



Archdiocese of San Antonio

Metropolitan Tribunal
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LIBELLUS

I, _____, residing
[PRINT FULL NAME. If female, use MAIDEN NAME.]

at _____,
[COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS]

hereby petition the Tribunal of the Archdiocese of San Antonio to declare invalid, under
the provisions of ecclesiastical law, my marriage to

_____, who resides
[PRINT FULL NAME. If female, use MAIDEN NAME.]

at _____.
[COMPLETE ADDRESS]

I entered this marriage _____,
[MM DD, YYYY, the date when you were married]

at _____, in _____,
[PLACE OF MARRIAGE, e.g., St. Paul] [CITY, STATE, ZIP and, if necessary, COUNTRY]

As one of the parties to this marriage, I claim the right, under the provision of Canon 1674, to impugn
the validity of the union. I contend that this marriage was invalid under ecclesiastical law
on the grounds of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conditional Marriage (c. 1102.1) | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of Discretionary Judgment (c. 1095.2) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Defect of Form (c. 1108.1) | <input type="checkbox"/> Partial Simulation (c. 1101.2) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Error of Person (c. 1097.1) | ___ Intention Against Children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Error of Quality (c. 1097.2) | ___ Intention Against Fidelity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Error Determining the Will (c. 1099) | ___ Intention Against Permanence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Force, Reverential Fear, Grave Fear
(c. 1103) | ___ Intention Against Sacramentality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fraud/Deceit (c. 1098) | ___ Intention Against the Good of the Spouses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ignorance (c. 1096) | <input type="checkbox"/> Total Simulation (c. 1101.2) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inability to Assume Essential Obligations
of Marriage (c. 1095.3) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify _____ |

[PLEASE CHECK ALL GROUNDS THAT YOU FEEL MAY APPLY.
CHECK AT LEAST ONE.]

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Briefly describe why the grounds you selected on the previous page applies to your case.

I recognize that the Tribunal can give me no assurance as to the length of time this process will take; that I cannot make any arrangements for future marriage (or convalidation of my present marriage) until an affirmative decision has been reached; and that the Tribunal, even if it judges that the marriage was invalid, may temporarily restrict permission for any future marriage, if it seems prudent to do so.

Petitioner's Signature

Date

Ecclesiastical Notary

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Reason for competence to question the validity of marriage (check all that apply)

- Place where this marriage took place (c. 1672.1)
- (Arch)diocese where I live or where my former spouse lives (c. 1672.2)
- (Arch)diocese where most proofs (or witnesses) are (c. 1672.3)

Reason for seeking this declaration of invalidity of marriage (check all that apply)

- Peace of conscience
- Convalidate present marriage (To marry current civil wife/husband in the Catholic Church)
- Marry fiancé/fiancée in the Catholic Church
- For you or your fiancé/fiancée/civil spouse to enter the Catholic Church (RCIA)

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Date Libellus Received _____

Date Petitioner's Testimony Received _____

Date Baptism, Marriage & Divorce Documents Received _____

Date Case Accepted _____

TRIBUNAL PRACTICES AND POLICIES

In presenting a petition for a declaration of nullity of your marriage, you are asking that your marital status be clarified in the Roman Catholic Church. The Tribunal is an ecclesiastical court of law, and its proceedings are governed solely by the laws of the Roman Catholic Church and exclusively religious in nature. The primary purpose of the Tribunal is to gather and sift through evidence in order to discover truth and serve justice. It is also the Tribunal's desire that the proceedings be a healing experience conducted in a spirit of Christian understanding and compassion.

Out of respect for the human dignity of persons and the sacred nature of marriage, Church tribunals are required to approach each marriage as valid, presuming that you and your former spouse both meant what you said and accomplished what you intended when you exchanged vows. There are numerous reasons or "grounds of nullity" why this presumption can be overturned, but decisions in such cases are not arbitrary. Declarations of nullity are not favors given to innocent or deserving parties. They are statements about the deepest spiritual truth of your former union, as best as any human judge can determine. Judges must have moral certitude based on the evidence brought forward that your former union was missing one of the elements for marriage as the Church teaches God intended it to be.

