

**ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI**

THE METROPOLITAN TRIBUNAL  
9401 Biscayne Boulevard  
Miami Shores, Florida 33138-2970

**PRELIMINARY FORMAL PETITION FOR ANNULMENT**

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PETITIONER'S FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner's Maiden Name (if a woman): \_\_\_\_\_

Language of Petitioner: (please check one)  English  Spanish  Both  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

ACTUAL STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

DAY TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

NIGHT TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

If your mail is to be sent to a P.O. Box or other address:

Street Address or P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

RESPONDENT'S FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent's Maiden Name (if a woman): \_\_\_\_\_

Language of Petitioner: (please check one)  English  Spanish  Both  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

ACTUAL STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

DAY TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

NIGHT TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

If his or her mail is to be sent to a P.O. Box or other address:

Street Address or P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOTICE REGARDING THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE RESPONDENT**

The Tribunal is required to notify the Respondent of this petition. If the petitioner has no way of furnishing an address of the Respondent, **not even in care of family or friends**, please attach a report of all efforts made to locate him or her. (**Contact The Tribunal for list of suggestions on how to locate a missing Respondent.**)

THE MARRIAGE

When did the two of you first meet? \_\_\_\_\_

How long did you know each other before marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the date of your marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was your marriage celebrated? (Name of Church) \_\_\_\_\_

In what City and State, or country? \_\_\_\_\_

Who celebrated the marriage? (Please check one):  Catholic Priest  Minister or Rabbi  Civil Officer

Your age at time of marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Your date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Spouse's age at time of marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Spouse's date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Your religion at time of marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized?  Yes  No

Your spouse's religion at time marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized?  Yes  No

If either party was Catholic at marriage and the marriage took place outside of the Catholic Church and was later blessed, provide the following:

Date of the Civil Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

City and State or Country: \_\_\_\_\_

How many children were born from this marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

Were there any temporary separations? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

When did the two of you cease living together? (Approximate date) \_\_\_\_\_

What is the date that the divorce became final? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the divorce obtained? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Court)

(City and State)

Was this the first marriage for you?  Yes  No

Was this the only marriage for you?  Yes  No

Please list all other marriages which you entered: (Attach separate sheet if necessary) Give the date of marriage, name and religion of spouse(s), how the marriage ended. Be sure to include documents of these marriages with your petition.

\_\_\_\_\_ Was this the first marriage for your former spouse?  Yes  No

Was this the only marriage for your former spouse?  Yes  No

Please list all other marriages which you entered: (attach separate sheet if necessary) Give the date of marriage, name and religion of spouse(s), how and date the marriage ended. Be sure to include documents of these marriages with your petition.

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**THE STORY OF THE MARRIAGE:**

Briefly, please explain below the problems of the marriage. These answers should be **TYPED OR PRINTED**. The following elements should be covered:

1. State any unusual factors in the background of either party.
2. Detail any problems or unusual features in the courtship and the decision to marry.
3. List the marital problems which arose and the nature of the problems.
4. Why did this marriage come to an end?

(Please feel free to submit additional pages.)

WITNESSES:

Two witnesses are required to substantiate the facts of the case. Usually, such persons would have known at least one of the parties before the marriage. Parents and siblings are acceptable as witnesses. Please be sure that these witnesses are willing to cooperate and complete the questionnaire which the Tribunal will furnish.

1. NAME: (give title, Mr., Mrs., etc) \_\_\_\_\_

Language of Witness: (please check one)     English     Spanish     Both     Other \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO PETITIONER: \_\_\_\_\_

2. NAME: (give title, MR., Mrs., etc) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO PETITIONER: \_\_\_\_\_

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION:

If professional persons (Counselors, Psychologists, Psychiatrists) were consulted:

NAME: (give title, Mr., Mrs., etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Language of Witness: (please check one)     English     Spanish     Both     Other \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

REASON FOR CONSULTATION: \_\_\_\_\_

(Use separate sheet for information regarding additional professionals consulted.)

NECESSARY DOCUMENTS:

**FOR A PETITION FOR ANNULMENT TO BE ACCEPTED, THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS MUST ACCOMPANY THIS PRELIMINARY PETITION:**

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|--|---|--------------------------|
| 1. Baptismal Certificate of the Petitioner | (If Catholic)                               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Baptismal Certificate of the Respondent | (If Catholic)                               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Civil Certificate of the Marriage       | (If NOT PERFORMED in the Catholic Church    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Church Marriage Certificate             | (If PERFORMED in the Catholic Church        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Final Decree of Divorce                 | (Property settlements alone NOT acceptable) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

IF ANY DOCUMENT IS UNATTAINABLE, PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY: \_\_\_\_\_

REASON FOR THE PETITION:

Briefly explain why you are seeking this annulment: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you re-married?       Yes       No

Is your future spouse free to marry? (If applicable)  Yes       No

Has this case been previously presented to another Catholic Church Tribunal for judgment?

Yes       No

If yes, in what Tribunal? \_\_\_\_\_

CONCLUSION:

I, hereby, certify that all of the information presented in this petition is correct and true to the best of my ability. I intend to fully cooperate with the Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Miami in determining the facts of the case. I understand that no precise date can be given for a decision and that no plans can be made at this time for a new marriage in the Catholic Church.

Further, I request that the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Miami investigate my former marriage to see whether an annulment may be granted.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Advocate's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parish or Agency