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For Tribunal Only

Case Name: _____
Prot. No.: _____
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Notary: _____

**PETITION FOR A PAPAL DISSOLUTION
IN FAVOREM FIDEI (FAVOR OF THE FAITH)**

MOST HOLY FATHER:

I, _____, most sincerely submit the following petition for an Apostolic dissolution, *in favorem fidei*, of my marriage with:

(Name of Respondent as it appears on the Marriage Certificate)

We entered this marriage on _____.
(Date of the Marriage)

When the union proved unhappy, a decree of civil divorce was sought and obtained by _____ on _____.
(Name of the legal Petitioner of the divorce) (Date of the Final Decree of Divorce)

From this union, _____ child/children were born.
(number)

At the time of said marriage, I was:

- Not baptized in any Christian church.
- Baptized in the _____ church.

The other party was:

- Not baptized in any Christian church.
- Baptized in the _____ church.

- I wish to become Catholic in the near future, and I promise to live as a sincere Catholic the rest of my life.
- I do not wish to become a Catholic at this time.

Therefore, I sincerely ask you Holiness, as the Vicar of Christ, to grant the Apostolic dissolution of said marriage in favor of the Faith so that I may marry

(Name of Prospective Spouse)

The reasons for my petition are: *(Please check one or more of the relevant reasons.)*

- 1. Estrangement from my former spouse with no prospect for reconciliation.
- 2. My peace of conscience and desire to live a moral life.
- 3. My desire to be free to marry a Catholic in the future.
- 4. My desire to validate my present civil marriage to a Catholic.
- 5. My desire to maintain a Catholic home and raise my children Catholic.
- 6. The conversion of my civil spouse who desires to embrace the faith.

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IN SUBMITTING THIS PETITION, I HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE TRIBUNAL TO CONTACT MY FORMER SPOUSE AND THE WITNESSES I HAVE NAMED ON THE ATTACHED PAGES.

I UNDERSTAND IN SUBMITTING THIS PETITION THAT NO DATE FOR A MARRIAGE OR FOR THE RECEPTION OF BAPTISM MAY BE SCHEDULED OR PROMISED UNTIL THE CASE HAS BEEN COMPLETED AT ROME.

_____ <i>Signature of the Petitioner</i>	_____ <i>Date</i>
_____ <i>Signature of the Priest/Deacon/Parish Minister</i>	_____ <i>Name of Parish</i>
_____ <i>PRINT Name of Priest/Deacon/Parish Minister</i>	_____ <i>Parish City</i>
_____ <i>Personal email</i>	_____ <i>Parish email</i>
_____ <i>Personal Phone</i>	_____ <i>Parish Phone</i>

Signature of Pastor (Required if the Submitting Minister is not a priest.) _____
Date

Please submit the following along with this petition:

- 1. A certified copy of the certificate of the marriage between the Petitioner and Respondent.
- 2. A certified copy of the final decree of civil divorce/dissolution/annulment of that union.
- 3. A copy of the Petitioner’s baptismal certificate (if baptized).
- 4. A copy of the Prospective Spouse’s baptismal certificate (if baptized).
- 5. A certified copy of the civil marriage certificate between the Petitioner and the Proposed Spouse (if they are already in a civil marriage.)
- 6. Copies of the certificates of Catholic baptism for any children of either union who have been baptized as Catholics.
- 7. Pre-nuptial Inquiry for the Proposed Marriage/Convalidation.
- 8. Dispensation from the Disparity of Worship or Permission for Mixed Marriage for the Proposed Marriage/Convalidation (if applicable).
- 9. Promises / Cautiones specific to the Favor of the Faith (if applicable).
- 10. The completed questionnaire regarding the whereabouts of the Respondent (if no contact information is available.)
- 11. Recommendation from the submitting minister for the Petitioner.
- 12. Recommendation from the submitting minister for the Proposed Spouse.
- 13. The \$100.00 filing fee

Please make check payable to: **Archdiocese of Los Angeles—Tribunal.**
Payments may also be made on-line on the Tribunal website:
www.la-archdiocese.org/org/tribunal

The remainder of the \$500 fee will be billed upon completion of the case in Rome.

