

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOUISVILLE

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INFORMATION SHEET ON MARRIAGE CASES  
**(Please detach and keep for reference)**

As a person inquiring about the possibility of a Catholic Church marriage annulment, you probably have questions about the process.

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We hope the information below will help you.  
 The pastoral minister assisting you will  
 be able to answer questions you may have or  
 feel free to contact our office.

**PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE ANSWERING QUESTIONS.**

**WHAT IS AN ANNULMENT?**

An annulment, or Declaration of Nullity, is a statement by the Catholic Church that it has been established with human certainty that the marriage in question was not a true and binding one according to the Church's understanding of marriage. Even though there was a wedding ceremony, something stood in the way which, according to the divine or ecclesiastical law, prevented a valid union from coming into being.

**HOW DOES THE ANNULMENT PROCESS WORK?**

An attempt is made to study the events surrounding the marriage, the courtship, as well as the family background of both parties to the marriage. In some cases, a psychological profile or medical records are necessary.

If preliminary evaluation of your completed questionnaire suggests further investigation, the Tribunal will assist in contacting witnesses, gathering documents, reports, etc. A serious attempt must always be made to interview the Respondent (the other party) concerning the questions and hear his or her account. The Tribunal judge will determine the importance of any refusal to cooperate.

After all of this material is gathered, the case will be reviewed. If it appears to have merit, you may submit a formal petition. A formal hearing will be held at the Tribunal to accept the petition. If it is necessary for you to clarify previous information, you may be asked to attend. After the meeting, members of the Tribunal submit written summaries before the judge's decision. Church law requires that the decision be reviewed by a panel of judges. If the decision is unfavorable to your petition, you have the right to ask within ten days of notification for a second hearing.

**HOW LONG DOES THE PROCESS TAKE?**

Many cases are being handled by the Tribunal. Each must be judged on its own merits. The average case takes about one year; many take longer because of particular situations. **NO DATE SHOULD BE SET FOR A NEW MARRIAGE OR RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH UNTIL AFTER THE FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN GIVEN IN WRITING.** Sometimes the Tribunal will insist on special preparation or counseling before remarriage. Until this requirement is satisfied, people in these circumstances would be restricted from remarriage in the Catholic Church. The purpose of such a restriction is not to punish one or both of the parties, but to enable the parties to enter a life-giving marriage.

**WHAT IS MY ROLE AND WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?**

Please answer the questionnaire as completely as possible, on separate paper, and clearly number the question being answered. Typed answers are preferred, although legible handwriting or printing in black or dark ink is acceptable.

Please try to find out the present name and address of the other party. You must give the Respondent's birth date and some indication of his or her baptismal status. The only witnesses who are helpful to this case are those who are knowledgeable and willing to cooperate. Please list people who knew you and your former spouse or families at the time of your courtship. Family members are acceptable and oftentimes valuable witnesses. The Tribunal will correspond directly with the witnesses. Feel free to contact witnesses before listing them, to ask if they would be willing to cooperate. **But please do not discuss the case with them, provide them with details of your own answers to this questionnaire, or try to "refresh" their memory. Evidence of collusion will hurt your case.**

You have a right to present your viewpoint and have it heard by the Tribunal. You have a right to be kept informed of the proceedings of this case. As in any court, we make every effort to safeguard your right to privacy and your right to a defense. Both you and your ex-spouse enjoy these same rights in this process. Should the occasion arise that a request for review be made, you would be notified and be given an opportunity to state your concerns about this.

Should you take exception to the Louisville Tribunal's handling of this case at any point in the process, you have a right to make known your objections to us. We will discuss what options are available to you. Your rights in this process will be protected by an approved advocate.

**WHAT EFFECT DOES AN ANNULMENT HAVE ON THE CHILDREN?**

Children born of an apparently valid marriage are always considered legitimate. Their status is not affected in any way by a Catholic Church annulment.

**WHAT EXPENSES ARE INVOLVED?**

Each marriage case costs the Archdiocese a considerable amount. The fees requested vary according to the type of case presented. While you are not expected to pay what it actually costs to process your case, you are requested to make an effort to help defray some of the expenses.

