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Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Jurisdiction: \_\_\_\_\_ PR Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**PETITIONER (You)**

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**Current name** First Middle Last  
 .....  
 Maiden name (if applicable)  
 .....  
 Current address City State Zip Code  
 .....  
 Telephone  Cell  Home  Work  
 .....  
 Email  
 .....  
 Date of birth: .....  
 .....  
 City of birth State Country  
 .....  
 Baptized? Yes  No  If so, date: .....  
 .....  
 Church of Baptism  
 .....  
 Church Address City State Zip Code  
 .....  
 Age at time of marriage: .....  
 .....  
 Your religion at time of marriage  
 .....  
 Your religion currently

**RESPONDENT (Former Spouse)**

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**Current name** First Middle Last  
 .....  
 Maiden name (if applicable)  
 .....  
 Current address City State Zip Code  
 .....  
 Telephone  Cell  Home  Work  
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 Email  
 .....  
 Date of birth: .....  
 .....  
 City of birth State Country  
 .....  
 Baptized? Yes  No  If so, date: .....  
 .....  
 Church of Baptism  
 .....  
 Church Address City State Zip Code  
 .....  
 Age at time of marriage: .....  
 .....  
 His/her religion at time of marriage  
 .....  
 His/her religion currently

**CONCERNING THE RELATIONSHIP**

Date when courtship began: ..... Length of courtship prior to engagement: .....

Date of engagement: ..... Length of engagement prior to marriage: .....

Date of marriage: ..... Length of marriage prior to divorce: .....

Church or place of marriage: .....

Address of church or place of marriage: .....

Minister or officiant of marriage: (if known) .....

If a civil marriage, was it ever "blessed" / "validated" in the Catholic Church? **Yes**  **No**

If yes, name of church, city, state: .....

Were there any children born/adopted in this marriage? **Yes**  **No**  If so, how many? .....

Date of separation: ..... Date of divorce: ..... County, state of divorce: .....

Has either party ever sought a declaration of nullity of marriage, whether before this tribunal or another tribunal? **Yes**  **No**

If so, please indicate where and when.....

**INFORMATION REGARDING OTHER MARRIAGES**

**Was this the first marriage for both of you?** **Yes**  **No**

*Please indicate any other marriages contracted by either party, whether before or after the marriage in question. If more space is needed, please include those marriages on a separate sheet.*

**Party Involved in Other Marriage:**

PETITIONER  RESPONDENT

Name of Spouse: .....

Are these two still married? **Yes**  **No**

Religion of spouse: .....

If no, check all that apply:

Date of marriage: ..... Location: .....

Civil divorce granted Date of divorce: .....

Did this marriage take place in a Catholic Church or was it validated in the Catholic Church? **Yes**  **No**

Death of Spouse Date of death: .....

Catholic decree of nullity issued:

Date: ..... Diocese: .....

**Party Involved in Other Marriage:**

PETITIONER  RESPONDENT

Name of Spouse: .....

Are these two still married? **Yes**  **No**

Religion of spouse: .....

If no, check all that apply:

Date of marriage: ..... Location: .....

Civil divorce granted Date of divorce: .....

Did this marriage take place in a Catholic Church or was it validated in the Catholic Church? **Yes**  **No**

Death of Spouse Date of death: .....

Catholic decree of nullity issued

Date: ..... Diocese: .....

## WITNESSES

The Church seeks information from both parties and from witnesses who can offer valuable insights and information pertaining to the marriage in question. Before submitting the names of these witnesses, the Petitioner is asked to verify the names and addresses of these people, and ensure their willingness to testify. The best witnesses are typically those who knew one or both parties prior to the wedding. **This process requires at least two witnesses.** Children born of the parties should not be listed as witnesses.

### \*Witness 1

Name: .....  
Address: .....  
.....  
City: ..... State..... Zip.....  
Telephone: .....  
Email.....  
Relationship to the parties.....  
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### \*Witness 2

Name: .....  
Address: .....  
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City: ..... State..... Zip.....  
Telephone: .....  
Email.....  
Relationship to the parties.....  
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### Witness 3

Name: .....  
Address: .....  
.....  
City: ..... State..... Zip.....  
Telephone: .....  
Email.....  
Relationship to the parties.....  
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### Witness 4

Name: .....  
Address: .....  
.....  
City: ..... State..... Zip.....  
Telephone: .....  
Email.....  
Relationship to the parties.....  
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**\*You are required to name at least two witnesses.**

**Both parties have a natural right to know about and participate in this investigation. The Tribunal will contact the Respondent.**

Have you advised your former spouse that you are requesting this investigation? **Yes**  **No**

**If not, why?** .....

Is your former spouse willing to share his/her insights with the Tribunal? **Yes**  **No**

**If not, why?** .....

**PETITIONER'S CURRENT INTENTIONS**

I have no plans to enter marriage  **OR** Name of intended spouse: .....

Religion of intended spouse: .....

Has he/she ever been previously married? **\*Yes**  **No**

*\*If yes, please note that this other person is not free to marry in the Catholic Church unless his/her previous spouse has died or the marriage is declared invalid through a separate process. This is required even if he/she is not Catholic.*



**Signature and Attestation**

I, the undersigned, hereby testify that I am bringing this case forward in good faith, that the statements I have made are true to the best of my knowledge, and that I will entrust the investigation of this case to the Court and abide by the decision rendered. By my signature, I empower the Court to appoint on my behalf, any personnel whom it may designate for the best assistance of this case, in whatever capacity the Court considers best. Moreover, I agree to honor fully the Court's sense of confidentiality and thus recognize that the materials gathered by the Court are solely for the purpose of studying the sacramental nature of the marriage.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Petitioner**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**



***Please check that all of the following required documents are submitted with the application:***

- Certificate of **Baptism** of the Petitioner (You)
- Certificate of **Baptism** of the Respondent (Former Spouse)
- Certificate of Catholic marriage (or civil certificate if not a Catholic wedding)
- Copy** of the **complete** Divorce Decree
- Written Personal History (see Guide Sheet for Personal History)
- Initial Payment of \$200 made out to the Metropolitan Tribunal or completed waiver form

**\*\*Please note that an incomplete application or missing documents will delay the process.**

*If you are working with a priest, deacon or parish liaison to submit your paperwork, please have them complete this form.*

### Pastoral Impressions

Name of Priest/Deacon/Liaison: .....

Parish: ..... Relationship to Petitioner: .....

Current Street Address: .....

City: ..... State: ..... Zip Code: .....

Phone: ..... Email: .....

***Please answer the following questions regarding the Petitioner:***

Is the Petitioner seeking recognition of a sacramental marriage in the Catholic Church? Yes  No

If yes, to whom? .....

Has the Petitioner's potential spouse been married before? Yes  No

If yes, has a Declaration of Nullity been granted? Yes  No

If yes, which Diocese? ..... When? .....

Is the Petitioner seeking to be received into the Catholic Church (RCIA)? Yes  No

If yes, when? Which parish? .....

The Interested Priest, Deacon or Parish Liaison is asked to describe his/her pastoral impressions of the Petitioner on a separate paper and to submit it with this completed form. This should include the degree of involvement with the Petitioner, and an evaluation of the Petitioner's character, sense of responsibility, and religious practice. Even if the Petitioner is not currently engaged, please include information regarding if he or she has been dating someone or otherwise is in a serious relationship that may lead to marriage. You may also include any other information that you feel may be pertinent of the marriage in question.

Thank you for your work!

Signature of Priest/Deacon/Liaison: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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