DATA CONCERNING THE RESPONDENT

Please type or neatly print the following data about the Respondent (i. e., your spouse in the marriage you are seeking to have dissolved).

Respondent's Current Legal Name: _____

Proper Salutation: *Please Circle:* Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Other: _____

Maiden Name (if different): _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country (if outside USA) _____

Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Work: _____ E-mail: _____

(If you do not have an address for the Other Party, please provide the name of a relative "in care of" whom we can attempt to reach him or her.)

Name: _____ Relationship to Respondent: _____

Proper Salutation: *Please Circle:* Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Other: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country (if outside USA) _____

Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Work: _____ E-mail: _____

If you have no address for the Respondent, the priest or parish minister assisting you will provide a special supplementary questionnaire describing why his or her whereabouts cannot be located.

If this petition is based on the non-baptism of the Respondent, and if you have no address at all for the Respondent, it will be very difficult if not impossible to verify the facts necessary to grant the Favor of the Faith. Please have the parish minister with whom you are working consult the Tribunal to determine whether a petition for a Favor of the Faith is appropriate, or whether some other approach would be better.

Thank you.

WITNESSES FOR THE NON-BAPTIZED PARTY(IES)

In order to grant a papal dissolution in Favor of the Faith, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith requires solid evidence that:

- 1. One or both of the spouses were not baptized at the time of the exchange of vows.
- 2. At least on of the parties remained un-baptized throughout the common life.

Please name at least two witnesses who are able and willing to provide testimony about the un-baptized party. If you wish to name more than two witnesses, please copy this page and include the additional witnesses. If both the Petitioner and Respondent were not baptized throughout the common life, it is helpful, though not essential, to provided witnesses for each. If you wish to do so, make a copy of this page and fill one out for the Petitioner and one for the Respondent.

The preferred witnesses are the parents of the un-baptized person. Other competent witnesses are older brothers or sisters, uncles, aunts or older cousins of the un-baptized person. If no other witnesses are available, younger brothers and sisters of the un-baptized person may be named. Please do NOT name children of the marriage in question. Please notify the witnesses that you have named them in connection with your petition and that they should expect to hear from the Tribunal.

The following are witnesses for:

- The unbaptized Petitioner
- The unbaptized Respondent

Name of Witness: _____
 Proper Salutation: *Please Circle:* Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Other: _____
 Relationship to the Petitioner: _____ Relationship to the Respondent: _____
 Street Address: _____ City: _____
 State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country (if outside USA) _____
 Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____
 Work: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of Witness: _____
 Proper Salutation: *Please Circle:* Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Other: _____
 Relationship to the Petitioner: _____ Relationship to the Respondent: _____
 Street Address: _____ City: _____
 State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country (if outside USA) _____
 Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____
 Work: _____ E-mail: _____

PAPAL DISSOLUTION IN FAVOR OF THE FAITH

PETITIONER’S DEPOSITION:

Acknowledging that I fully understand the nature of an oath (i.e. the calling upon God to witness the truth of the statements made), I promise that I will tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me, God!

I. GENERAL:

Full name (incl. Maiden) _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____
Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____
Work: _____ E-mail: _____
Date of Birth _____ Place _____
Religion at time of the marriage in question: _____
Current Religion: _____

II. BAPTISM OF PETITIONER:

1. Were you ever baptized? Yes No

If so, please give the date: _____

Name and denomination of Church: _____

Address of Church: _____

If not baptized, why not? _____

2. What is your father’s full name? _____

Is he living or deceased? _____

To what religion did your father belong? _____

Did he practice this faith actively? _____

What were his views on the importance of baptism? _____

3. What is your mother’s full name? _____

Is she living or deceased? _____

To what religion did your mother belong? _____

Did she practice this faith actively? _____

What were her views on the importance of baptism? _____

4. During what years did you live with your parents? _____

5. Were you ever under the guardianship of others? _____

If so, during what years? _____

6. Were any of your siblings ever baptized? Yes No

If so, please complete the following information for each of your siblings.

