

TRIBUNAL OFFICE

To: Petitioner

Before you can be married in the Catholic Church, we must be certain that the Respondent's previous marriage can be considered valid by the Church. Since the Catholic Church recognizes the first marriage of two people as the valid marriage, any subsequent marriage by either party is not considered valid by the Church. Therefore, when a divorced person marries, or when a person who never has been married marries a divorced person, that marriage is not considered a valid marriage.

This form is intended for people who have been married to a divorced person. ***The Tribunal needs to know the name of the divorced person's first spouse. Also needed are the documents to prove the previous marriage; namely, the Marriage License and Divorce Decree. These same documents are requested for your marriage to the divorced person.*** The form provides space for three marriages, but additional marriages can be documented on a separate sheet.

Please provide the following documents for **each** marriage:

1. Copy of the Marriage License
2. Copy of the entire Divorce Decree including addendums, if applicable

(Two marriage licenses and two divorce decrees will be submitted with the Ligamen.)

A declaration of invalidity must be issued by the Tribunal before a marriage can take place in the Church. This form is not the declaration but the source for information. DO NOT set a date for marriage until the Tribunal has completed the Declaration of Invalidity.

If there is any question regarding this form, please contact me at 817-945-9433.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. As soon as all the above is in our office, we will be able to begin processing the case.

Very Rev. D. Timothy Thompson, JCL
Judicial Vicar

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CASE TITLE _____

Prot. No. _____

LIGAMEN

(PLEASE PRINT)

Petitioner _____ Religion _____

Address _____ Apt. No. _____

City, State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cellular _____

PLEASE LIST ALL YOUR MARRIAGES IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER:

I. YOUR FIRST MARRIAGE TO:

A. Name _____ Religion _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City, State _____ Zip Code _____

Place of Marriage _____
(City, State) (Date of Marriage) (Date of Divorce)

Before whom? Priest Other Minister Civil Official

B. QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR FIRST SPOUSE:

Was your marriage to first spouse his/her first marriage? Yes No

If not, name his/her first spouse:

Name _____ Religion _____

Place of Marriage _____
(City, State) (Date of Marriage) (Date of Divorce)

Before Whom? Priest Other Minister Civil Official

Is this person living? _____ Deceased? _____ If deceased, when? _____

Was this the 1st marriage of the person named above? Yes No

II. YOUR SECOND MARRIAGE TO (if applicable):

A. Name _____ Religion _____
Address _____ Phone _____
City, State _____ Zip Code _____
Place of Marriage _____
(City, State) (Date of Marriage) (Date of Divorce)
Before Whom? Priest Other Minister Civil Official

B. QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR SECOND MARRIAGE:

Was your marriage to second spouse his/her first marriage? Yes No
If not, name his/her first spouse:

Name _____ Religion _____
Place of Marriage _____
(City, State) (Date of Marriage) (Date of Divorce)
Before whom? Priest Other Minister Civil Official
Is this person living? _____ Deceased? _____ If deceased, when? _____
Was this the 1st marriage of the person named above? Yes No

III. YOUR THIRD MARRIAGE TO (if applicable):

C. Name _____ Religion _____
Address _____ Phone _____
City, State _____ Zip Code _____
Place of Marriage _____
(City, State) (Date of Marriage) (Date of Divorce)
Before Whom? Priest Other Minister Civil Official

D. QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR THIRD MARRIAGE:

Was your marriage to third spouse his/her first marriage? Yes No
If not, name his/her first spouse:

Name _____ Religion _____
Place of Marriage _____
(City, State) (Date of Marriage) (Date of Divorce)
Before whom? Priest Other Minister Civil Official
Is this person living? _____ Deceased? _____ If deceased, when? _____
Was this the 1st marriage of the person named above? Yes No

(For any additional marriages, please list on a separate sheet of paper following the same format.)

Have you, the petitioner, met all your financial and moral responsibilities (child support, alimony, etc.) from your previous marriages? If not, please explain.

OATH: I solemnly swear to the truthfulness of my answers, so help me God.

Parish: _____ **City:** _____

Date: _____ **Signed:** _____

Witnessed: _____

Church Seal