



**DIOCESE OF TUCSON OFFICE OF THE TRIBUNAL  
P.O. BOX 31 • TUCSON, ARIZONA 85702-0031  
520-838-2500**

**PETITION TO THE TRIBUNAL OF THE DIOCESE OF TUCSON**

I, \_\_\_\_\_  baptized  non-baptized  
Full name of petitioner (if a woman use maiden name)  RCIA Candidate

residing in the Diocese of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby petition

that my marriage to \_\_\_\_\_  
Full name of respondent (if a woman use maiden name)

baptized  non-baptized, residing in the Diocese of \_\_\_\_\_  
be declared invalid. We entered marriage on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
Date City, State, Country

at \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Church

I claim that the Tribunal of the Diocese of Tucson is competent to adjudicate the case.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Petitioner's Signature

**STATEMENT OF PASTORAL MINISTER**

I HEREBY ENDORSE THIS PETITION TO THE TRIBUNAL OF THE DIOCESE OF TUCSON

Printed Name & Title \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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



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| PETITIONER |  | RESPONDENT |
|------------|--|------------|
|            | FULL PRESENT NAME                            |            |
|            | MAIDEN NAME                                  |            |
|            | CURRENT PHYSICAL ADDRESS<br>(no PO BOX)      |            |
|            | MAILING ADDRESS<br>(If different than above) |            |
|            | BEST PHONE                                   |            |
|            | EMAIL ADDRESS                                |            |
|            | DATE OF BIRTH                                |            |
|            | PLACE OF BIRTH<br>(City, State, Country)     |            |
|            | DENOMINATION OF BAPTISM                      |            |
|            | NAME OF CHURCH OF BAPTISM                    |            |
|            | ADDRESS OF CHURCH OF<br>BAPTISM              |            |
|            | DATE OF BAPTISM                              |            |
|            | RELIGION AT TIME OF<br>MARRIAGE              |            |
|            | PRESENT RELIGION                             |            |
|            | NUMBER OF PREVIOUS<br>MARRIAGES              |            |
|            | NUMBER OF TOTAL MARRIAGES                    |            |

Do you expect the Respondent will cooperate with the Church in this case? \_\_\_\_\_



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INFORMATION REGARDING THE MARRIAGE BEING ADJUDICATED  
CATHOLICS GIVE THE INFORMATION REGARDING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WEDDING  
NON-CATHOLICS GIVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE WEDDING

|  |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|
| DATE OF MARRIAGE   |            |            |
| NAME OF CHURCH OR PLACE OF MARRIAGE                                    |            |            |
| ADDRESS OF CHURCH  |            |            |
| NAME OR TYPE OF MINISTER   |            |            |
| NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH OF CHILDREN BORN OF OR ADOPTED BY THESE SPOUSES |            |            |
| LENGTH OF COURTSHIP PRIOR TO MARRIAGE                                  |            |            |
| APPROXIMATE DATE OF ENGAGEMENT?  |            |            |
| AGE FOR EACH PARTY AT TIME OF MARRIAGE                                 | PETITIONER | RESPONDENT |
| HOW MANY SEPARATIONS   |            |            |
| APPROXIMATE DATE OF FINAL SEPARATION                                   |            |            |
| DATE OF DIVORCE OR DISSOLUTION DECREE                                  |            |            |
| NAME AND PLACE OF COURT OF DIVORCE OR DISSOLUTION                      |            |            |
| WHO PETITIONED FOR THE DIVORCE OR DISSOLUTION?                         |            |            |
| HOW LONG DID YOU LIVE TOGETHER AS HUSBAND AND WIFE?                    |            |            |



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LIST OF WITNESSES

Please present at least 3 witnesses, but no more than 6, that knew at least one of you prior to the marriage in question (e.g. Family members and friends, members of the wedding party, etc.). Consult with the witness to make sure that he/she is willing to participate, but do not share with the witness the issues that you have addressed in your statements. Witnesses that live together in the same address must be listed separately. Use both columns.

|    |   |    |
|----|---|----|
| #1 | NAME & TITLE OF WITNESS (MR.<br>MRS. MS. DR. REV) | #2 |
|    | WITNESS FULL MAILING<br>ADDRESS                   |    |
|    | WITNESS TELEPHONE                                 |    |
|    | EMAIL   |    |
|    | RELATIONSHIP TO PETITIONER<br>OR RESPONDENT       |    |
| #3 | NAME & TITLE OF WITNESS (MR.<br>MRS. MS. DR. REV) | #4 |
|    | WITNESS FULL MAILING<br>ADDRESS                   |    |
|    | WITNESS TELEPHONE                                 |    |
|    | EMAIL   |    |
|    | RELATIONSHIP TO PETITIONER<br>OR RESPONDENT       |    |
| #5 | NAME TITLE OF WITNESS (MR.<br>MRS. MS. DR. REV)   | #6 |
|    | WITNESS FULL MAILING<br>ADDRESS                   |    |
|    | WITNESS TELEPHONE                                 |    |
|    | EMAIL   |    |
|    | RELATIONSHIP TO PETITIONER<br>OR RESPONDENT       |    |