CONCERNING THE RESPONDENT (YOUR FORMER SPOUSE)

Church Law requires that your former spouse be contacted and offered the opportunity to testify. You agree to make every effort to provide contact information for your former spouse so that he/she can be contacted by the Tribunal to participate in the process. You yourself do not have to have any direct contact with your former spouse at any time during the process. However, the Tribunal strongly encourages Petitioners to inform Respondents in advance of filing their petition, as experience shows they tend to be more cooperative.

CONCERNING THE WITNESSES

Witnesses are necessary to process your petition for a declaration of marriage nullity. You agree to make every effort to encourage their cooperation, but understand that you are in no way to assist them in preparing their testimony. You also understand that you are not to discuss the proceedings of the case or their testimony with your witnesses.

CONCERNING CONFIDENTIALITY

Because of the sensitive nature of information gathered in this process, and because the Tribunal wishes to promote a spirit of reconciliation, all the information gathered in the course of the investigation is considered confidential. This information is never made available except as required by Church Law for inspection by the Petitioner, the Respondent, and the Officials (clergy, religious and lay) of this Court and the properly designated ecclesiastical Court of Appeals.

This information is never made available to the witnesses or anyone acting on their behalf. Nor is this information ever made available in any civil legal proceedings. In accord with applicable standards of professional accountability, reports from psychological counselors are always withheld from the Petitioner and the Respondent. For serious reason (such as the avoidance of defamation of character, physical danger, severe family discord, or true scandal) witnesses may ask that their identity or testimony be withheld from the Petitioner and/or the Respondent. The decision whether to withhold any testimony, however, belongs solely to the ecclesiastical judge acting in accord with the requirements of the Canon Law of the Catholic Church.

Also, as mandated reporters, we are required to report instances of suspected abuse to a child, elderly person, or a person with disabilities, or when someone threatens harm to oneself or others.

The Tribunal will never disclose one party's address, telephone number or email address to the other party.

CONCERNING EXPENSES AND FEES

While the Tribunal makes every effort to minimize costs, the processing of marriage nullity cases incurs significant expenses for salaries, postage, office equipment, etc; While 70% of the Marriage Tribunal’s expenses are subsidized by the Archdiocese of San Antonio, the Tribunal relies on the financial support of those who benefit from its ministry.

IF YOU ARE ABLE, please submit \$100 as a deposit when you begin your case and an additional \$350 at the end of your case, for a total of \$450, to help defray costs related to your case. Payment plans are also available. In certain cases the judge may deem it necessary to employ the services of a professional in the behavioral sciences to assist in clarifying issues that may arise. If an expert is needed, the Tribunal will identify the cost and you will be asked to help defray that cost as well. **IF YOU ARE UNABLE to pay the full amount, we welcome any donation you can provide.**

INABILITY TO PAY WILL NEVER AFFECT THE PROCESSING OR OUTCOME OF YOUR CASE.
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY SUBMITTING YOUR PETITION BECAUSE OF FINANCES.
PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR PETITION AS SOON AS IT IS READY, WITH OR WITHOUT PAYMENT.

CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRIAL AND PLANS FOR A FUTURE MARRIAGE

I have ***initialed*** to show that I have read and understand the following points with regard to my petition for a declaration of nullity:

- _____ I understand that my former spouse has the right to read my petition and testimony of my witnesses.
- _____ I understand that no assurance can be given of an Affirmative decision (that is, one granting a declaration in favor of nullity).
- _____ I understand that no assurance can be given as to a definite time for the completion of the Tribunal process.
- _____ I understand that **ABSOLUTELY** no arrangements can be made and **no date scheduled** for a future Catholic marriage or convalidation (not even a tentative date) until after I have received a final notification that an affirmative decision has been issued.
- _____ Lastly, I understand that if the circumstances causing the invalidity of the marriage so indicate, the Tribunal may require that I seek professional counseling before any subsequent marriage in the Catholic Church is permitted. All expenses in connection with such therapy or counsel are my responsibility.