A fee of \$400 is normal for the type of case you are presenting. In some cases, there may be additional expenses involving psychological or medical reports. We ask that you send \$150 with your completed questionnaire. If the submission of a petition is recommended, \$125 will be requested. After the case is totally completed, \$125 will be due.

Although we hope you will make every effort to help defray part of the cost of your case, if you are unable to pay all or part of the fee, your case will still receive the same attention. Non-payment will not affect the processing or outcome of your case in any way.

**HOW CAN I FIND OUT ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF THIS CASE?**

The Tribunal is interested in gathering the information and coming to a final answer as quickly as possible. We give every case careful attention, without discrimination. In addition to the Catholic pastoral minister who helped you, you may also call us directly for assistance or answers to questions.

**THE TRIBUNAL  
ARCHDIOCESE OF LOUISVILLE**

**FORMAL NULLITY CASE**

This questionnaire is to be used in all inquiries concerning a FORMAL ANNULMENT. It is absolutely essential that all factual information be given as requested and all questions answered in detail. Omissions or lack of details will result in this questionnaire being returned. ANSWERS MUST BE TYPED OR WRITTEN LEGIBLY IN BLACK INK. (NB: Minister is to keep a copy of completed questionnaire.)

<b>PETITIONER - Principal person seeking annulment</b>		<b>RESPONDENT - the other party to the marriage</b>	
_____		Full Present Name	
_____		Maiden Name	
_____		Street Address	
_____		City, State, Zip	
Home: _____	Work: _____	Telephone Number _____	Home: _____ Work: _____
_____		Email Address _____	
_____		Date of Birth	
_____		Place of Birth	
_____		*Date of Baptism	
_____		Denomination	
_____		Church of Baptism	
_____		& Address	
_____		Present Religion _____	
_____		Catholic Parish Attending/ Priest/Pastoral Contact	

Date of Marriage:

Witnessed by: A) Catholic Priest/Deacon B) Civil Official C) Non-Catholic Minister

Place of Marriage:

City	County	State	Name & Address of Church
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If this was a convalidation, give date and details of previous civil or Non-Catholic ceremony:

Date	Place	Minister/Justice of Peace/other?
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Also, if this was the case, you must answer many of the questions twice where appropriate; i.e., distinguishing between first ceremony and the Catholic ceremony.

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Date of Final Separation (when you last lived together)

Civil divorce/dissolution:

Date	City	County	State
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Names and dates of birth of all children born of this marriage:

COPIES OF MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE RECORDS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.

\*NOTE: It is important to know the baptismal status of the petitioner and respondent before submitting this completed form to the Tribunal.

**I HAVE READ ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS**

The following questions, while lengthy and detailed, are intended to give the complete background of the total relationship of the parties to the marriage now being questioned.

Please answer all questions in detail; a simple "yes" or "no" answer is generally not sufficient. In order to avoid unnecessary delay, it is requested that all answers be TYPED OR WRITTEN LEGIBLY IN DARK INK.

**PLEASE NUMBER AND ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON SEPARATE PAPER.**

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**I CONCERNING YOUR COURTSHIP**