Name of Sibling	Birth year	Church of Baptism	Date of Baptism

7. If some of your siblings were baptized and you were not, please explain the reasons for this difference.

8. Did you ever attend any Christian church or Sunday school, even if you had no formal membership or affiliation? Yes No

If so, please list all churches or Sunday schools you attended.

Name of Church	Street address/city/state	Years

III. BAPTISM OF THE RESPONDENT:

General Data on the Respondent:

First Name _____ Middle Name _____

Surname: _____ Maiden Name (*if different*) _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Work: _____ E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Current Religion: _____

1. Was your former spouse ever baptized? Yes No

If so, please give the date: _____

Name and denomination of Church: _____

Address of Church: _____

If he/she was not baptized, why not? _____

2. What is the full name of your former spouse's father? _____

Is his/her father living or deceased? _____

To what religion did his/her father belong? _____

Did his/her father practice this faith actively? _____

What were his/her father's views on the importance of baptism?

3. What is the full name of your former spouse's mother? _____

Is your former spouse's mother living or deceased? _____

To what religion did his/her mother belong? _____

Did his/her mother practice this faith actively? _____

What were his/her mother's views on the importance of baptism?

4. During what years did your former spouse live with his/her parents?

5. Was your former spouse ever under the guardianship of others? Yes No

If so, what years? _____

6. Were any of his/her siblings ever baptized? Yes No

If so, please complete the following information for each of your siblings.

Name of Sibling	Birth year	Church of Baptism	Date of Baptism

7. If some of his/her siblings were baptized and he/she was not, please explain the reasons for this difference.

8. Did he/she ever attend any Christian church or Sunday school, even if he/she had no formal membership or affiliation? Yes No

If so, please list all churches or Sunday schools you attended.

Name of Church	Street address/city/state	Years

IV. MARRIAGE OF THE PETITIONER AND RESPONDENT:

1. Was this the first union for each of you? Yes No [See below]

Only if No, give the following information regarding each former spouse.

Former Spouse:
 First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____
 Surname: _____ Maiden Name (if different): _____
 His/Her Religion at time of marriage: _____
 Baptism: Catholic Other _____ Not baptized
 Marriage date: _____
 Catholic ceremony Other religious ceremony civil ceremony
 Place of marriage: City: _____ State: _____
 Had this person been married prior to your union? Yes No
 Number of prior marriages: 0 1 2 3 other ____
 Divorce date: _____ and/or Death date: _____

2. How many children were born of the marriage in question? _____

Are they baptized, or to be baptized Catholic? Yes No
(If baptized, please enclose a copy of the baptismal certificate.)

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

4. What was the cause of the breakup of the marriage in question?

5. Who was responsible? _____
6. Is there any hope for reconciliation? (Give reasons). Yes No

7. Did the breakup and divorce cause unusual comment or publicity?
 yes no _____

**V. PROPOSED MARRIAGE OR CONVALIDATION:
General Data on the Proposed Spouse:**

First Name _____ Middle Name _____
Surname: _____ Maiden Name (if different) _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____
Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____
Work: _____ E-mail: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____
Current Religion: _____

1. Has he/she ever been baptized? Yes No
If so, where and when? _____
(If baptized, please enclose a copy of the baptismal certificate.)
2. How long have you known him/her? _____
3. Did your friendship with him/her play any part whatsoever in your separation and divorce from the Respondent? *Please explain.*

4. Are you and the person you wish to marry in the Catholic Church already united by any civil or religious exchange of marriage vows? Yes No
If so, complete:
Marriage date: _____
Place of marriage: City: _____ State: _____
(Please enclose a copy of your certificate of marriage.)
5. Do you and the person you wish to marry in the Catholic Church have any children?
Yes No
If so, how many? _____
Have they been baptized in the Catholic Church? Yes No

(If any children have been baptized Catholic, please enclose copies of their baptismal certificates.)

6. Is the person you wish to marry free to marry according to the laws of the Catholic Church? **Yes** **No** *Please explain.*

7. If the papal dissolution is granted and you are permitted to celebrate a marriage in the Catholic Church, would this cause any unusual comment or publicity? **yes** **no**
Please explain.

VI. YOUR CURRENT RELIGIOUS CONVICTIONS AND PRACTICE:

1. **If you are Catholic**, how do you fulfill your religious duties? _____

2. **If you are *not* Catholic**, do you wish to receive baptism in the Catholic Church, or if already baptized, to make a profession of faith in the Catholic Church?

3. If you wish to become Catholic, have you begun taking instruction?

Yes **No**

Name of Instructor: _____

Parish of Instruction: _____

Having re-read the above testimony, I verify the same as being the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help me God.

Petitioner's Signature

Subscribed and sworn to me

THIS _____ DAY OF _____, _____

Signature: Priest/Deacon/Parish Minister

(Parish Seal)

PRINT Name _____

Church: _____

City, State, Zip _____

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PARISH PRIEST/INSTRUCTOR

Regarding _____, the **Catholic** Petitioner and/or the **Catholic Prospective Spouse** of the Petitioner in the above-named case, we would like the following information:

1. How well does the above named Catholic Party practice his/her Catholic religion?

2. Does the above named Catholic party do all in his/her power to live in accordance with his/her baptismal promises?

3. What signs of sincerity in practicing the Faith has the above named Catholic party shown?

4. Is there any danger of scandal or unusual comment if the above named Catholic party is permitted to marry someone who is known to have been in a prior valid union? Give reasons that would exclude scandal.

5. Please add any further remarks, which you deem appropriate.

Signature Parish Priest / Deacon/ Parish Minister

PRINT Name _____
Church: _____
City: _____
Date: _____

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PARISH PRIEST/INSTRUCTOR

Regarding _____, the **non-Catholic Petitioner** and/or the **non-Catholic Prospective Spouse** of the Petitioner in the above-named case, we would like the following information:

1. How much instruction has the non-Catholic party received in Catholic doctrine?

2. Has the above named non-Catholic party been baptized in any religion either absolutely or conditionally? Indicate which and why.

3. Will Catholic baptism be conferred absolutely or conditionally, or will the non-Catholic party be received into full communion with the Catholic Church?

4. Is there any danger of scandal or unusual comment if the above named non-Catholic party is permitted to marry someone who is known to have been in a prior valid marriage? Give reasons that would exclude scandal.

5. What signs of sincerity has the non-Catholic party shown?

6. What is the non-Catholic party's actual practice of the Catholic Faith at this time?

Signature Parish Priest / Deacon/ Parish Minister

PRINT Name _____
Church: _____
City: _____
Date: _____

TESTIMONY OF THE PROSPECTIVE SPOUSE

Acknowledging that I fully understand the nature of an oath (i.e. the calling upon God to witness the truth of the statements made), I swear that I will tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help me God.

1. Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____
Work: _____ E-mail: _____
Date of Birth _____ Place: _____
Current Religion: _____
Have you ever been baptized? Yes No Date: _____
Church/Denomination _____
Street address, city, state: _____

2. When did you first meet the Petitioner?

3. Please describe the circumstances under which you met.

4. Was the Petitioner married to the Respondent at the time you met? Please explain.

5. Do you know why the Petitioner and the Respondent separated? Please explain.

6. Did your friendship with the Petitioner contribute in any way to the breakup of the marriage with the Respondent? Please explain.

7. Have you ever been married? Are you now free to marry in accord with the laws of the Catholic Church? Please explain.

Signature Prospective Spouse _____

Signature Priest / Deacon/ Parish Minister

PRINT Name _____
Church: _____
City: _____
Date: _____

Parish Seal

PROMISES

(cf. art. 5 *Normae*)

A. Promises of the Catholic Party

In the presence of the undersigned priest,
I hereby promise to practice my faith,
and to fulfill to the best of my ability my obligation
to have all children who may be born to our marriage
baptized in the Catholic Church and carefully raised
in the knowledge and practice of the Catholic faith.