MANDATE FOR THE ADVOCATE

I hereby appoint and give my Mandate to whomever the Judge appoints as Advocate to represent me for this Process in First Instance, with the faculty of doing and performing in my name all that may be necessary and useful to my interests in this case. This Mandate includes the full right to delegate a substitute, authorization to review the published acts on my behalf, as well as authority to perform other duties required throughout the process.

CONCLUSION

By my signature below, I, the Petitioner, hereby indicate that I have read the policy statement, clearly understand it, and fully agree to abide by all of its terms. **If you need help completing or understanding this form, please contact the Tribunal at 210-734-1661 or Tribunal@archsa.org.**

Petitioner’s Signature

Signature of Priest/Deacon/Parish Minister

Printed Name of Petitioner

Printed Name of Priest/Deacon/Parish Minister

Date

Date

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PETITIONER'S APPLICATION FOR A CANONICAL TRIAL OF NULLITY
(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY)

I. FACTS ABOUT YOURSELF (PETITIONER)

Name _____
First Middle Last (Maiden Name, if female)

Complete Mailing Address _____

Telephone Numbers (Please include area code and country code if necessary.)

Cell _____ Home _____ Work _____

Email Address _____

Date of Birth _____ City and State of Birth _____

Correspondence should be in English Spanish Other _____

Ethnicity Caucasian Non-Hispanic Hispanic Asian African American Native American
 Other _____ Decline to Answer

Current Occupation _____

Current Catholic Parish, if applicable _____
Name of Parish/City/State/Zip

Your History of Faith

Your Religion during infancy/childhood _____

Did you change your religion immediately before marrying your former spouse? Yes No

Your Religion at the time of the marriage in question _____

Did you change your religion during your marriage? Yes No

Your Current Religion _____

Were you baptized in the Catholic Church? Yes No

Church of Baptism, if applicable _____
Name of Parish/City/State/Zip

Were you baptized in another Christian community outside of the Catholic Church? Yes No

Church of Baptism, if applicable _____
Name of Church/City/State/Zip

Are you or your fiancé/fiancée or civil spouse currently in an RCIA program? Yes No

Church where you or your partner attend RCIA _____
Name of Church/City/State/Zip

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Your Parents

Father's Name _____
First Middle Last

Complete Mailing Address _____

Telephone Numbers (Please include area code and country code if necessary.)

Cell _____ Home _____ Work _____

Email Address _____

Communication should be in English Spanish Other _____

Mother's Name _____
First Middle Last Maiden

Complete Mailing Address _____

Telephone Numbers (Please include area code and country code if necessary.)

Cell _____ Home _____ Work _____

Email Address _____

Communication should be in English Spanish Other _____

Your Educational History

- No Formal Education
- Graduated from high school
- Some college, describe _____
- College degrees, describe _____

Your Employment History

Describe the kinds of jobs you have had over the years.
If you recall, what year did you begin each job and how long did you hold it?

Your Hobbies

Describe the kinds of hobbies you have had over the years.

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II. FACTS ABOUT YOUR FORMER SPOUSE (RESPONDENT)

Name _____
First Middle Last (Maiden Name, if female)

Complete Mailing Address _____

Telephone Numbers (Please include area code and country code if necessary.)

Cell _____ Home _____ Work _____

Email Address _____

Date of Birth _____ City and State of Birth _____

Correspondence should be in English Spanish Other _____

Ethnicity Caucasian Non-Hispanic Hispanic Asian African American Native American
 Other _____ Decline to Answer

Current Occupation _____

Current Catholic Parish, if applicable _____
Name of Parish/City/State/Zip

Your Former Spouse's History of Faith

Your Former Spouse's Religion during infancy/childhood _____

Did your Former Spouse change religion immediately before marrying you? Yes No

Your Former Spouse's Religion at the time of the marriage in question _____

Did your Former Spouse change religion during your marriage? Yes No

Your Former Spouse's Current Religion _____

Was your Former Spouse baptized in the Catholic Church? Yes No

Church of Baptism, if applicable _____
Name of Parish/City/State/Zip

Was your Former Spouse baptized in another Christian community outside of the Catholic Church? Yes No

