

**EPARCHIAL TRIBUNAL**  
**Petitioner's Application for a Canonical Trial of Invalidity of Marriage**

Please print or type all information clearly.

**A. Re: Yourself:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If a Woman: Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Present Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ .

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ .

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_. Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_. Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ .

If born outside USA, the year \_\_\_\_\_ and your age \_\_\_\_\_ when you came to USA.

Current Religion: \_\_\_\_\_. Were you ever baptized: \_\_\_\_\_ .

Name of Church & complete address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ .

If Catholic, which Rite was your father: \_\_\_\_\_ .

Which Rite was your mother: \_\_\_\_\_ .

In which Rite were you baptized: \_\_\_\_\_ .

Religions in which you were baptized and approximate years: \_\_\_\_\_ -

If you joined the Catholic Church from another religion, please give date, place & name and complete address of Church:

\_\_\_\_\_

Current Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ .

**B. Re: Your Former Spouse, the Respondent:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If a Woman: Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_.

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_.

[If you have no address at all, on a separate paper please write an explanation of why contact has been lost and detail all your efforts to find your former spouse's current address. List addresses and phone numbers of any and all of his/her family members or friends.]

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

If born outside USA, the year \_\_\_\_\_ and the age \_\_\_\_\_ when he/she came to USA.

Current Religion: \_\_\_\_\_. Was he/she ever baptized: \_\_\_\_\_.

Name of Church & complete address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_.

If Catholic, which Rite was his/her father: \_\_\_\_\_.

Which Rite was his/her mother: \_\_\_\_\_.

If he/she joined the Catholic Church from another religion, please give date, place & name and address of Church:

\_\_\_\_\_

Current Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_.

**C. Re: History of This Relationship:**

Date you first met even though you did not start dating till later: \_\_\_\_\_.

When did you begin dating: \_\_\_\_\_ . Length of Courtship \_\_\_\_\_.

Your age when you began dating: \_\_\_\_\_. Age of other party: \_\_\_\_\_ .

Date of your engagement: \_\_\_\_\_. Length of engagement \_\_\_\_\_.

If no engagement, why: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Date of marriage: \_\_\_\_\_ . Name & complete address of Church  
\_\_\_\_\_.

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_.

Place of marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Your age at marriage: \_\_\_\_\_. Former Spouse's age at marriage: \_\_\_\_\_.

Was this your first marriage: \_\_\_\_\_. Length of marriage \_\_\_\_\_.

If not your first marriage, please list all previous marriages whether by church, civil or common law. Please list names of person(s), date(s) of marriage(s), place of marriage(s), and whether in church, civil or common law:

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\_\_\_\_\_

If you had children by another relationship previous to this marriage, please list all children's names and dates of birth and by whom:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Was this your Former Spouse's first marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

If not his/her first marriage, please list all previous marriages whether by church, civil or common law. Please list names of person(s), date(s) of marriage(s), place of marriage(s), and whether in church, civil or common law:

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If your former spouse had children by another relationship previous to this marriage, please list all children's names and dates of birth and by whom:

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If you were married in the Catholic Church and a civil or a non-Catholic marriage ceremony preceded your marriage ceremony in the Catholic Church, please indicate:

Date of Civil Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Civil Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete address: \_\_\_\_\_

Why did you **not** marry in the Catholic Church the first time: \_\_\_\_\_

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Was any pressure applied to bring about this marriage or to marry in the Catholic

Church: \_\_\_\_\_. If yes, please explain what kind of pressure was applied

and by whom: \_\_\_\_\_

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**D. Re: Children:**

Please list all the children born of your relationship with your Former Spouse and the dates of their births:

Names and Dates of each Birth:

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**E. Re: Separation and Divorce:**

Date of First Separation: \_\_\_\_\_ Why: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Final Separation: \_\_\_\_\_ Why: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Approximate number of separations between first & last: \_\_\_\_\_.

Please list dates of other separations and for how long?

\_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for these other Separations: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Final Divorce: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Who filed: \_\_\_\_\_.

Place: \_\_\_\_\_.

Who has custody of the children? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Is child support being paid? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your current relationship with your former spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you think your former spouse will cooperate with this Canonical Process by the Maronite Catholic Church:

\_\_\_\_\_ If not, why: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**F. Re: Petitioner's Witnesses:**

Please list three or more people who knew you or your former spouse before & during this marriage. You may choose from friends or family members. Be sure to contact these people and ask for their cooperation before submitting their names to the Tribunal. Print all names, addresses, and phone numbers clearly and correctly. You may include more names and information on an additional page.

**In support of my testimony, I offer the following Witnesses:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

**G. Re: My Childhood and Growing Up Years:** Please describe your growing-up years at home and school. Relationship with your parents, siblings, friends & classmates. Quality of your parents' marriage. Any problems with drinking, drugs, infidelity, gambling, abuse, etc.? Any disciplinary problems, problems at school or with police, etc.?

**H. Re: Former Spouse's Childhood and Growing Up Years:** Please describe his/her growing-up years at home and school. Relationship with his/her parents, siblings, friends & classmates. Quality of his/her parents' marriage. Any problems with drinking, drugs, infidelity, gambling, abuse, etc.? Did former spouse have any disciplinary problems, problems at school or with police, etc.? Add any additional comments that might be helpful.

**I. Re: Our meeting and dating:** Please describe your courtship: how you met, common interests, etc. Any problems or break-ups, & why? How did the topic of marriage come about? How much dating experience did you both have before meeting? Did you live together during your courtship? If so, how long? Any problems while living together? Were you sexually involved with one another or others during courtship? Add any additional comments that might be helpful.

**J. Re: Our Engagement:** What brought about engagement? Any pressures exerted to marry? Did you discuss your intentions regarding permanence, regarding having or postponing or not having children, toward fidelity, regarding finances, regarding any habits or behaviors of other party that one of the other did not like? Did you participate in any Church sponsored preparations or classes? Add any additional comments that might be helpful.

**K. Re: Our Wedding Plans:** Did both parties take part in the wedding plans? Did either party want to cancel or postpone the wedding? Did either party have doubts about marrying?

**L. Re: Our Wedding:** Please share your thoughts and feelings about your wedding. Did you feel you were ready to marry? Were the wedding ceremony and the reception happy experiences? Any problems on the honeymoon? Was the marriage consummated? Did either use birth control measures? Were children being postponed? For how long and why? How did both families react to the wedding and marriage? Add any additional comments.



**M. Re: Our marriage:** Please describe your married life together. How did you relate? When did problems first occur? What were they? How did you try to solve them? Was either party selfish or irresponsible? Could you trust one another? Any violence or excessive drinking or drug use or gambling? Any infidelity? Any unusual sexual problems or activities? Did both work together at home to handle everyday responsibilities? Did either spend a lot of time away from home without the other? Please comment in detail and add any additional comments you may feel will be helpful.

**N. Re: What I did wrong in the marriage:** What I could have done to help the marriage to succeed but didn't.

**O. Re: Other Party's Character:** Please describe your former spouse's make-up and character and manner of behavior.

**P. Re: The Separation:** Please give us some information regarding your separation(s). What caused them? Were any steps taken to solve the problems? Did both cooperate and try to make the marriage work? Were attempts made to reconcile? Did either party, separately or together, have any kind of counseling. What caused the final separation? Were any attempts made after the last separation to reconcile and work things out?

**Q. Re: Re-Marriage:** Have you or your former spouse remarried? If so, how many times? Please list names of all such spouses and dates of such marriages, and also reasons for such marriages failing. Also, please add any comments about anything you feel might be important to this Tribunal's Decision.

**R. Re: Proposed Person you wish to marry or are presently married to in a civil union:** Name and address. Was that person ever married before in anyway whatsoever? Does that person have any children?

**S. Re: Matter to be kept Confidential:** The following information about my intentions or my former spouse's intentions regarding marrying permanently, regarding being faithful, or regarding having children, and/or about my own behavior or the behavior pattern of my former spouse, is to be kept strictly confidential. It is not to be revealed to my former spouse or anyone outside of the Tribunal Personnel:

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It must be noted that Church Law states that only the Judge can declare any information strictly confidential. Thus, please give serious reasons why the above information must be kept confidential, so that the Judge can make a ruling. If the Judge rules against confidentiality, you have the right to withdraw the information from the Acts of the Case.

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