

LIBELLUS
PETITION FOR A DECLARATION OF INVALIDITY

I, _____ the undersigned, residing at:
(Your name)

ADDRESS:

hereby petition the Tribunal of the Diocese of Rochester to declare invalid under the provisions of ecclesiastical law my marriage to _____, who resides at:
(Name of former spouse)

ADDRESS:

I entered this marriage on _____, at _____. As one of the parties to
(Date) (City/State)
the marriage, I have standing, under the provisions of Canon 1674, to challenge the validity of the union.

I contend that this marriage was invalid because: *(please make sure you indicate to whom the allegation is directed – you or your former spouse)*

I shall produce the following documents, proofs, and witnesses: *(e.g., "the requested documents", any special proofs you have as evidence, the relationship of your witnesses, such as relatives, in-laws, friends, psychiatrist, or counselor, etc – list all that apply.)*

I understand that the annulment process is not a simple administrative process but a judicial process which must follow the procedures of the Roman Catholic Church.

I understand that no two cases are the same and will not necessarily take the same amount of time.

I understand this process may or may not lead to a determination that my marriage is invalid.

Furthermore, I understand that I may not schedule or enter into a new marriage, or a convalidation of a current union lacking canonical form, until it has been proven that the above named marriage is invalid.

Given in _____, on _____.
City/State Date

Petitioner's Signature