Church of Baptism, if applicable _____
Name of Church/City/State/Zip

Is your Former Spouse currently in an RCIA program? Yes No

Church where your Former Spouse attends RCIA _____
Name of Church/City/State/Zip

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Your Former Spouse's Parents

Father's Name _____
First Middle Last

Complete Mailing Address _____

Telephone Numbers (Please include area code and country code if necessary.):

Cell _____ Home _____ Work _____

Email Address _____

Communication should be in English Spanish Other _____

Mother's Name: _____
First Middle Last Maiden

Complete Mailing Address _____

Telephone Numbers (Please include area code and country code if necessary.):

Cell _____ Home _____ Work _____

Email Address _____

Communication should be in English Spanish Other _____

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Your Former Spouse's Educational History

- No Formal Education
- Graduated from high school
- Some college, describe: _____
- College Degrees, describe: _____

Your Former Spouse's Employment History

Describe the kinds of jobs your Former Spouse has had over the years.
If you recall, what year did your Former Spouse begin each job and how long did your Former Spouse hold it?

Your Former Spouse's Hobbies

Describe the kinds of hobbies your Former Spouse has had over the years.

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III. HISTORY OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR FORMER SPOUSE

How did you meet? _____

Date you met _____ Date you began dating each other _____

How long did you date? _____

Did you live together before marriage? No Yes If so, for how long? _____

Was there an engagement period before marriage? No Yes If so, for how long? _____

If you married your Former Spouse civilly, or in a non-Catholic ceremony, BEFORE marrying in the Catholic Church,
please provide the information below:

Date of Civil or Non-Catholic Marriage: _____ Place: _____
Name, City, State

Your age at this marriage _____ Your Former Spouse's age at this marriage _____

Children BEFORE and DURING this marriage

Number of children conceived BEFORE this civil or non-Catholic marriage: _____

Number of children conceived DURING this civil or non-Catholic marriage: _____

FOR ALL: Children BEFORE and DURING marriage under investigation

Number of children conceived BEFORE the marriage under investigation: _____

Number of children conceived DURING the marriage under investigation: _____

Provide names and dates of birth for all of the children.

If there are minor children of the marriage of you and your Former Spouse, who has custody?

You Your Former Spouse Both Other _____

Is there any ongoing litigation regarding child custody or other matters between you and your Former Spouse?

No Yes If so, please describe. _____

Approximate date of final separation: _____

Final Divorce Date: _____ Place: _____
County, State

IV. RELATIONSHIP HISTORY WITH OTHERS

List your significant relationships BEFORE or AFTER the marriage under investigation, that is, any relationships in which you were living with someone (not your Former Spouse) or planned to marry this other Partner.

Name of Your Partner: _____

Approximate Year you became serious (either lived together or planned to marry) _____

Did you live together? Yes No Did you marry? No Yes If so, what year was the divorce? _____

If this partner was baptized, what religion was he/she? _____

How long did the relationship last? _____

Why did the relationship end? _____

Name of Your Partner: _____

Approximate Year you became serious (either lived together or planned to marry) _____

Did you live together? Yes No Did you marry? No Yes If so, what year was the divorce? _____

If this partner was baptized, what religion was he/she? _____

How long did the relationship last? _____

Why did the relationship end? _____

Continue list on separate pages.

List your Former Spouse’s significant relationships BEFORE or AFTER the marriage under investigation, that is, any relationships in which your Former Spouse was living together with someone (not you) or planned to marry..

