

TRIBUNAL
DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER

Please type your answers to **all** the questions on this application. If you need more space please add additional pages. **Sign and date** your statement and return it to the tribunal together with the Libellus which your case sponsor will provide for you.

Name

Date received

Case number
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I, _____ **hereby request the Rochester to**
Your present name
investigate the validity of my marriage to _____
Your former spouse's name
which took place at _____
Place of marriage, including city and state
on _____ **with** _____ **officiating.**
Date of marriage *Name of priest, minister or civil magistrate*

A. CONCERNING MYSELF

1) Name _____ Maiden name _____

2) Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

3) Phone (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Cell Phone w/Area Code: _____ Private E-mail _____

4) Date of birth _____ City of birth _____ State _____

5) Date of baptism _____ Church _____ City _____ State _____

6) Religion at time of marriage _____ Now _____

7) Names of parents _____

Mother's maiden name _____

8) Are you in the RCIA process? Yes ___ No ___

9.) Prior to the above-name marriage had you been married? Yes ___ No ___

If yes:

a) To whom _____

b) Reason the marriage ended _____

c) If the marriage ended in divorce, was it declared invalid by the Catholic Church before you entered the above-named marriage? Yes ___ No ___

Petitioner Maiden Name _____ Respondent Maiden Name _____

B. CONCERNING MY FORMER SPOUSE

1) Name _____ Maiden name _____

*2) Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

3) Phone (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Cell Phone w/Area Code: _____ Private E-mail _____

4) Date of birth _____ City of birth _____ State _____

5) Date of baptism _____ Church _____ City _____ State _____

6) Religion at time of marriage _____ Now _____

7) Names of parents _____

Mother's maiden name _____

8) Are you in the RCIA process? Yes ___ No ___

9.) Prior to the above-name marriage had your former spouse been married? Yes ___ No ___

If yes:

a) To whom _____

b) Reason the marriage ended _____

c) If the marriage ended in divorce, was it declared invalid by the Catholic Church before you entered the above-named marriage? Yes ___ No ___

** If you are unaware of the present address of your former spouse, please include an address of a close relative or friend where we may send our letter and request them to forward our letter to your former spouse.*

C. CHILDREN BORN OF THIS UNION

Name	Date of birth
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

D. OTHER CHILDREN, i.e., Adopted? Children either of you had with other partners?

Name	Date of Birth
_____	_____
_____	_____

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E. TIME SPENT TOGETHER

1) When did you start dating your former spouse (**month/year**)? _____

2) When did you get engaged (**month/year**)? _____

3) Did you and your former spouse live together before marriage? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, starting when and for how long? _____

4) Was the bride pregnant before the marriage? Yes ____ No ____

5) When did problems first arise in the marriage? _____

6) When did you stop living in the same house (**month/year**)? _____

7) Why did you separate? _____

8) a) Date of final decree of divorce _____

b) County and state of divorce _____

F. OTHER MARRIAGES

List the names of any other persons you or your former spouse have married and the dates of those marriages.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

G. STATE OF MIND AT TIME OF MARRIAGE

(If there is insufficient room for your answer to any of the following questions, please type it on a separate sheet of paper noting the question number.)

1a) At the time of your wedding, did you intend your marriage to be a life-long commitment?

Yes ___ No ___

1b) At the time of the wedding, did you think that your former spouse intended your marriage to be a life-long commitment?

Yes ___ No ___

PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR RESPONSES TO THE ABOVE TWO QUESTIONS

2a) At the time of the wedding, did you have any serious doubts about your decision to marry?

Yes ___ No ___

2b) At the time of the wedding, did your former spouse have any serious doubts about the decision to marry?

Yes ___ No ___

PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR RESPONSES TO THE ABOVE TWO QUESTIONS

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3a) At the time of the wedding, did you intend to be faithful to your spouse?

Yes____ No____

3b) At the time of the wedding, did your former spouse intend to be faithful to you?

Yes____ No____

PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR RESPONSES TO THE ABOVE TWO QUESTIONS

4a) At the time of the wedding, were you open to having children? Yes____ No____

4b) At the time of the wedding, was your former spouse open to having children?

Yes____ No____

PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR RESPONSES TO THE ABOVE TWO QUESTIONS

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5a) At the time of the wedding, were you under any internal or external pressure to marry?

Yes ___ No ___

5b) At the time of the wedding, was your former spouse under any internal or external pressure to marry?

