



DIOCESE
of
LAFAYETTE-IN-INDIANA

Prot. No. DF _____

PETITION FOR A DECLARATION OF NULLITY BY REASON OF A LACK OF CANONICAL FORM

(see CIC canons 1108-1123 and DC art. 5 §3)

I. Canonical Conditions necessary to use this Application

- At least one party was a baptized Catholic at the time of the marriage ceremony (c. 1117).
- Catholic Form of Marriage was not dispensed (c. 1127 §2) by the Local Ordinary (c. 134 §2).
- Catholic Form of Marriage (c. 1108) was not observed, meaning the marriage did not take place before a Catholic cleric with delegation and with two witnesses.
- The marriage was not later “validated” or “sanated” or “blessed” by the Catholic Church (c. 1156–1165).

II. Required Documents

- A recently issued Baptismal Certificate of the Catholic Party
- The government-issued Civil Marriage License which shows the name and title of the Officiant
- A copy of the Divorce Decree (it is not necessary to send the property settlement details)

III. Required Information (please type or print clearly)

Myself (Petitioner):

Full Legal Name:

Maiden Name:

Religion:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

My former spouse (Respondent):

Full Legal Name:

Maiden Name:

Religion:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Attempted Marriage:

Place (city, county, state):

Attempted Marriage Date:

Name of Officiant:

Title of Officiant (Minister, Judge, etc.):

Additional Required Information:

1. Was a dispensation from Canonical Form obtained before your wedding (c. 1108, c. 1117, and c. 1127)?
2. Was this attempted marriage ever convalidated or “blessed” by a Catholic Priest or Deacon (c. 1156–1160)?
3. Was this attempted marriage ever brought to the attention of the Church for a possible Radical Sanation (c. 1161–1165)?
4. If the marriage took place between 27 November 1983 (start of the CIC 1983 code) and 8 April 2010 (modification by *Omnium in mentem*), did the Catholic party formally defect from the Catholic Church in writing?
 - If Yes, was this before the attempted marriage?
 - If Yes, to which ecclesiastical authority did the Catholic party submit the declaration of his/her intent to formally defect?

I hereby petition for an Attestation of Nullity for the above marriage due to a Lack of Canonical Form. I solemnly swear and affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the above answers are true, especially that my attempted marriage was never convalidated or “blessed” by a Catholic Priest or Deacon.

Petitioner

Date

I, the Parish Priest or delegate, have no reason to believe that this marriage was ever validated in the presence of a Catholic Priest or Deacon.

Parish Priest or delegate

PARISH SEAL

Parish (Name and City)

Mail this form and the required documentation to the Office of the Vicar General at the Chancery at P.O. Box 260, Lafayette, IN 47902-0260.

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I hereby declare that I am morally certain that the above noted civil marriage is invalid because of a Lack of Canonical Form.

Ordinary of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

Date