



Davenport Tribunal

Tribunal use only

Case #
 MC ___ DD ___ BC ___
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VITAL INFORMATION FOR INITIATING A MARRIAGE CASE

Each question must be answered *fully*. If multiple marriages of the Petitioner are involved, a complete Vital Information form must be completed for *each* of the Petitioner's marriages.

THE PETITIONER Was this the Petitioner's first marriage? _____ (If not, attach an explanation.)

 Last name First name Middle Maiden name, if female

 Mailing address of residence City State Zip

Telephones: at home _____ at work _____

Email: _____

Was the Petitioner baptized *prior to or during* this marriage? _____ yes _____ no*

* If the Petitioner was not baptized prior to or during this marriage, a Privilege might be sought. Can the absence of baptism be proven by the testimonies of two witnesses? _____ yes _____ no

 Church of baptism (or Catholic Profession of Faith) City and State Date of baptism/Prof. of Faith

 Petitioner's birth date Respondent's birth date

THE RESPONDENT Was this the Respondent's first marriage? _____ (If not, attach an explanation.)

 Last name First name Middle Maiden name, if female

 Mailing address of residence City State Zip

Telephones: at home _____ at work _____

Was the Respondent baptized *prior to or during* this marriage? _____ yes _____ no*

* If the Respondent was not baptized prior to or during this marriage, a Privilege might be sought. Can the absence of baptism be proven by the testimonies of two witnesses? _____ yes _____ no

 Church of baptism (or Catholic Profession of Faith) City and State Date of baptism/Prof. of Faith

THE MARRIAGE TO BE ANNULLED/DISSOLVED

 Date of marriage City and State of marriage Church or Place of marriage

 Date of divorce County and State of divorce Number of children

Questions for the Petitioner

1. Have you ever presented this marriage case to another Tribunal? _____ No _____ Yes
If yes, attach an explanation: when? what Tribunal? with what result?
2. What is your present status? (a) ___ single (b) ___ planning to marry (c) ___ remarried
If you checked (b) or (c), please complete the following:

Full name of this person

Maiden name, if applicable

Date of Civil marriage

Is this person eligible for marriage in the Catholic Church? _____ Yes _____ No

If no, has this person applied for an annulment? _____ Yes _____ No, but will

When? _____ To what Tribunal? _____

_____ Number of times this person has been married up to the present time.

Is this person baptized? _____ No _____ Yes. In what church? _____

To be completed by the Priest or Pastoral Minister

Type of Case being Submitted

_____ **Lack of Canonical Form** A Catholic party was married in a non-Catholic ceremony without authorization by the Catholic Church. Proven by documents and the Petitioner's testimony. The Respondent is normally contacted.

_____ **Formal Annulment** If grounds of nullity can be verified, any party, whether baptized or not, can petition. Completed Formal Petition must accompany this form, after the Petitioner has reviewed "About Annulments".

_____ **Ligamen** One party to the former marriage had been validly married previously and was thus bound to a former spouse at the time of the marriage for which an annulment is sought. Proven by documents and testimony. The Respondent is contacted.

_____ **Pauline Privilege** Neither party to the former marriage had received Christian baptism prior to or during the marriage. The Petitioner is seeking Catholic baptism and wishes to enter a new marriage with a baptized partner. Proven by testimonies of two credible witnesses regarding each non-baptized party. The Respondent is contacted.

_____ **Privilege of the Faith** Generally, one party to the former marriage had not received Christian baptism prior to or during the marriage. The Petitioner wishes to marry in the Church. The Congregation in Rome will not accept the case of a Petitioner who is the major cause of the failure of the former marriage. The intended spouse must be a baptized person who is eligible for marriage in the Church. Proven by testimonies of two witnesses regarding the non-baptized party.

_____ **Shorter Process** Both parties must consent to a shorter process and the evidence of nullity must be clearly manifest and supported by testimony or documents. This testimony must accompany the petition.

Signature and certification: I am enclosing my letter of recommendation, together with my own knowledge of the situation. I have advised the Petitioner about the approximate length of the investigation. I will offer the Petitioner my continued pastoral concern.

Signature of Priest, Deacon, or Pastoral Minister

Date