[signature]

B. Promises of the non-Catholic Party

In the presence of the undersigned priest,
I hereby promise that I shall permit my spouse
to practice the Catholic religion
and to fulfill the solemn promise
that all the children of our marriage
will be baptized and raised only in the Catholic faith.

[signature]

C. Certification

I, the undersigned priest, hereby certify
that both parties have freely made
the above promises in my presence.

[date]

[signature]

*Parish
Seal*

[parish]

[city, state]

PETITION FOR DISPENSATION FROM DISPARITY OF WORSHIP

MOST HOLY FATHER:

I, _____, baptized in (or received into) the Catholic Church,
wish to marry _____, who is/was

- never baptized
- doubtfully baptized
- baptized in the Church, but the validity of the baptism is doubtful
- Muslim

I ask you to grant a dispensation from the impediment of Disparity of Worship (can. 1086).

I hereby state that I am prepared to remove dangers of falling away from the Catholic faith. I sincerely promise to do all in my power to have all the children baptized and brought up in the Catholic Church.

Signature of the Catholic party

I am clearly aware of the obligation of my Catholic spouse to preserve and profess his/her faith, and to do all that is possible to baptize and to educate the children of our marriage in the Catholic Church.

Signature of Other Party

The justifying cause for this Dispensation is the spiritual good of the parties, who seem sincere and otherwise well disposed. The required instructions on the essential ends and properties of marriage have been given. The concern of the Church for marriages between Catholic and non-baptized persons has been discussed with both parties, yet the difficulties do not seem insurmountable. There appears to be no unusual danger to the faith of the Catholic party.

Signature of Priest/Deacon/Parish Minister *Parish*

PRINT *Name of Priest/Deacon/Parish Minister* *Parish Address*

Date *Telephone* *City/State/Zip*

Signature of Pastor (Required if the Submitting Minister is not a priest.) **Date**

PERMISSION FOR MIXED MARRIAGE

<p align="center">ROMAN CATHOLIC PARTY</p> <p>Last name: _____</p> <p>First name: _____</p> <p>Middle name: _____</p>	<p align="center">BAPTIZED NON-CATHOLIC PARTY</p> <p>Last name: _____</p> <p>First name: _____</p> <p>Middle name: _____</p> <p>Religious denomination: _____</p>
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CATHOLIC PARTY:

I hereby state that I am prepared to remove dangers of falling away from the Catholic faith. I sincerely promise to do all in my power to have all the children baptized and brought up in the Catholic Church.

Signature of the Catholic Party _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE NON-CATHOLIC PARTY:

I am clearly aware of the obligation of my Catholic spouse to preserve and profess his/her faith, and to do all that is possible to baptized and to educate the children of our marriage in the Catholic Church.

Signature of the non-Catholic Party _____

NOTE: If the fact of baptism of the non-Catholic party is doubtful, or if the validity of the baptism in a non-Catholic Christian church or ecclesial community is doubtful, a dispensation from Disparity of Worship is to be sought from the Most Reverend Archbishop.

I hereby certify that the required instructions on the essential ends and properties of marriage have been given. The concern of the Church for mixed marriage has been discussed with both parties; however, the difficulties do not seem insurmountable. There appears to be no unusual danger to the faith of the Catholic party. In accordance with the faculties given by the Archbishop and the norms of Canons 1124 and 1125 or the *Code of Canon Law*, I hereby grant to the parties named above permission to celebrate a mixed marriage.

_____	_____
<i>Signature of Priest/Deacon/Parish Minister</i>	<i>Parish</i>
_____	_____
<i>PRINT Name of Priest/Deacon/Parish Minister</i>	<i>Parish Address</i>
_____	_____
<i>Date</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
_____	_____
<i>Signature of Pastor (Required if the Submitting Minister is not a priest.)</i>	<i>Date</i>

PRE-NUPTIAL INQUIRY

The Bride & Groom must be interviewed separately by the priest or deacon. The priest or deacon is required to pose and write the answers to the following questions. This is a confidential Church document and should be kept in a secured file with other such documents.