1. A) WHEN AND HOW DID YOU MEET YOUR FORMER SPOUSE? (Please provide dates and places.)  
 B) AT THIS TIME, WERE YOU STILL LIVING WITH YOUR PARENTS? IF NOT, HOW LONG HAD YOU BEEN ON YOUR OWN?
2. WHEN DID YOU BEGIN DATING EACH OTHER AND HOW OFTEN AFTER THIS DID YOU DATE? WOULD YOU BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR FORMER SPOUSE DURING THE TIME OF DATING? HOW DID YOU GET ALONG WHILE DATING? WHAT DID YOU DO ON YOUR DATES? HOW LONG DID YOU DATE BEFORE YOU DECIDED TO MARRY?
3. WERE YOU ENGAGED AND FOR HOW LONG? (IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DATE OF ENGAGEMENT.)
4. BEFORE YOU MET EACH OTHER, HOW MUCH DATING WAS DONE WITH OTHERS BY EACH OF YOU? (IF EITHER WAS MARRIED PREVIOUSLY, WHY DID THOSE MARRIAGES END?)
5. AFTER YOUR ENGAGEMENT, DID YOU DATE ONLY EACH OTHER? IF NOT, GIVE DETAILS.
6. A) WAS YOUR ENGAGEMENT EVER BROKEN? IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN THE DETAILS (when/why/for how long/how many times, etc).  
 B) WHY DID YOU RESUME YOUR ENGAGEMENT?
7. PRIOR TO YOUR MARRIAGE: (A) DID YOU RECEIVE ANY INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT MARRIAGE (for example: from a priest, minister, counselor, pre-Cana, Engaged Encounter, etc.)? (B) WHAT WAS THE REACTION OR CONVERSATION OF EACH OF YOU TO THE INSTRUCTIONS? (C) WHAT ROLE DID RELIGION PLAY IN YOUR LIVES AT THAT TIME? (D) WERE YOU PRACTICING YOUR RELIGION AT THE TIME OF THE MARRIAGE?
8. A) WERE THERE ANY SPECIAL PROBLEMS OR UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES DURING THE COURTSHIP OR THE DAYS JUST BEFORE THE MARRIAGE? IF SO, PLEASE DESCRIBE THEM.  
 B) IF THERE WERE SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP, WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO MARRY YOUR FORMER SPOUSE?
9. (A) DID YOU HAVE ANY DOUBTS, CONDITIONS OR RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE MARRIAGE OR EACH OTHER BEFORE YOU MARRIED? IF YOU HAD DOUBTS, WHY DID YOU CONTINUE ON WITH THE WEDDING PLANS? (B) DID ANYONE ADVISE AGAINST THE MARRIAGE? IF SO, PLEASE EXPLAIN.
10. (A) WHAT PART DID EACH OF YOU PLAY IN PLANNING YOUR WEDDING? (B) DID ANYONE INTERFERE WITH YOUR PLANS?
11. (A) WAS THERE PRE-MARITAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY? (B) HOW EARLY IN THE COURTSHIP DID IT BEGIN? (C) WAS IT A SIGNIFICANT PART OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP? (D) WAS THIS YOUR FIRST SEXUAL PARTNER? (E) SEXUAL INVOLVEMENT WITH OTHERS WHILE YOU WERE DATING OR DURING YOUR ENGAGEMENT? (F) CONTRACEPTION? (G) DID YOU LIVE TOGETHER PRIOR TO

## MARRIAGE AND WHY?

**II. CONCERNING THE MARRIAGE ITSELF**

12. DESCRIBE THE DAY OF THE WEDDING.
13. WAS YOUR MARRIAGE ENTERED INTO WITH MUTUAL LOVE? IF NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN.
14. WAS THE MARRIAGE CONTRACTED FREELY? IF THERE WAS ANY FORCE OR FEAR, INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL PRESSURE, PLEASE GIVE DETAILS: WHO APPLIED IT, WHY, WHAT KIND OF FORCE, ETC.?
15. REGARDING THE PERMANENCE OF MARRIAGE, PLEASE ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE:
- A. Did you and your spouse intend a permanent union binding until death? If not, what did you intend?
  - B. Did either of you envision a set of circumstances which, if they came to pass, would end the marriage? (ie. spousal infidelity or abuse, etc.)
  - C. Did either of you believe that a spouse can decide to end a marriage if he/she is unhappy/unfulfilled?
  - D. When problems became intolerable, why was divorce chosen?
  - E. Was there a pre-nuptial agreement? (Please provide a copy, if so.)
  - F. Do you see a difference between "hoping" your marriage will last forever and "intending" you marriage to last forever? Did you "hope" or "intend" permanence in your marriage?
  - G. Do you believe that your civil divorce gave you the freedom to remarry?
16. REGARDING YOUR INTENTIONS ABOUT CHILDREN, PLEASE ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE.
- A. Before the marriage, were there any discussions or agreements regarding children? If yes, what were the results of the discussions? If you were married Catholic, did either of you have any problems with the children being raised Catholic?
  - B. In entering marriage, was it your intention to have children during the marriage? Your former spouse's intention?
  - C. Did either of you intend to delay having children or permanently exclude them? If so, why?
  - D. What means were used to avoid conception? Was this always used? Was intercourse ever open to conception? Would either of you refuse to have intercourse without a form of contraception?
  - E. Did either of you undergo some surgical procedure -- vasectomy, tubal ligation -- as a contraceptive measure? Who? When? How was this decision made? Why?
  - F. Why were children excluded? What goals, values, aspects of lifestyle or career conflicted with parenthood?
17. PLEASE ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR INTENTIONS ABOUT FIDELITY IN THE MARRIAGE IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE.
- A. At the time of the marriage, did you both intend to commit yourselves to one another for life? If not, what did you intend?
  - B. What did you understand to be meant by "marital fidelity" or "being faithful?"
  - C. Did either of you ever discuss giving each other the freedom to see others

