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Petition for Declaration of Nullity Lack of Proper Canonical Form

I, _____ a [Catholic] [non-Catholic], humbly petition the Tribunal to declare my marriage to _____ a [Catholic] [non-Catholic], null and void because of the lack of proper canonical form. This marriage was contracted by me before a civil official, non-Catholic minister on _____.

In support of my petition, I submit the attached deposition and the following documents: [a] a certificate of the Catholic party's baptism; [b] a certified copy of my attempted marriage; and [c] a certified copy of the decree of Civil Divorce.

Deposition of the Petitioner

1. Date and place of birth: _____
2. Your religion: _____
3. If Catholic, date and place of Baptism: _____
4. What is the present name and address of the person with whom you contracted this marriage? _____
5. What was the religion of that person at the time of the marriage? _____
6. Was this marriage ever subsequently validated in the Catholic Church by a regular marriage ceremony? If so, when and where? _____
7. Do you affirm, under oath, that you and _____ never contracted marriage with a Catholic priest officiating? _____
8. Was special permission ever granted by the Catholic Church for your marriage to take place in other than a regular Catholic ceremony? _____
9. Name the places (cities, towns, etc.) where you lived following this attempted marriage and indicate the years of residence in each: _____
10. Was the marriage under investigation your first marriage? Was it your only marriage? If not, give specifics: _____
11. Had _____ been previously married? _____ If so, to whom, when and where? _____
12. Please give names of at least two persons who can verify your statements [a] regarding the Catholicism of yourself or of that person with whom you contracted marriage outside of the Catholic Church, [b] that this marriage which you attempted outside of the Catholic church was never subsequently validated: _____
13. Has the Catholic party ever renounced his/her Faith by joining another church? _____
14. Do you swear to the truth of the above statements? _____

Priest _____

Parish _____

Date _____

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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