GROOM

The priest or deacon, having reminded the groom of the sacred character and binding force of an oath, will ask the groom the following questions:

Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth and nothing but the truth in answering the questions that shall be asked, so help you God?

1. Full Legal Name: _____
Present Address: _____
How long have you lived at this address? _____ Home Phone: _____
Occupation: _____ Work Phone: _____

2. Date and place of your birth? _____
Father's Name: _____ Religion: _____
Mother's Maiden Name: _____ Religion: _____

3. Were you ever baptized? _____ If so, in what religion? _____
Date of baptism: _____ Church of Baptism: _____
City, State, Country: _____

(Note: If baptized Catholic, the groom should present a copy of his baptismal certificate. If baptized in another Christian church, a copy of the baptismal certificate should be secured if at all possible.)

4. What religion do you presently practice? _____

Questions 5,6,7 are to be asked of Catholic only

5. First Holy Communion: Yes _____ No _____ Church: _____

6. Confirmation: Yes _____ No _____ Date: _____
Church of Confirmation: _____

7. To what parish do you presently belong? _____
How would you describe the practice of your religion? _____

8. What are the names and addresses of two persons (preferably parents or relatives) who could testify to your freedom to marry:

9. Have you ever been married or attempted marriage, even civilly, or lived in a common law union? _____

If so, how many times? _____ *If there are any prior union(s) the following questions also need to be asked.*

Name(s) of former spouse(s): _____

Was/were this/these union(s) ended by death? _____ *(If so, the death certificate(s) must be submitted.)*

If ended by divorce, has the Catholic Church issued any declaration of nullity or ecclesiastical dissolution for the union(s)?
_____ *(If yes, the ecclesiastical decree(s) must be presented.)*

10. Have you ever fathered a child/children in any previous relationship? _____ How many? _____
 If so, are you fulfilling your legal and moral obligations to the child/children? _____
 Is your intended spouse aware of these obligations? _____
11. Has your intended spouse ever been married or attempted marriage, even a civil marriage, or lived in a common law union? _____ If so, how many times? _____
(If the bride has had any former union(s), she is to be asked fuller details during her interview.)

(If the answer "Yes" is given to questions 12 through 15, please obtain details and consult the Archdiocese.)

12. Are you and your intended spouse related by blood (as first cousins or closer) or by a legal relationship (in-laws)? _____
 If so, please describe the relationship: _____
13. Do you or your intended spouse suffer from any of the following:
 a) a serious physical disease or other health problem that could create difficulties in your marriage? _____
 b) a significant psychological impairment? _____
 c) alcohol or other substance abuse? _____
 If yes, please give details: _____
14. Is any person or circumstance (e.g. parental pressure, pregnancy, etc.) influencing you to enter this marriage or forcing you to do so against your will? _____ Is any person or circumstance influencing the bride to enter this marriage or forcing her to marry against her will? _____
15. Are you attaching any conditions, restrictions, or reservations of any kind to your consent to this marriage? _____
 Have you entered any type of prenuptial agreement? _____
 If "yes" to either, please explain: _____

(If the answer "No" is given to question 16 through 18, please obtain details and consult the Archdiocese.)

16. Do you intend to enter a permanent marriage that can be dissolved only by death? _____
17. Do you intend to be faithful to your wife always? _____
18. Do you understand that one of the purposes of marriage is the begetting and rearing of children, God willing? _____
 Do you intend to accept and fulfill this aspect of marriage? _____
 Does your intended bride accept and intend to fulfill this aspect of marriage? _____
19. How long have you known your intended spouse? _____
 How long have you been engaged? _____
20. Is there any major fact about your, either in the present or the past, which you have not made known to your proposed spouse and which might affect her willingness to marry you? _____
 If so, what is that fact? _____
21. Has any close family member raised any objections to this marriage? _____
 If so, please describe the nature of those objections: _____

Signature of Groom: _____

Date: _____

Church: _____

Place: _____

Signature of Priest/Deacon: _____

Please Append Church Seal

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The Bride & Groom must be interviewed separately by the priest or deacon. The priest or deacon is required to pose and write the answers to the following questions. This is a confidential Church document and should be kept in a secured file with other such documents.