Name of Your Former Spouse’s Partner: _____

Approximate Year they became serious (either lived together or planned to marry) _____

Did they live together? Yes No Did they marry? No Yes If so, what year was the divorce? _____

If your Former Spouse’s Partner was baptized, what religion was the Partner? _____

How long did the relationship last? _____

How did the relationship end? _____

Name of Your Former Spouse’s Partner: _____

Approximate Year they became serious (either lived together or planned to marry) _____

Did they live together? Yes No Did they marry? No Yes If so, what year was the divorce? _____

If your Former Spouse’s Partner was baptized, what religion was the Partner? _____

How long did the relationship last? _____

How did the relationship end? _____

Continue list on separate pages.

V. WITNESSES

Please give the requested information for three or more people who knew you and/or your former spouse **before and during** your marriage. You may choose witnesses from among parents, brothers, sisters, friends, members of the wedding party, such as your best man/maid of honor, or other family members. *Ordinarily, your father, mother, brothers or sisters are good witnesses.*

The children of this union, or those who were children at the time of the marriage, should not serve as witnesses.

Be sure to contact these people and ask for their cooperation before submitting their names to the Tribunal.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY. (You may copy this page if you need more space to add witnesses.)

IN SUPPORT OF MY TESTIMONY I OFFER THE FOLLOWING WITNESSES:



Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. Dr. Other _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Complete Mailing Address _____

Telephone Numbers (Please include area code and country code if necessary.):

Cell _____ Home _____ Work _____

Email Address _____

Communication should be in English Spanish Other _____



Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. Dr. Other _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Complete Mailing Address _____

Telephone Numbers (Please include area code and country code if necessary.):

Cell _____ Home _____ Work _____

Email Address _____

Communication should be in English Spanish Other _____



Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. Dr. Other _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Complete Mailing Address _____

Telephone Numbers (Please include area code and country code if necessary.):

Cell _____ Home _____ Work _____

Email Address _____

Communication should be in English Spanish Other _____

ON SEPARATE PAPER, TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

Please tell us your story in a narrative form, not in an outline.

Please number each question and number all pages.

If you prefer, you may provide your testimony orally over the telephone: 210-734-1661.

VI. BACKGROUND**A. ABOUT YOURSELF (PETITIONER)**

1. Please describe the home environment in which you grew up. What were your parents like?
How many brothers and sisters did you have? Were you the oldest? youngest? in the middle?
Include the character of your parents, their relationship with each other and with you and your siblings.
Describe any tensions, difficulties or other problems present in the family while you were growing up.
How did these problems affect you?
2. Who raised you (mother and/or father, grandparent, step parent, aunt/uncle, older sibling, etc.)?
Describe your relationship with each parent/parent figure while growing up
(warm/loving; emotionally distant; troubled, etc.).
Who was the dominant parent, if either?
Was there excessive strictness or permissiveness? Explain.
3. Please describe the nature of the religious life in your home, if any.
How often did you go to Church?
Did your family talk about faith in the home?
Was religion a positive or negative experience for you growing up, and why was it that way?
4. Briefly, what was your history of dating before meeting your former spouse?
Regarding your relationship history, do you have any additional details or comments, beside what you have already provided, that you believe are relevant to your case?
5. Regarding your employment history or hobbies, do you have any additional details or comments, beside what you have already provided, that you believe are relevant to your case?
6. Do you have any history of drug or alcohol abuse, gambling, pornography, or other addictions?
If so, when did this behavior first begin?
Any history of criminal activity, arrest or imprisonment?
If so, give dates, offenses, etc. (exclude minor traffic violations)
7. Have you ever been in *individual treatment* with a licensed counselor (psychologist, psychiatrist, social worker)?
If so, what did you learn from your counseling?
What did you learn about yourself?
What did you learn about your ex-spouse?
Did the counselor give any diagnoses for either you or your ex-spouse?
How long did you attend counseling?

B. ABOUT YOUR FORMER SPOUSE (RESPONDENT)

8. Please describe the home environment in which your former spouse grew up. What were his/her parents like?
How many brothers and sisters did she/he have? Was he/she the oldest? youngest? in the middle?
Include his/her parents' character, their relationship with each other and with siblings.
Describe any tensions, difficulties or other problems in the family while your former spouse was growing up.
How did these problems affect him/her?

9. Who raised your former spouse (mother and/or father, grandparent, step parent, aunt/uncle, older sibling, etc.)? Describe your former spouse's relationship with each parent/parent figure while growing up (warm/loving; emotionally distant; troubled, etc.). Who was the dominant parent, if either? Was there excessive strictness or permissiveness? Explain.
10. Please describe the nature of the religious life in your former spouse's home, if any. How often did your former spouse go to Church? Did your former spouse's family talk about faith in the home? Was religion a positive or negative experience for your former spouse growing up, and why was it that way?
11. Briefly, what was your former spouse's history of dating before meeting you? Regarding your former spouse's relationship history, do you have any additional details or comments, beside what you have already provided, that you believe are relevant to your case?
12. Regarding your former spouse's employment history or hobbies, do you have any additional details or comments, beside what you have already provided, that you believe are relevant to your case?
13. Does your former spouse have any history of drug or alcohol abuse, gambling, pornography, or other addictions? If so, when did this behavior first begin? When did you become aware of it? Any history of criminal activity, arrest or imprisonment? If so, give dates, offenses, etc. (exclude minor traffic violations).
14. Has your former spouse ever been in *individual treatment* with a licensed counselor (psychologist, psychiatrist, social worker)? If so, what did you learn from your counseling? What did you learn about yourself? What did you learn about your ex-spouse? Did the counselor give any diagnoses for either you or your ex-spouse? How long were you in counseling?

VII. COURTSHIP

If a civil marriage preceded a marriage in the Catholic Church, please be sure to clarify when events happened, either during the civil marriage, during the Catholic marriage, or during both.

15. How would you describe the quality of your relationship during the dating period? If you lived together before marriage, how would you describe the quality of your relationship during this time? If you became engaged to marry, how would you describe the quality of your relationship during this time? For each of these periods, did you and your former spouse have problems? If so, describe the problems and how you resolved them.
16. Did you and your former spouse engage in premarital sex? If so, how long had you been dating when you first became intimate with one another? Was a pregnancy involved in your decision to marry? If so, explain circumstances and feelings.
17. Did you or your former spouse experience any internal or external pressure to get married? If so, explain the nature and/or source of the pressure.
18. Whose idea was it to get married and why? What were your main reasons for entering the marriage? What were your former spouse's main reasons?
19. Did you and your former spouse ever discuss your attitudes toward divorce? When? What were they?
20. Did you and your former spouse ever discuss your attitudes toward birth control? When? What were they?

21. If a civil marriage preceded a marriage in the Catholic Church, what was the quality of the relationship during the civil marriage? Whose idea was it to get married in the Church?
Why did you want to marry in the Church? Why did your former spouse want to marry in the Church?
Why did you want to marry civilly first? Why did your former spouse want to marry civilly first?

VIII. MARRIED LIFE

If a civil marriage preceded a marriage in the Catholic Church, please be sure to clarify when events happened, either during the civil marriage, during the Catholic marriage, or during both.

22. How would you describe the quality of your relationship during the marriage?
23. Was there any sense of regret about getting married? When did these feelings begin?
24. What issues were a source of conflict between you?
When did these issues and/or problems first surface?
How did you deal with them?
25. Were there any particular qualities of your former spouse that you did not know about before you married them?
If you had known about these qualities before, would you still have married?
26. If there were no children born of the marriage, explain why. How did this affect your relationship?
27. Give a detailed explanation of what you believe to be the **major reason(s)** for the breakup of the marriage.

IX. SEPARATIONS

28. Were there any temporary separations during the marriage?
If so, please explain the causes, circumstances, dates, duration and reasons for reconciliation.
29. What specific events, difficulties and/or circumstances led to your final separation?

