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 ____________________________

   Daytime Phone ____________________________

   Evening Phone ____________________________

   Evening Phone ____________________________

   Email Address ____________________________

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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 ____________________________

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. 

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   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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