

The Tribunal, Diocese of Saginaw  
 5800 Weiss St.  
 Saginaw, Michigan 48603-2799  
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## 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"/>	<b>Name</b>	Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Female's Maiden Name</b>	
	<b>Address</b>	
	<b>City, State, Zip</b>	
	<b>Date of Baptism</b>	
	<b>Church of Baptism</b>	
	<b>City of Baptism</b>	
	<b>Father's Name and Religion</b>	
	<b>Mother's Maiden Name and Religion</b>	
	<b>Number of Marriage (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, etc.)</b>	

<b>Date of Marriage* :</b>	
<b>Place of Marriage:</b> (Church, Courthouse, etc) <b>City/State</b>	
<b>Civil Official/Minister:</b>	
<b>Date of Divorce:</b>	
<b>County/City/State:</b>	

\* 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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):

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\_\_\_\_\_

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

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***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**