic Church without a dispensation
or Orthodox who entered marriage without the Sacred Rite)

PETITIONER		RESPONDENT
	FULL PRESENT NAME	
	MAIDEN NAME	
	CURRENT PHYSICAL ADDRESS (no PO BOX)	
	MAILING ADDRESS (If different than above)	
	HOME PHONE	
	WORK PHONE	
	CELL PHONE	
	DATE OF BIRTH	
	PLACE OF BIRTH (City, State, Country)	
	DENOMINATION OF BAPTISM	
	NAME OF CHURCH OF BAPTISM	
	ADDRESS OF CHURCH OF BAPTISM	
	DATE OF BAPTISM	
	RELIGION AT TIME OF MARRIAGE	
	PRESENT RELIGION	
	NUMBER OF PREVIOUS MARRIAGES	



INFORMATION REGARDING THE MARRIAGE BEING ADJUDICATED

DATE OF MARRIAGE		
PLACE OF MARRIAGE (FULL INFORMATION)		
NAME AND/OR TYPE OF MINISTER		
NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH OF CHILDREN BORN OF THIS MARRIAGE		
AGE FOR EACH PARTY AT TIME OF MARRIAGE	PETITIONER	RESPONDENT
APPROXIMATE DATE OF FINAL SEPARATION		
DATE OF DIVORCE OR DISSOLUTION DECREE		
NAME AND PLACE OF COURT OF DIVORCE OR DISSOLUTION		
GROUND OF DIVORCE OR DISSOLUTION		
WHO PETITIONED FOR THE DIVORCE OR DISSOLUTION?		
HOW LONG DID YOU LIVE TOGETHER?		

I, _____ Humbly petition the Tribunal of the Diocese of Tucson to declare invalid the above
 Petitioner described marriage due to the absence of the required canonical form.

Given on this day _____

 Petitioner's Signature

 Parish Name

 Parish Address

 Pastoral Minister's Name
 (please type)

 Pastoral Minister's Signature



[Please answer the questions below]

Questions	Yes	No
1. The marriage was celebrated outside of the Catholic Church because:		
a. hostility of spouse to Church.		
b. not active in the Church.		
c. of pregnancy.		
d. family pressure.		
e. indifference.		
f. other, please specify		
2. Was permission or dispensation from the Catholic Church obtained for this marriage to be celebrated by a non-Catholic Minister or civil official?	*	
3. If the marriage was celebrated on or after November 27, 1983 and before April 9, 2010 -- Did the Catholic party to the marriage leave the Catholic Church by a formal act prior to the wedding?	*	
4. After the non-Catholic ceremony and prior to the final dissolution of the marriage by the civil courts was the marriage "blessed" by a Catholic minister?	*	
5. Did any Bishop grant a special recognition of the marriage without a ceremony (Sanatio in Radice)?	*	
6. Have either of the parties to the marriage failed to keep up financial, moral, spiritual, or family responsibilities to any children of this marriage?	*	
7. In this marriage there was no attempt to use proper canonical form to which Catholics are bound. No such form was followed. There was no legitimate dispensation or sanation given by the appropriate Church authority		*

If the answers to the questions above fall in the area marked with *, please add a page giving the details to your answers.

Required Documentary Evidence: (Photocopies not acceptable)

- Certificate of Baptism for the Catholic party issued within the past six months or Certificate of entry into the Catholic Church by Profession of Faith.¹
- Original or certified copy of the marriage license.
- Original or certified copy of the divorce decree.
- Two Affidavits of freedom to marry if the Petitioner is not Catholic.
- Fee: \$50.00.

¹ If the Baptismal Certificate is unavailable the following is to be presented:

- Letter delineating the efforts that were made to obtain the certificate, include proofs of the efforts.
- If available certificate of First Communion and/or Confirmation
- Affidavit of one or two reliable and trusted witnesses who can testify to the baptism received (CAN. 876: To prove the conferral of baptism, if prejudicial to no one, the declaration of one witness beyond all exception is sufficient or the oath of the one baptized if the person received baptism as an adult.) The witnesses should be from those present at the baptism.