- during the marriage? If so, please explain.
- D. Did either of you envision a situation when it would be acceptable to have sexual relations with another person? (ie. to retaliate for infidelity by your spouse, if one of the parties was unwilling or unable to have sexual relations, etc.)
- E. Were both of you, in fact, faithful to each other? If not, please give details about when infidelity began, how often it occurred, etc. Why did this happen?
18. REGARDING YOUR INTENTIONS ABOUT THE COVENANT--PARTNERSHIP YOU WERE GIVING EACH OTHER, PLEASE ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE:
- A. At the time of the marriage, did you intend to give your spouse a mutual sharing in your life? Do you believe your former spouse intended this as well?
- B. At the time of the marriage, did you intend to give your spouse the right to equality, communication about mutual decisions? Do you believe your former spouse intended this as well?
- C. At the time of the marriage, did you intend to give your spouse the right to respect that would ensure there was no abuse of each other? Do you believe your former spouse intended this as well?
- D. At the time of the marriage, did you intend to give your spouse the right to a sharing of responsibilities and mutual help? Do you believe your former spouse intended this as well?
- E. **AFTER** the marriage, were there indications that you or your former spouse did not really intend a relationship which included mutual sharing and help; equality; open communication; or respect? Explain. Give examples.
19. CAN YOU GIVE SOME GENERAL IDEA OF WHAT YOUR DAILY MARRIED LIFE WAS LIKE BEFORE YOU BEGAN TO HAVE PROBLEMS IN THE MARRIAGE? (WORK SCHEDULES, LEISURE ACTIVITIES, HOW MUCH TIME SPENT TOGETHER, ETC.)
20. WAS THIS THE FIRST MARRIAGE FOR EACH OF YOU? IF NOT, PLEASE GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS OF DATES, NAMES, RELIGION AND MARITAL STATUS OF PREVIOUS SPOUSES. [HAVE YOU OR YOUR **FORMER** SPOUSE(S) EVER CONTACTED THE TRIBUNAL ABOUT THESE MARRIAGES?]

### **III. THE TERMINATION OF THE MARRIAGE**

21. WERE YOU HAPPY IN THE EARLY PART OF YOUR MARRIAGE? WHY DO YOU SAY THIS?
22. WERE THERE ANY SEVERE OR UNUSUAL PROBLEMS IN YOUR SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP DURING THE MARRIAGE? WHEN DID IT BEGIN? WHAT WAS THE CAUSE(S)?
23. WHEN AND OVER WHAT DID PROBLEMS FIRST ARISE IN THE MARRIAGE? PLEASE SPECIFY ISSUES AND AT WHAT POINT AFTER MARRIAGE PROBLEMS AROSE.
24. WHAT WERE YOUR MAIN COMPLAINTS REGARDING YOUR SPOUSE AS A HUSBAND AND FATHER - OR WIFE AND MOTHER?
25. WHAT WERE HIS/HER MAIN COMPLAINTS ABOUT YOU AS A SPOUSE AND/OR PARENT?
26. HOW LONG DID YOU ACTUALLY LIVE TOGETHER AFTER YOUR WEDDING?
27. WHAT WAS YOUR MAIN REASON FOR STAYING IN THE MARRIAGE? IN YOUR OPINION, YOUR FORMER SPOUSE'S MAIN REASON FOR STAYING IN THE MARRIAGE?
28. WHEN AND OVER WHAT DID THE FIRST SEPARATION OCCUR? PLEASE BE AS SPECIFIC AS

