

**PETITION FOR DECLARATION OF NULLITY OF MARRIAGE  
ATTEMPTED OUTSIDE THE CATHOLIC CHURCH (LACK OF FORM)**

**The Petitioner must submit the following documents with this Petition:**

- Baptismal Certificate of the Catholic party issued within the past 6 months. This Certificate must be had in every case unless the records have been destroyed. In such a case, the Catholic baptism is to be proven by a sworn written statement from the parents or sponsors of the Catholic party, giving the date and church of the baptism.
- Certified copy of the Marriage Certificate for the marriage contracted outside the Catholic Church.
- Copy of the complete final civil divorce decree (Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order for Judgment, Judgment & Decree)

Name of the Catholic party (include maiden name): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Catholic baptism: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Did the Catholic party officially leave the Catholic Church through a formal act before this marriage? \_\_\_\_

If YES, Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Describe formal act: \_\_\_\_\_

Did the Catholic party officially join another faith, denomination or form of religious belief before this marriage? \_\_\_\_

If YES, Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of invalid marriage: \_\_\_\_\_ Church: \_\_\_\_ Courthouse: \_\_\_\_ Private Residence: \_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_

Name of Church, Courthouse or Other Location: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Officiant name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the other party (include maiden name): \_\_\_\_\_

Was the other party ever baptized?: \_\_\_\_ If YES, in which religion? \_\_\_\_\_

Religion of the other party at the time of this marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Was a dispensation from canonical form granted for this marriage?: \_\_\_\_ If YES, what Diocese? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you ever marry this person again in the presence of a Catholic priest or deacon?: \_\_\_\_

If YES, Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of civil divorce: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this the first marriage for the Catholic party? \_\_\_\_ (If NO, list all prior marriages on the back of this sheet)

Is this the first marriage for the other party? \_\_\_\_ (If NO, list all prior marriages on the back of this sheet)

Petitioner's Oath: I swear that the information submitted in this Petition, is truthful and, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate, so help me God.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Priest, Deacon, or delegated lay person: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State: \_\_\_\_\_