Yes ___ No ___

PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR RESPONSES TO THE ABOVE TWO QUESTIONS

6) Circle any of the following factors which may have affected your and/or your former spouse's judgment in making the decision to marry each other. (Circle all that apply.)

severe immaturity; abuse of alcohol or drugs; other addictions;
psychological or sexual problems; a dysfunctional family of origin; other.

PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR RESPONSES TO THE ABOVE

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7a) In retrospect, were you able to fulfill the obligations of marriage at the time of the wedding?

Yes____ No____

7b) In retrospect, was your former spouse able to fulfill the obligations of marriage at the time of the wedding?

Yes____ No____

PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR RESPONSES TO THE ABOVE TWO QUESTIONS

H. BACKGROUND OF SPOUSES AND RELATIONSHIP

(If there is insufficient room for your answer to any of the following questions, please type it on a separate sheet of paper noting the question number.)

8) Please describe in detail your own family background and early life.

What were the strengths and weaknesses of your family?

How did your parents treat you?

Were there any special problems in the family (alcohol, drugs, any kind of abuse)?

9) What affect did your family background have on your decision to marry your former spouse?
Why did you marry your former spouse?

10) Please describe in detail the family background of your former spouse.

What were the strengths and weaknesses of your former spouse's family?

How did your former spouse's parents treat your former spouse?

Were there any special problems in the family (alcohol, drugs, any kind of abuse)?

11) What affect did your former spouse's family background have on his/her decision to marry you? Why did he/she marry you?

12) Please describe your own strengths and weaknesses prior to and at the time of your wedding. And now?

13) Please describe your former spouse's strengths and weakness prior to and at the time of the wedding.
And now?

14) Did you or your former spouse ever suffer from any psychological illness or serious addiction? Please explain, including when this began.

15) Dating and Courtship

How and when did you meet your former spouse?

What did you find attractive about your former spouse?

What were the strengths and weaknesses of your relationship prior to the marriage?

When did you become engaged? What preparation did you have for marriage?

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16) What was the main motivation for this marriage?

17) What were the strengths and weaknesses of your life together after the wedding?

18) How soon after the wedding did problems arise and what were these problems?

19) How did each of you attempt to cope with these problems?

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20) What do you consider to be the cause of the breakdown of the marriage?

21) Why do you believe this marriage to be invalid?

22) Do you have anything further to add?

“I hereby declare that all the information and testimony I submit to the Tribunal throughout this process is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth insofar as I know it, so help me God.”

Date

Signature of Applicant (**Required**)

Date

Signature of Case Sponsor (**Required**)

Petitioner Maiden Name _____ Respondent Maiden Name _____

Please send the names and addresses of four to six persons who will participate as witnesses for your case. Witnesses may be family members or acquaintances who are able to tell the Court about the personality and background of you and your former spouse, about your dating and courtship and about the marriage itself.

Name _____ Years Known _____

Address _____

Street City/State/Zip

Relationship _____

Name _____ Years Known _____

Address _____

Street City/State/Zip

Relationship _____

Name _____ Years Known _____

Address _____

Street City/State/Zip

Relationship _____

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Name _____ Years Known _____

Address _____

Street City/State/Zip

Relationship _____

Name _____ Years Known _____

Address _____

Street City/State/Zip

Relationship _____

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J. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED *(To be included with this application at the time when you submit*

it to the Tribunal office.)

- 1) A newly issued baptismal certificate (with raised seal) for the Catholic party, ***dated within the last six months.*** (Required only for Catholics. When requesting this document, please ask that any marriage notations be included)
- 2) Record or transcript of the marriage. (Only a Church Certificate is needed for Catholic Marriages).
Please Do Not send photocopies of numbers 1 and 2 above. Documents should have raised seal of the issuing office. These documents will be returned to you at the completion of your case.
- 3) **Original, complete** final Judgment of Divorce or Decree of Civil Annulment.

K. Person you are currently dating or married to outside the Catholic Church:

Is this person Catholic? Yes ___ No ___
If no, does this person wish to become Catholic? (RCIA Process) Yes ___ No ___

Does this person have any previous marriages? Yes ___ No ___
If so, list number of previous marriages _____

Annulled? Name of the Diocese Where the Annulment Was Granted

Widow _____ Widower _____

L. The name of the priest/deacon/pastoral minister who has agreed to act as my sponsor:

Case Sponsor _____ Phone No. _____

Parish _____

Address _____

- Please ***make a copy*** of this application for your records.
- Send this original, signed form (along with the items indicated in section J) by ***certified mail*** to:

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