- POSSIBLE WITH DATES AND ISSUES.
29. WHEN AND WHY DID THE FINAL SEPARATION TAKE PLACE? PLEASE BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE WITH DATES AND ISSUES.
30. PLEASE GIVE DETAILS OF ANY OTHER SEPARATION. HOW AND WHY DID YOU GET BACK TOGETHER? (SPECIFY DATES AND ISSUES.)
31. AFTER THE MARRIAGE, A) WHEN WERE STATEMENTS FIRST MADE ABOUT A POSSIBLE DIVORCE? BY WHOM?  
B) IF YOU BELIEVE IN THE PERMANENCE OF MARRIAGE, HOW DID THIS MARRIAGE COME TO END IN DIVORCE?
32. AT ANY TIME DID YOU DISCUSS YOUR MARITAL PROBLEMS WITH PROFESSIONAL PERSONS (for example: counselors, priests, doctors, agencies, etc.)? DID YOU SEEK INDIVIDUAL OR JOINT COUNSELING? IF SO, PLEASE GIVE NAMES, ADDRESSES, AND DATES OF THOSE CONSULTATIONS.
33. WHO FILED FOR THE CIVIL DIVORCE OR DISSOLUTION AND WHY?
34. WHO RECEIVED CUSTODY OF THE CHILDREN, IF ANY? HAVE THERE BEEN ANY CHANGES IN CUSTODY?
35. HAVE YOU REMARRIED? IF SO, PLEASE LIST THE NAME, DATE OF MARRIAGE, RELIGION, AND PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF YOUR PRESENT SPOUSE. (If more than one remarriage, please list the same information for all subsequent marriages.) [IF YOUR **CURRENT** SPOUSE HAS BEEN MARRIED BEFORE, HAS HE/SHE CONTACTED THE TRIBUNAL ABOUT AN ANNULMENT?]
36. IF YOU HAVE NOT YET REMARRIED, BUT ARE PLANNING TO DO SO, PLEASE GIVE NAME, RELIGION, AND MARITAL STATUS OF PROPOSED SPOUSE. [IF YOUR **INTENDED** SPOUSE HAS BEEN MARRIED BEFORE, HAS HE/SHE CONTACTED THE TRIBUNAL ABOUT AN ANNULMENT?]
37. HAS YOUR FORMER SPOUSE REMARRIED? IF SO, PLEASE GIVE THE NAME, RELIGION, AND PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF HIS/HER PRESENT SPOUSE.

**IV REGARDING YOUR FORMER SPOUSE'S CHARACTER AND PERSONALITY**

38. **GIVE A COMPLETE BACKGROUND REGARDING YOUR FORMER SPOUSE'S FAMILY**, by providing details in the following areas of his/her family of origin:
- A. Father's personality and relationship with him.
  - B. Mother's personality and relationship with her.
  - C. Parents' relationship with one another.
  - D. Relationship with brothers and sisters.
  - E. Describe your former spouse's family life (relationships among family members) while growing up and at the time of the courtship.
  - F. Presence of any abuse in the family system.
  - G. Use of alcohol and/or drugs in the home, as he/she grew up.
  - H. Any notable traumatic events in the family/home. Or ongoing traumatic situations.
  - I. Schooling (grade completed)
  - J. Military experience. Years served. Combat Experience.
  - K. Any problems with the law. When? How severe?

