

Pr. Num: \_\_\_\_\_



**LACK OF CANONICAL FORM**

Petition

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent

I, the undersigned, respectfully request a declaration of nullity in the instance of a marriage contracted outside the Catholic Church, on the basis of defect of legitimate form. One of the parties to this marriage, namely:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of party bound to form of marriage)

was obligated to be married in the presence of a priest or deacon, whereas the marriage was not witnessed by a priest or deacon, nor was it subsequently validated by the authorities of the Catholic Church.

I submit the following information:

**PETITIONER**

**RESPONDENT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name; maiden name, if woman)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name; maiden name, if woman)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(present name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(present name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(present street address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(present street address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(city, state and zip)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(city, state and zip)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(religion)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(phone number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(religion)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(phone number)

This marriage took place on \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

in \_\_\_\_\_  
(city and state)

in the presence of \_\_\_\_\_  
(minister or civil official)

I enclose the following testimony:

- a) Principal I (Petitioner's) Testimony \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Principal II (Respondent's) Testimony \_\_\_\_\_ OR
- c) Supporting Testimony \_\_\_\_\_

and documents:

- a) Recent certificate of Catholic baptism \_\_\_\_\_  
*(dated within the past six months)*
- b) Certificate of First Communion or Confirmation \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Note: If a marriage took place on or after January 1, 1949, records of First Communion or Confirmation are not necessary)*
- c) Certified copy of certificate of civil marriage \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Certified copy of *final* decree of civil divorce \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature of priest, deacon or other)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(parish name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(city)

The priest, deacon or other is asked to report on the credibility of the petitioner.  
*Feel free to do so in the space below.*

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