

Diocese of Ogdensburg Tribunal and Office of Canonical Affairs

Request for Tribunal Study

Thank you for your interest in a Tribunal Study. This process is offered free of charge to you. We invite your cooperation, participation, and patience.

This form begins the process of seeking an annulment. Please meet with your parish priest or pastoral minister to complete this Request for Tribunal Study and obtain required documents.

- 1) Please complete the questions found on pages 2-9 with your parish priest or pastoral minister. Please have them complete page 11 to include their signature and parish information.
***DO NOT USE PENCIL WHEN COMPLETING THIS FORM.**
***USE ONLY BLACK PEN ON THIS FORM.**
***PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.**
- 2) Provide, if possible, an up-to-date address for the Respondent.
- 3) Provide the following materials:
 - a. A recent copy of your BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE, issued within the last 6 months; this can be obtained from the church where you were baptized.
 - b. A recent copy of your former spouse's BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE, issued within the last 6 months; this can be obtained from the church where he/she was baptized. If you or your former spouse were baptized but are not Catholic, please try to provide a copy of the original baptism certificate or ask the church of baptism if they have a record of it in their register.
 - c. A copy of your CHURCH MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE if the marriage occurred in a Catholic Church or elsewhere with a dispensation. (This is not the same as the Civil License.)
 - d. A copy of your REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGE/CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE (this document identifies the officiant, place, date, etc.), which in New York State can be obtained from the city or town clerk where the license was originally obtained.
 - e. A copy of your DECREE OF CIVIL DIVORCE.

Once completed, please return to:

**The Tribunal and Office of Canonical Affairs
Diocese of Ogdensburg
Post Office Box 369
Ogdensburg, NY 13669**

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Petitioner
(you)

Respondent
(your former spouse)

 Still living

10a. Father's name

 Still living

10b. Father's religion

10c. Father's address

Street/PO Box

City/State

ZIP Code/Country

 Still living

11a. Mother's maiden name

 Still living

11b. Mother's religion

11c. Mother's address

Street/PO Box

City/State

ZIP Code/Country

Yes No

12. Are parents still married?

Yes No

The Following Questions are Specific to the Marriage in this Request for Tribunal Study.

13. What was the date of the marriage?

14. In what City/State/Country were you married in?

15: Did the marriage take place in a Catholic ceremony? And if so, where? _____

16.If the marriage was not in a Catholic ceremony, what and where was the ceremony?

17. If this was a marriage between a Catholic and non-Catholic, was there a permission or dispensation granted?

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18: If there was a dispensation or permission granted, from which diocese was it granted?

19. What was your age at the time of the marriage? _____

20. What was your former spouse's age at the time of the marriage? _____

21. How long was your courtship prior to being engaged? _____

22. If you had an engagement period, how long? _____

23. Was this your first marriage? If not, please explain? _____

24. Was this the first marriage for your former spouse? If not, please explain?

25. Did you and the Respondent have children together? _____

26. If yes, please provide their names and month/year of birth?

27. How long were you married? _____

28. Were there separations prior to divorce? _____ If yes, how many separations were there? What was the date of final separation? _____

29. What was the date of your divorce? _____

30. In which city, county and state is your divorce filed? _____

31. Who obtained the divorce? _____

32. Did either you or your former spouse seek any form of counseling or consult a member of the clergy while married or separated? If so, please name the counselor or clergyman.

33. Do you feel your former spouse will be willing to assist in this process? _____

34. Are you presently remarried? _____

35. If remarried, to whom, where, and when did this marriage take place?

36. Was your present spouse married before? If so, did they obtain an annulment?

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37. If you are remarried, do you have children together? _____

38. Is your former spouse remarried? _____

The following questions are intended to help the Tribunal Office formulate grounds, if any, for acceptance of your Request for a Tribunal Study.

39. Did you enter marriage freely? If not, please explain?

40. Were there any premarital pregnancies? _____

41. Did you deliberately hide or conceal anything *before* the marriage, e.g., alcohol or drug abuse, history of sexual activity, gambling addiction, excessive debt, medical issues, etc.?