- L. Any family members (siblings, parents, grandparents, etc.) divorced?
- M. Anything else of significance about his/her background.
39. PLEASE GIVE THE WORK HISTORY OF YOUR FORMER SPOUSE, PAST TO PRESENT. INCLUDE NAMES OF EMPLOYERS, TYPES OF JOBS, APPROXIMATE DATES OF EMPLOYMENT, AND REASONS FOR CHANGING JOBS. (Note: This information is requested to give a picture of employment history, not to contact employers for information.)
40. A. **BEFORE THE MARRIAGE**, DID YOUR FORMER SPOUSE SHOW ANY SIGNS OF EMOTIONAL, MENTAL OR NERVOUS PROBLEMS? IF SO, WHEN DID IT BEGIN? HOW SEVERE?
- B. **BEFORE THE MARRIAGE**, DID YOUR FORMER SPOUSE USE ALCOHOL OR DRUGS? HOW OFTEN? DID HIS/HER DRUG AND/OR ALCOHOL USE CAUSE PROBLEMS IN DAILY LIFE? (SUCH AS AT WORK, IN RELATIONSHIPS, ETC) ANY OTHER ADDICTIONS?
- C. **BEFORE THE MARRIAGE**, WAS YOUR FORMER SPOUSE EVER MENTALLY OR PHYSICALLY ABUSIVE TO YOU OR ANYONE ELSE? HOW OFTEN? HOW SEVERE? PLEASE GIVE EXAMPLES.
41. A. **DURING THE MARRIAGE**, DID YOUR FORMER SPOUSE SHOW ANY SIGNS OF ABNORMAL BEHAVIOR OR MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, OR NERVOUS PROBLEMS? IF SO, WHEN DID IT BEGIN? HOW SEVERE?
- B. **DURING THE MARRIAGE**, DID YOUR FORMER SPOUSE USE ALCOHOL OR DRUGS? HOW OFTEN? HOW SEVERE? DID IT INTERFERE WITH DAILY LIFE? ANY OTHER ADDICTIONS?
- C. **DURING THE MARRIAGE**, WAS YOUR FORMER SPOUSE MENTALLY OR PHYSICALLY ABUSIVE TO YOU OR ANYONE ELSE? HOW OFTEN? HOW SEVERE? PLEASE GIVE EXAMPLES.
42. DID HE/SHE EVER UNDERGO ANY PSYCHIATRIC, PSYCHOLOGICAL, OR PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING? IF SO, GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS AS TO THE NAMES OF DOCTORS, PLACES, REASONS, TREATMENT, RESULTS, ETC.
43. AT THE TIME OF THE MARRIAGE, A) DID YOUR FORMER SPOUSE EXERCISE GOOD JUDGMENT IN IMPORTANT MATTERS? (SUCH AS: IN HIS/HER DEALINGS WITH OTHERS, AT WORK, IN DECIDING TO GET MARRIED AT THAT PARTICULAR TIME.) IF NOT, WHY DO YOU THINK S/HE WAS UNABLE TO MAKE GOOD JUDGEMENTS?
- (B) WAS HE/SHE ABLE TO LEARN FROM MISTAKES?
- (C) HOW WELL DID HE/SHE EXERCISE RESPONSIBILITY WITH REGARD TO MONEY, ETC.? PLEASE GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS.
44. WAS HE/SHE ABLE TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE, OR WAS HE/SHE ONLY CONCERNED ABOUT IMMEDIATE THINGS? EXPLAIN.
45. HOW DID HE/SHE GET ALONG A) WITH FAMILY MEMBERS B) IN WORK RELATIONSHIPS C) WITH FRIENDS (DID S/HE HAVE GOOD, HEALTHY FRIENDSHIPS?) D) IN PREVIOUS DATING RELATIONSHIPS?
46. A) DESCRIBE HIS/HER CHARACTER AND PERSONALITY AT THE TIME OF MARRIAGE (E.G. INTROVERTED, OUTGOING, MOODY, VIOLENT, JEALOUS, CAREFREE, SOCIABLE, RESPONSIBLE, MATURE, ETC.). B) WAS THERE SIGNIFICANT PERSONALITY CHANGES AFTER THE WEDDING?
47. WHAT IS HIS/HER PRESENT MENTAL OR EMOTIONAL CONDITION?
48. AS YOU REFLECT NOW, DO YOU THINK HE/SHE SHOWED SERIOUS IMMATURITY AT THE TIME OF THE MARRIAGE? WHY DO YOU SAY THIS?