X. FINAL QUESTIONS

30. Have you remarried or do you have plans to remarry? If so, give the date(s) and place(s) of the marriage(s).
If any of these marriages ended in death or divorce, please explain.
(Be sure to make these facts known to the priest, deacon or parish minister assisting you with this process.)
Does this current civil spouse or fiancé have any previous marriages that have not been resolved by the Catholic Church, regardless of whether the marriage was in the Catholic Church or not?
31. Has your former spouse ever remarried? If so, give the date(s) and place(s) of the marriage(s).
If any of these marriages ended in death or divorce, please explain.
32. Do you know whether your former spouse will be willing to cooperate with this Tribunal (or any Church Court) by giving his/her side of the story either in writing or in person?
Why do you believe this? Have you notified him/her that you are initiating this process?
33. Is there any other fact or circumstance concerning the marriage to your former spouse that you believe is relevant to the evaluation of your petition for nullity?

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***** PLEASE MAKE COPIES OF ALL PAPERWORK
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YOUR COMPLETE PETITION consists of all the pages of this form, all of the pages of your responses and all of your documents, listed below. Please write the question number next to each response.

If you need help requesting documents, contact us for assistance.

BRING YOUR COMPLETE PETITION to your Priest, Deacon or Parish Minister.

He or she will ask you to swear to their truthfulness and have you sign below.

He or she will also witness your signature and forward the case to the Tribunal.

1. A current copy your **BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE WITH NOTATATIONS** (obtained from the Parish or Church of Baptism within the last year).
2. The **MARRIAGE LICENSE** and, if applicable, the **MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE** (obtained from the Parish where the couple was married) for the marriage being investigated.
3. A complete copy (all pages) of the **FINAL DIVORCE DECREE**, dated and signed by the Judge.
4. Other **OFFICIAL DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE** that would corroborate testimony, if applicable (e.g., birth certificates, medical records, police reports as evidence to support specific testimony).
5. Cash or check for **\$450, or \$100 as a deposit, if possible**.
Checks should be made payable to: Archdiocese of San Antonio.
Please submit your petition as soon as it is ready, regardless of your ability to pay.

WITH GOD AS MY WITNESS, I DECLARE UNDER OATH THAT MY ATTACHED RESPONSES ARE, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, TRUE AND ACCURATE.

Petitioner's Signature

Printed Name of Petitioner

*The Petitioner has signed the above in my presence on this date.
I have read the statement and recommend this case to the Tribunal.*

Signature of Priest/Deacon/Parish Minister

Printed Name of Priest/Deacon/Parish Minister

Parish Name

Parish City/State/Zip

Date

Parish Telephone

FOR TRIBUNAL USE ONLY		Deposit Amount \$ _____	Deposit Received _____/_____/_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash	<input type="checkbox"/> Check/Money Order # _____	Paid by <input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Parish <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUBMITTING PRIEST, DEACON OR PARISH MINISTER

*This is to be completed by the minister separately and on his or her own
and should be submitted with all of the other required forms and documents of the Petitioner.*

1. How long and how well have you know the Petitioner? _____
Please give an assessment of the Petitioner's credibility.

2. Is the Petitioner an actively practicing member of your parish? Yes No
Please describe his/her religious practice.

3. Has the Petitioner worked through the breakup of the marriage in question? Yes No
How did you come to this conclusion?

4. Why does the Petitioner desire an ecclesiastical declaration of nullity?

5. If a declaration of nullity were to be granted, what type of preparation should be required before a convalidation or new Catholic marriage? (Please be sure to recommend whatever professional counsel or therapy or special pastoral steps you deem advisable.)

6. Has the Petitioner informed his/her former spouse of this Petition, or does the Petitioner intend to do so?
 Yes No If No, why?

7. Are you aware of any other civil, religious, or common-law union of the Petitioner beside the marriage in question? Yes No If so, please describe.

8. If the Petitioner seeks to marry in the Church or to convalidate a civil marriage in the Church:
are you aware of any civil, religious or common-law union of the proposed fiancé/fiancée/current civil spouse other than his/her commitment to the Petitioner? Yes No If so, please describe.

Signature of Priest/Deacon/Parish Minister

Printed Name of Priest/Deacon/Parish Minister

Date