42. Did your former spouse deliberately hide or conceal anything *before* the marriage, e.g., alcohol or drug abuse, history of sexual activity, gambling addiction, excessive debt, medical issues, etc.?

43. At the time of the wedding, did you and your spouse understand marriage as a *permanent commitment*? If not, please explain.

44. At the time of the wedding, did you agree to marry only under certain conditions or restrictions (i.e., to obtain financial betterment, to achieve legal immigration status, etc.)? If so, please explain the specifics of those conditions?

45. Did you intend to be faithful to your spouse? If not, please explain.

46. Do you think your spouse intended to be faithful to you? If not, please explain.

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47. If you and your former spouse did not have children together, did you or your spouse delay or deny, or set limits on having children for any specific reasons?

48. Were there financial or employment issues, before or during the marriage? For example, did financial or unemployment issues cause undue stress and anxiety that may have been a factor in the breakdown of the marriage?

49. Did you or your former spouse have any legal troubles? If yes, please explain.

50. Was there, before or after the wedding, any physical verbal or emotional abuse in the courtship or in the marriage? If yes, please explain.

51. Was there, abuse of alcohol during your courtship or marriage by you or your former spouse? If so, please explain.

52. Was there abuse of drugs during your courtship or marriage by you or your former spouse? If so, please explain.

53. Did infidelity occur in the courtship or marriage? If so, please explain.

54. Were there any significant difficulties involving in-laws in the courtship or marriage? If so, please explain.

55. Were there any problems regarding religious beliefs or practice during the courtship or marriage? If so, please explain.

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56. Did either of you have trouble in adjusting to the ordinary everyday concerns of marriage and family life? If so, please explain.

57. Have you or your former spouse at any time undergone a serious psychological or emotional disturbance or experienced a significant trauma? If so, please explain.

58. Did you and your former spouse experience any sexual difficulties prior to or during the marriage? If so, please explain.

The following questions are specific to you and your ex-spouse's youth & upbringing.

59. How many children were in your family, and where are you in the family order?

60. How many children were in your former spouse's family and where are they in the family order?

61. How would you describe your parents: personalities, employment, and nationalities?

62. How would you describe your ex-spouse's parents: personalities, employment, and nationalities?

63. What was the relationship between your parents like?

64. What was the relationship between your former spouse's parents like?

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65. Describe the religious background of your former spouse's family?

66. Describe the religious background of your family?

67. What was the extent of your schooling and how did you do academically?

68. What was the extent of your former spouse's schooling and how did they do academically?

69. Describe the activities you were involved in during your youth/school years (ie: sports, music, clubs)?

70. Describe the activities your former spouse was involved in during their youth/school years (ie: sports, music, clubs)?

71. Did you or your former spouse experience any difficulties in school or growing up?

72. How would you describe your childhood/upbringing?

73. How would you describe your former spouse's childhood/upbringing?

74. Describe the friendships you had in your upbringing?

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75. Describe the friends your former spouse had during their upbringing

76. Was your relationship with your former spouse your first serious relationship or did you have other serious relationships prior to meeting your former spouse?

77. Was your former spouse's relationship with you their first serious relationship or did they have other serious relationships prior to meeting you?

I, _____, attest that I have provided to the best of my knowledge and belief, information that is accurate and complete. If this case is accepted, I agree to cite credible witnesses to provide testimony.

Date of Application

Signature of Petitioner

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THIS SECTION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PARISH PRIEST OR OTHER PASTORAL MINISTER :

To assist in this pastoral work, we would greatly appreciate whatever information you may be able to provide in answer to the following questions. Use additional paper if you wish.

1. What is your name, address, and present assignment/position?

2. Please indicate:
 - a) How long and how well have you known the Petitioner?

 - b) If applicable, do you know the Respondent, and if so, how well?

 - c) How familiar are you with this person's marital problems?

 - d) What is your assessment of this person's character and truthfulness?

 - e) Do you have any additional comments:

3. If accepted, will you be willing to interview and assist the Petitioner?

4. In your judgement, are there grounds for an annulment of this marriage? If so, please elaborate.

Signature of Priest/Deacon/Pastoral Minister

Dated at: _____

this _____ day of _____ 20

PARISH SEAL: