

PETITION for a DECREE of NULLITY
Absence of CANONICAL FORM

NOTE: Please print. Use the maiden name for the woman.

I, (name) _____, was (Please check the correct line):

_____ baptized Catholic,
_____ not a baptized Catholic.

when I married (name) _____. This person was:

_____ baptized Catholic,
_____ not a baptized Catholic.

*I request a DECREE OF NULLITY because of **ABSENCE OF CANONICAL FORM**. I hereby swear that at least one of the parties was baptized Catholic. There was no dispensation (permission) from the Local Ordinary to marry in a ceremony other than the required Catholic ceremony. The marriage was never convalidated in the Catholic Church. I have enclosed:*

- *Copy of the Baptismal Certificate of the Catholic Party*
- *Copy of the Civil Certificate of Marriage issued by the State*
- *Copy of the final Civil Divorce Decree. ONLY a copy of the FINAL and ABSOLUTE divorce decree is acceptable*

Please provide the **EXACT** date and location of:

CATHOLIC BAPTISM:

Church:

_____ Date

_____ Name

_____ Address

MARRIAGE in question:

Church/Courthouse:

_____ Date

_____ Name

_____ Address

_____ City

_____ State

_____ Zip Code

DECREE of DIVORCE:

_____ Date

Signature of the Petitioner:

_____ Phone # _____

_____ Address

_____ City

_____ State

_____ Zip Code

Present name of FORMER SPOUSE (please print) _____

To be COMPLETED by the Priest or Deacon

I affirm I have carefully gathered and now submit the documents of the Catholic baptism, marriage and civil divorce. I am certain the facts attested to by the petitioner are true. I ask the Archbishop's Delegate to declare the parties free to marry due to ABSENCE of CANONICAL FORM, provided there are no other existing impediments.

Signature of Priest or Deacon: _____ **Date:** _____

_____ Parish Name

Seal

_____ Street Address

_____ City

_____ State

_____ Zip Code