**V REGARDING YOUR OWN CHARACTER AND PERSONALITY**

49. **GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS ABOUT YOUR OWN BACKGROUND** by providing details in the following areas of your family of origin:
- A. Father's personality and your relationship with him.
  - B. Mother's personality and your relationship with her.
  - C. Parents' relationship with one another.
  - D. Your relationship with brothers and sisters.
  - E. Describe your family life (relationships among family members) while growing up and at the time of the courtship.
  - F. Presence of any type of abuse in your family.
  - G. Use of alcohol and/or drugs in the home, while growing up.
  - H. Other notable traumatic events in the family/home.
  - I. Schooling (grade completed)
  - J. Military experience. Years Served. Any Combat experience?
  - K. Any problems with the law. When? How severe?
  - L. Any family members (siblings, parents, grandparents, etc.) divorced?
  - N. Anything else of significance about your family background.
50. PLEASE OUTLINE YOUR OWN WORK HISTORY, PAST TO PRESENT. INCLUDE NAMES OF EMPLOYERS, TYPES OF JOBS, APPROXIMATE DATES OF EMPLOYMENT, REASONS FOR CHANGING JOBS, ETC. (Again, this information is only to give a picture of your employment, not for the purpose of contacting any of your employers).
51. A. **BEFORE THE MARRIAGE**, DID YOU SHOW ANY SIGNS OF EMOTIONAL, MENTAL OR NERVOUS PROBLEMS? IF SO, WHEN DID IT BEGIN? HOW SEVERE?
- B. **BEFORE THE MARRIAGE**, DID YOU USE ALCOHOL OR DRUGS? HOW OFTEN? DID YOUR DRUG AND/OR ALCOHOL USE CAUSE PROBLEMS IN DAILY LIFE? (SUCH AS AT WORK, IN RELATIONSHIPS, ETC) ANY OTHER ADDICTIONS?
- C. **BEFORE THE MARRIAGE**, WERE YOU EVER MENTALLY OR PHYSICALLY ABUSIVE TO YOUR FORMER SPOUSE OR ANYONE ELSE? HOW OFTEN? HOW SEVERE? PLEASE GIVE EXAMPLES.
52. A. **DURING THE MARRIAGE**, DID YOU SHOW ANY SIGNS OF ABNORMAL BEHAVIOR OR MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, OR NERVOUS PROBLEMS? WHEN DID IT BEGIN? HOW SEVERE?
- B. **DURING THE MARRIAGE**, DID YOU USE ALCOHOL OR DRUGS? HOW OFTEN? HOW SEVERE? DID IT INTERFERE WITH DAILY LIFE? ANY OTHER ADDICTIONS?
- C. **DURING THE MARRIAGE**, WERE YOU MENTALLY OR PHYSICALLY ABUSIVE TO YOUR FORMER SPOUSE OR ANYONE ELSE? HOW OFTEN? HOW SEVERE? PLEASE GIVE EXAMPLES.
53. IF YOU EVER RECEIVED PROFESSIONAL TREATMENT FOR SUCH PROBLEMS DESCRIBED IN 51 & 52, GIVE NAMES OF DOCTORS, AGENCIES, ETC., DATES AND REASONS FOR SUCH TREATMENT, AND COMPLETE DETAILS CONCERNING THE TREATMENTS THEMSELVES.
54. AT THE TIME OF THE MARRIAGE, DID YOU EXERCISE GOOD JUDGEMENTS IN IMPORTANT MATTERS (SUCH AS: IN YOUR DEALINGS WITH OTHERS, AT WORK, IN DECIDING TO GET MARRIED AT THAT PARTICULAR TIME?) WHY DO YOU SAY THIS? IF NOT, WHY DO YOU THINK YOU WERE UNABLE TO MAKE GOOD JUDGEMENTS AT THAT TIME?

55. AS YOU REFLECT NOW, DO YOU THINK YOU WERE MATURE AT THE TIME OF THE MARRIAGE? WHY DO YOU SAY THIS?
56. WERE YOU OR YOUR FORMER SPOUSE EXPOSED TO ANY ABUSE IN ANY OTHER PREVIOUS DATING RELATIONSHIP? (alcohol, drug, sexual, emotional or physical)
57. DID YOU OR YOUR FORMER SPOUSE INTEND TO MARRY SOMEONE POSSESSING A SPECIFIC QUALITY/VALUE AND LATER DISCOVERED THAT QUALITY/VALUE WAS NOT PRESENT? WHEN IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE SPECIFIC QUALITY WAS NOT PRESENT, WHAT DID YOU/FORMER SPOUSE DO?
58. WERE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE DECEIVED BY THE OTHER? WAS THE DECEPTION SET UP TO GET YOU MARRIED? WHEN DID THE DECEPTION BECOME KNOWN? WHAT DID THE DECEIVED PARTY DO ONCE THE DECEPTION WAS KNOWN?
59. AFTER YOUR CIVIL WEDDING, DID YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE PARTICIPATE IN ANOTHER CHURCH CEREMONY? WHY DID YOU DO THIS?

