



DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD - CAPE GIRARDEAU

Marriage Tribunal

TRIBUNAL APPLICATION FOR NULLITY OF MARRIAGE

(For all cases excluding Lack of Form)

SECTION I: BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

1. Name of Petitioner: _____

2. Names/Addresses: _____

Husband's Name

Wife's Maiden Name

Wife's Present Name

Street Address

Street Address

City, State, Zip Code

City, State, Zip Code

Daytime Phone

Evening Phone

Daytime Phone

Evening Phone

Email Address

Email Address

You must provide your former spouse's current address. If unknown, complete the steps in Section VI.

Has he ever been baptized, christened, or
sprinkled in any religion? _____

How is this known? _____

If so, when? _____

where? _____

In what denomination? _____

Religion at time of wedding: _____

Present religion: _____

Present occupation: _____

Age at time of wedding

Birth date

Has she ever been baptized, christened, or
sprinkled in any religion? _____

How is this known? _____

If so, when? _____

where? _____

In what denomination? _____

Religion at time of wedding: _____

Present religion: _____

Present occupation: _____

Age at time of wedding

Birth date

SECTION II: CONCERNING YOUR FORMER MARRIAGE

3. Name of wedding church or venue: _____ *Date:* _____

Street: _____

City: _____ *State:* _____ *Zip Code:* _____

If convalidated, parish of record: _____ *Date:* _____

Street: _____

City: _____ *State:* _____ *Zip Code:* _____

4. County and State of Divorce: _____ *Month, day and year:* _____

5. How long did you and your former spouse date before you married? _____

6. How long did you and your former spouse live together as husband and wife? _____

7. How many children did you have? _____ *Who has custody?* _____

8. Do you believe your former spouse will participate in these proceedings or join you in this petition? _____

9. Was your former spouse ever married before marrying you? _____

If so, to whom? _____

What was the religion of both parties at the time of that marriage?

Husband: _____

Wife: _____

Did that marriage end in death or a declaration of nullity by the Church? _____

If so, please explain: _____

To the best of your knowledge, is the previous husband/wife of your former spouse still living? _____

If possible, give name, address and phone number of the PREVIOUS husband/wife of your former spouse:

10. Were you and your former spouse related by blood or marriage? _____

11. Describe any unusual circumstances or difficulties that occurred while you dated your former spouse:

12. In your own words, what is the reason that your marriage broke down?

SECTION III: CONCERNING YOURSELF

13. List all of your marriages including your present union. If marriage was convalidated, include parish and date.

	Name of Spouse	Date (MM/DD/YY)	Church (denomination) or venue of wedding
1st	_____	_____	_____
2nd	_____	_____	_____
3rd	_____	_____	_____
4th	_____	_____	_____

Did any of these marriages end in death or a declaration of nullity by the Church? _____

If so, which marriage ended in death? _____ By decree of nullity? _____

14. If you are not Catholic, do you have any interest in becoming Catholic? _____

15. How many years have you resided within the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau? _____

16. Have you ever presented a petition to this Tribunal or any other Ecclesiastical Tribunal? _____

If so, when (MM/DD/YYYY)? _____ Where? _____

SECTION IV: CONCERNING YOUR PRESENT OR INTENDED MARRIAGE

17. Are you engaged or do you have an intended spouse? _____
18. Have you already remarried either civilly or in a religious ceremony? _____
If so, when and where did this marriage take place? _____
Name (If a woman, please give maiden name) _____
Address: _____

Is your intended/current spouse Catholic? _____
If not, does he/she have an interest in becoming Catholic? _____
Was he/she ever married before? _____
If so, to whom? (If a woman, please give maiden name) _____
Place of wedding: _____
What was his/her religion at the time of his/her previous marriage? _____
Please explain how the marriage ended: _____

Has your intended/current spouse ever presented an application to any Ecclesiastical Tribunal? _____
If so, when (MM/DD/YYYY)? _____ Where? _____

SECTION V: SIGNATURES

Signature of Petitioner _____
Date

Signature of Priest/Deacon/Advocate _____
Date

Printed Name of Priest/Deacon/Advocate

Name of Church

Church Street Address

Church City, State, Zip Code

Church Telephone

Church Email Address

When this application is received, it will be reviewed and forwarded to the proper department within the Tribunal.
PRIEST/DEACON/ADVOCATE, this form must be signed in person and mailed to the Tribunal.

Electronic submission will NOT be accepted.

Canon 1752 "... canonical equity is to be observed, and the salvation of souls, which must always be the supreme law in the church, is to be kept before one's eyes."

SECTION VI: INSTRUCTIONS ON LOCATING A FORMER SPOUSE

1. Attempt a basic internet search.

Use websites such as www.google.com or www.bing.com or www.truepeoplesearch.com to search for your former spouse by his/her name and last known address or phone number. Social media, such as Facebook or LinkedIn, can also be helpful.

2. Attempt to contact your former spouse through his/her family.

Contact a member of the family of your former spouse (for example: mother, father, sister, brother, aunt, uncle, or even friends) from whom you could obtain his/her address. If children were born in this marriage, obtain from one of them the location of your former spouse.

3. Use a paid internet search.

Use a paid internet search, such as www.ussearch.com or www.peoplefinders.com to search for your former spouse. If none of these methods locate your former spouse's address, then you must complete the affidavit below and attach the following information:

- 1. A copy of the receipt for your paid internet search.
- 2. A copy of the information provided by your paid internet search.
- 3. An address of a close relative of your former spouse.
- 4. An explanation of the steps you took to contact your former spouse and the difficulties you encountered.

AFFIDAVIT REGARDING AN UNLOCATABLE RESPONDENT

I hereby attest that I have made good-faith efforts to contact my former spouse. I also attest that the accompanying copies and explanation are truthful and complete. I acknowledge that a purposeful attempt to avoid locating the respondent can result in an invalid process and therefore a decision which would have no effect in the Canon Law of the Roman Catholic Church. I also am aware that an inability to locate my former spouse may make the Diocesan Tribunal unable to proceed with my case.

Signature of Petitioner: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Advocate: _____

Date: _____



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