BRIDE

The priest or deacon, having reminded the bride of the sacred character and binding force of an oath, will ask the bride the following questions:

Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth and nothing but the truth in answering the questions that shall be asked, so help you God?

1. Full Legal Name: _____
Present Address: _____
How long have you lived at this address? _____ Home Phone: _____
Occupation: _____ Work Phone: _____

2. Date and place of your birth? _____
Father's Name: _____ Religion: _____
Mother's Maiden Name: _____ Religion: _____

3. Were you ever baptized? _____ If so, in what religion? _____
Date of baptism: _____ Church of Baptism: _____
City, State, Country: _____

(Note: If baptized Catholic, the bride should present a copy of his baptismal certificate. If baptized in another Christian church, a copy of the baptismal certificate should be secured if at all possible.)

4. What religion do you presently practice? _____

Questions 5,6,7 are to be asked of Catholic only

5. First Holy Communion: Yes _____ No _____ Church: _____

6. Confirmation: Yes _____ No _____ Date: _____

Church of Confirmation: _____

7. To what parish do you presently belong? _____

How would you describe the practice of your religion? _____

8. What are the names and addresses of two persons (preferably parents or relatives) who could testify to your freedom to marry:

9. Have you ever been married or attempted marriage, even civilly, or lived in a common law union? _____

If so, how many times? _____ *If there are any prior union(s) the following questions also need to be asked.*

Name(s) of former spouse(s): _____

Was/were this/these union(s) ended by death? _____ *(If so, the death certificate(s) must be submitted.)*

If ended by divorce, has the Catholic Church issued any declaration of nullity or ecclesiastical dissolution for the union(s)?

_____ (If yes, the ecclesiastical decree(s) must be presented.)

10. Have you ever given birth to a child/children in any previous relationship? _____ How many? _____

If so, are you fulfilling your legal and moral obligations to the child/children? _____

Is your intended spouse aware of these obligations? _____

11. Has your intended spouse ever been married or attempted marriage, even a civil marriage, or lived in a common law union? _____ If so, how many times? _____

(If the groom has had any former union(s), he is to be asked fuller details during his interview.)

(If the answer "Yes" is given to questions 12 through 15, please obtain details and consult the Archdiocese.)

12. Are you and your intended spouse related by blood (as first cousins or closer) or by a legal relationship (in-laws)? _____

If so, please describe the relationship: _____

13. Do you or your intended spouse suffer from any of the following:

a. a serious physical disease or other health problem that could create difficulties in your marriage? _____

b. a significant psychological impairment? _____

c. alcohol or other substance abuse? _____

If yes, please give details: _____

14. Is any person or circumstance (e.g. parental pressure, pregnancy, etc.) influencing you to enter this marriage or forcing you to do so against your will? _____ Is any person or circumstance influencing the groom to enter this marriage or forcing his to marry against her will? _____

15. Are you attaching any conditions, restrictions, or reservations of any kind to your consent to this marriage? _____

Have you entered any type of prenuptial agreement? _____

If "yes" to either, please explain: _____

(If the answer "No" is given to question 16 through 18, please obtain details and consult the Archdiocese.)

16. Do you intend to enter a permanent marriage that can be dissolved only by death? _____

17. Do you intend to be faithful to your husband always? _____

18. Do you understand that one of the purposes of marriage is the begetting and rearing of children, God willing? _____

Do you intend to accept and fulfill this aspect of marriage? _____

Does your intended groom accept and intend to fulfill this aspect of marriage? _____

19. How long have you known your intended spouse? _____

How long have you been engaged? _____

20. Is there any major fact about you, either in the present or the past, which you have not made known to your proposed spouse and which might affect his willingness to marry you? _____

If so, what is that fact? _____

21. Has any close family member raised any objections to this marriage? _____

If so, please describe the nature of those objections: _____

Signature of Bride: _____

Date: _____

Church: _____

Place: _____

Signature of Priest/Deacon: _____

Please Append Church Seal