#### **VI CONCLUSION**

60. A) IN A BRIEF STATEMENT, WHY DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH (ACCORDING TO ITS TEACHINGS) SHOULD CONSIDER YOUR MARRIAGE INVALID?
- B) In your opinion what were the major ongoing behaviors/actions/issues that undermined the marriage that were present from the beginning or for an extended period of time.
61. FOR WHAT REASON ARE YOU INITIATING THIS INVESTIGATION?
62. HAVE YOU OR YOUR FORMER SPOUSE EVER INQUIRED BEFORE ABOUT AN ANNULMENT THROUGH THIS OR ANY TRIBUNAL? IF SO, PLEASE GIVE DETAILS.
63. IS THERE ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU THINK THE TRIBUNAL SHOULD HAVE THAT HAS NOT BEEN COVERED?
64. DO YOU ATTEST TO THE TRUTHFULNESS OF EVERYTHING YOU HAVE SAID IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE, AND DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE NOT TO DISCUSS THE FACTS OF THIS CASE OR THE POSSIBLE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WITH WITNESSES? IF SO, PLEASE SIGN ON THE ATTACHED SHEET.

65. CORROBORATORS/WITNESSES: PLEASE INDICATE KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSONS (who may cooperate) WHO CAN CONFIRM AND/OR FURTHER DESCRIBE THE MARITAL HISTORY YOU HAVE GIVEN. LIST ALL THE REQUESTED INFORMATION FOR EACH PERSON. [PREFERABLY, WITNESSES WHO KNEW EITHER OR BOTH PARTIES BEFORE OR AT THE TIME OF MARRIAGE, ESPECIALLY FAMILY MEMBERS.]

CORROBORATORS/WITNESSES				CORROBORATORS/WITNESSES			
1) _____				4) _____			
Name				Name			
Address				Address			
City	State	Zip		City	State	Zip	
Telephone				Telephone			
Relationship	Religion			Relationship	Religion		
2) _____				5) _____			
Name				Name			
Address				Address			
City	State	Zip		City	State	Zip	
Telephone				Telephone			
Relationship	Religion			Relationship	Religion		
3) _____				6) _____			
Name				Name			
Address				Address			
City	State	Zip		City	State	Zip	
Telephone				Telephone			
Relationship	Religion			Relationship	Religion		

EXPERT WITNESSES - (priests, ministers, counselors, social workers, psychiatrists, psychologists, doctors)

Name				Name			
Address				Address			
City	State	Zip		City	State	Zip	
Telephone				Telephone			
Dates Visited	Indiv/Joint			Dates Visited	Indiv/Joint		

If necessary, extra pages may be used for additional witnesses.

**ON A SEPARATE SHEET PLEASE LIST 3-5 PERSONS WHO CAN SEVE AS CHARACTER WITNESSES FOR YOU. THESE ARE TO BE WORK OR SOCIAL ACQUAINTANCES WHO HAVE KNOWN YOU FOR 5-10 YEARS. FAMILY MEMBERS ARE NOT TO BE USED AS CHARACTER WITNESSES.**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTENT

I have kept the information sheet which was attached to the front of this questionnaire. In view of the information presented there, I wish to notify the Tribunal of the following:

a) I understand that a total fee of \$400 is asked of me for the processing of my marriage case; \$150 with the submission of this F-100; \$125 with the submission of the formal petition, if recommended; and \$125 when the decision is given.

b) (Check one):

\_\_\_\_\_ I am enclosing \$150 at this time. I will pay the other fees as requested. **(Make check payable to Archdiocese of Louisville Tribunal)**

\_\_\_\_\_ I am sorry, but I am unable to afford the requested \$150 at the present time. I will make payments on the following basis. **(Here indicate when and how you wish to pay the fee.)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Because of my personal financial condition, I will be unable to help defray the expenses incurred in the processing of my marriage case. I ask the Tribunal to continue to handle my case according to the normal procedure and with the usual attention given to all cases, without distinction.

DATE

SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME OF PARISH MINISTER/AUDITOR CONSULTED IN PREPARING THIS STATEMENT

SIGNATURE: PARISH MINISTER/AUDITOR CONSULTED IN PREPARING THIS STATEMENT

CHURCH

CITY

STATE

TELEPHONE NUMBER

**NOTE: YOU MAY RECEIVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRES IN THE FUTURE.**