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**PETITIONER'S QUESTIONNAIRE**

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The following questions require details. They are intended to give an initial account of the total relationship of the parties from meeting to final separation. Additional information may be needed during the process.

**AVOID "YES" AND "NO" ANSWERS UNLESS IT IS CLEAR THERE IS NO OTHER ANSWER.**

Please be aware that only you and your former spouse may review the testimonies gathered during the investigation near the end of the process.

It will be very much appreciated if you will

- Answer each question with as much detail as possible, clearly numbering the question being answered;
  - Type your answers or write your answers clearly in black ink on white paper;
  - Use letter size paper and write on one side only; and
  - *Do not write your answers on the questionnaire.*
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1. Have you or your former spouse ever presented to this tribunal, or another tribunal of the church, a petition to nullify this marriage? If so, please give the name of the Tribunal and any reference to the prior case.

**MEETING & COURTSHIP**

2. Please describe each spouse's dating and significant relationship history before your courtship.
3. Describe how you met; your attraction to each other and how long you dated before deciding to marry.
4. How did you practice your Christian faith before marriage?
5. Please indicate any significant disappointments, problems, substance abuses, break-ups/reconciliations etc. during dating.
6. Did either of you set any conditions before agreeing to marry?
7. Did either of you have any doubts about entering marriage, or were you advised not to marry?
8. Did the problems originating during the courtship ultimately cause the separation/divorce?

**WEDDING & HONEYMOON**

9. Were plans for the wedding day mutually made?
10. Did you withhold any information from each other or the priest/minister as you prepared for the ceremony?
11. Did either of you suppress any "second thoughts" about going through this marriage ceremony?
12. Did any family member or friend ask or suggest that this was not the right time to marry?
13. Was the honeymoon a pleasant experience?



**MARRIED LIFE**

- 14. When did you first notice a potential problem in the marriage?
- 15. What steps were taken to correct this difficulty?
- 16. Did any issues with intimacy arise in your relationship?
- 17. Did the attitudes of either spouse change about children, fidelity, or permanence?
- 18. When was the first threat made about separation and/or divorce?
- 19. Did legal or illegal substances influence the married life; and/or did emotional - physical – sexual abuse take place in this marriage?
- 20. Did civil authorities or family members have to intervene during this marriage?

**FINAL SEPARATION**

- 21. Who made the decision to civilly end the marriage and for what reason?
- 22. If you had children, what provisions were made and carried out for their care (i.e emotional, religious, educational, and material wellbeing)?
- 23. Please give details regarding other cohabitation(s) and/or marriage(s) since your final separation/divorce.
- 24. What responsibility do you bear for the failure of this marriage?

**PERSONAL BACKGROUND**

- 25. Please give a general background prior to the marriage of your strengths and weaknesses that each of you brought into the marriage.

**CANONICAL REASON FOR A DECLARATION OF NULLITY**

- 26. I believe that the Catholic Church should declare our life together to be an invalid sacramental union because of the following reason (ground):

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I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury, that the answers I have given, are the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. SO HELP ME GOD.

I further promise that I will not discuss this information with any other party or the witnesses that I have named, until the case has been concluded.

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Date

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Signature of the Petitioner



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The Questionnaire, with your signature, must be returned with your answers.

**Please include the following documents with the petition to avoid delay:**

- Civil marriage certificate for the marriage in question
- Church marriage certificate
- Final decree of divorce or Certificate of Dissolution for the marriage in question
- If baptized, a certificate of baptism (if possible for both parties)
  - For Catholics, a recent Baptismal certificate that has been dated within the last six months and includes all the marginal notations – Contact the parish of baptism.
  - For non-Catholics, furnish whatever proof of baptism you either have or can obtain from the Church of baptism.

Please also include the \$50 fee. Make the check payable to **“THE TRIBUNAL OFFICE, DIOCESE OF TUCSON.”**

Before sending the paperwork to the Tribunal Office, please submit to the Pastor or Pastoral Minister in your parish, or the parish of your intended spouse, who is helping you with the process.