

Petition for Decree in a Lack of Form Marriage Case

PETITIONER		RESPONDENT
Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/>
	Female's Maiden Name	
	Address	
	City, State, Zip	
	Date of Baptism	
	Church of Baptism	
	City of Baptism	
	Father's Name and Religion	
	Mother's Maiden Name and Religion	
	Number of Marriage (1st, 2nd, etc.)	

Date of Marriage*:	
Place:	
Civil official/Minister:	
Date of Divorce:	
Place:	

* If this marriage took place before January 1, 1949, it is necessary to know the religion of the parents of the Catholic party, or if the Catholic party was raised as a Catholic.

1. Did any Church authority give permission (dispensation from canonical form) for this marriage to take place before someone other than a Catholic priest or deacon? Yes No

If so, please give complete details: _____

2. After the non-Catholic ceremony, did you ever repeat your vows in front of a Catholic priest or deacon? Yes No

If so, please give complete details: _____

3. If you never said your vows in front of a Catholic priest, please explain why.

4. Before the wedding took place, did the Catholic party(ies) ever reject the Catholic Church by a formal act? Yes No

If so, please give complete details (when, how and why it was done; who knows about it):

If the Catholic party was the Respondent, how do you (the Petitioner) know he/she never left the Catholic Church by a formal act?

I hereby solemnly swear the foregoing information is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Petitioner: _____

Signature of Priest/Deacon/Pastoral Minister: _____

Date: _____ Place: _____

NOTE: The Petitioner *must* present the following documents with this petition:

1) Recent certificate of Catholic Baptism; 2) Marriage license; 3) Divorce