

FORMAL PETITION FOR DECLARATION OF NULLITY

(Note: If possible, please **type** your answers.)

1. By means of this document I request that the Tribunal of the Diocese of San Diego declare invalid my marriage to my former spouse. In support of this request, I submit the following information concerning myself and my former spouse, the marriage itself, and the divorce, according to right as stipulated in canon 1674, §1. I also swear to tell the truth.

2. **PETITIONER** (If a woman, please give maiden last name)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

CHURCH OF BAPTISM: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DATE OF BAPTISM: _____

RELIGION: _____

3. **RESPONDENT** (If a woman, please give maiden last name)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

CHURCH OF BAPTISM: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DATE OF BAPTISM: _____

RELIGION: _____

4. WEDDING

DATE OF CHURCH WEDDING: _____

PLACE: _____

OFFICIANT: Catholic priest/deacon _____ Non-Catholic minister _____ Civil Magistrate _____

DATE OF CIVIL WEDDING: (If different than church wedding) _____

RELIGION AT TIME OF WEDDING: You _____ Respondent _____

5. AGE AT TIME OF WEDDING: You _____ Respondent _____

6. DIVORCE

DATE: _____ CITY/STATE: _____

7. How long did you live together as husband and wife? _____

8. How many children were born and/or adopted in this marriage? _____

9. Has your case been submitted before to any Church Tribunal? _____

If so, give details.

10. I believe the following:

My former spouse is aware I am submitting this petition: Yes _____ No _____

My former spouse will participate in the process: Yes _____ No _____ I don't know _____

My former spouse supports a declaration of nullity: Yes _____ No _____ I don't know _____

11. I believe my marriage is invalid for the following reasons (check all that apply):

_____ My decision to marry was significantly lacking in discretion of judgment.

_____ My former spouse's decision to marry was significantly lacking in discretion of judgment.

_____ I was not able to fulfill the obligations of married life for causes of a psychic nature.

_____ My former spouse was not able to fulfill the obligations of married life for causes of a psychic nature.

_____ I did not really intend to marry, but married for another reason.

_____ My former spouse did not really intend to marry, but married for another reason.

_____ At the time of the wedding, I did not intend to have children.

_____ At the time of the wedding, my former spouse did not intend to have children.

_____ At the time of the wedding, I wanted to delay having children, and we did not have

children during our marriage.

_____ At the time of the wedding, my former spouse wanted to delay having children, and we did not have children during our marriage.

_____ At the time of the wedding, I considered divorce as an option if the marriage did not work.

_____ At the time of the wedding, my former spouse considered divorce as an option if the marriage did not work.

_____ At the time of the wedding, I did not intend to be faithful to my former spouse.

_____ At the time of the wedding, my former spouse did not intend to be faithful to me.

_____ I was forced into marriage.

_____ My former spouse was forced into marriage.

_____ I married my former spouse for a particular quality, only to discover otherwise.

_____ My former spouse married me for a particular quality, only to discover otherwise.

_____ I was deceived about a quality of my former spouse, which, if I had known otherwise, I would not have married.

_____ My former spouse was deceived about a quality regarding me, which, if he/she had known otherwise, he/she would not have married me.

For each reason that applies, please provide a narrative with specific details.

12. Give the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mails of people who could provide supporting testimony. These ideally should be persons who know the circumstances of your marriage and who are willing to give testimony. The best witnesses are people who knew you and your former spouse before the wedding: parents, siblings, relatives, close friends. Please place a check on the left if your witness needs Spanish questionnaire. If applicable include Therapists and Counselors.

(Circle Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms., Dr.)

___ **WITNESS** _____ **RELATION:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____ **PHONE:** _____

(Circle Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms., Dr.)

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ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

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____ **WITNESS** _____ RELATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

(Circle Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms., Dr.)

____ **WITNESS** _____ RELATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

13. Do you swear to the truth of all your statements? ____

14. APPOINTMENT OF ADVOCATE

I hereby authorize and appoint the person whose signature appears below to act as my Advocate before the Tribunal for the Diocese of San Diego, California in my case concerning the alleged nullity of my marriage. By this mandate I authorize the Advocate to act on my behalf with all the rights granted to this person by canon law. I also agree to the appointment of Judges, the Defender of the Bond, and any other court official named by the Tribunal.

Petitioner's Signature

Advocate's Signature

Month/Day/Year

Parish

Address

City/State/Zip

Area Code - Telephone Number

Email

On a separate sheet of paper, the Advocate is asked to summarize the reasons for seeking this annulment, evaluate the strength of the petition, and assess the integrity of the Petitioner.