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DIOCESAN TRIBUNAL Diocese of Jefferson City

GENERAL MATRIMONIAL QUESTIONNAIRE

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION AND PETITION TO BE FILED BY THE PETITIONER IN EVERY MARRIAGE CASE

1. This interrogatory is to be answered by the petitioner and presented to the Diocesan Tribunal whenever the dissolution of a marriage is sought on any ground whatsoever. In the case of multiple marriages, a questionnaire is required for each marriage.
2. Along with the complete form the presenter of the marriage case will also send to the Tribunal a certificate of the contested marriage and a copy of the decree of civil divorce, and Baptismal certificates.
3. If the case is of a previous marriage bond, certificates of the bigamous spouse's previous marriages must be presented along with divorce decrees.
4. All available certificates of Baptism of all parties must be filed with the petition.
5. After we receive this, the Tribunal will issue directives to the presenter of the petition. Please do not do any unauthorized questioning of the witnesses or the respondent.
6. It is not sure that a favorable decision is to be forthcoming. The priest/presenter should not encourage the petitioner to any rash actions, e.g. setting marriage date, wedding plans, specific indication of length of time it takes for a decision.

Petitioner Information

1. What is your name? In the case of a woman, the maiden name should be given with the married name in parentheses.
Give all Names ever used _____

2. What is your Address? _____
Street or Box City State Zip Telephone

3. What is your Religion? _____ Do you practice it? _____ Details _____

4. What is your birthday? Mo. _____ / Day _____ / Year _____ / Your Birthplace? _____

5. Have you ever been baptized? _____ Date? _____ City, State? _____
Denomination? _____ Church Name? _____ Minister Baptizing? _____

6. What is your Father's full name? _____

7. What is your Mother's full maiden name? _____

8. What is your Father's and Mother's present address? _____

9. What is your Father's religion? _____ Your Mother's? _____

10. What was his religion at your birth? _____ Her religion at your birth? _____

11. Are they practical members of their Church? _____

12. Were both of them baptized? _____ Any idea what years? _____

13. Are your brothers and sisters baptized? _____ We need the names, and addresses, the ages, and the religion
affiliation of all brothers and sisters. (Use separate page if necessary). _____

14. What was your age at the time of marriage? _____ Was this your first marriage? _____ Have there
been any other civil or church marriage(s) in your lifetime? _____ If so, specify _____

MARRIAGE

16. Date of your marriage? _____ City, State? _____
What Church? _____ By Whom? (Minister or Official) _____

17. How many children born of this Marriage? _____ Dates of birth? _____

18. Who has custody of the Children at this time? _____

Respondent Information

1. What is his/her name? In the case of a woman, the maiden name should be given with the married name in parentheses.

Give all Names ever used _____

2. What is his/her Address? _____

Street or Box City State Zip Telephone

3. What is his/her Religion? _____ Does he/she practice it? _____ Details _____

4. What is his/her birthday? Mo. _____ / Day _____ / Year _____ / his/her Birthplace? _____

5. Has he/she ever been baptized? _____ Date? _____ City, State? _____

Denomination? _____ Church Name? _____ Minister Baptizing? _____

6. What is his/her Father's full name? _____

7. What is his/her Mother's full maiden name? _____

8. What is his/her Father's and Mother's present address? _____

9. What is his/her Father's religion? _____ His/her Mother's? _____

10. What was his religion at his/her birth? _____ Her religion at his/her birth? _____

11. Are they practical members of their Church? _____

12. Were both of them baptized? _____ Any idea what years? _____

13. Are his/her brothers and sisters baptized? _____ We need the names, and addresses, the ages, and the religion affiliation of all brothers and sisters. (Use separate page if necessary). _____

14. What was his/her age at the time of marriage? _____ Was this the first marriage? _____ Have there been any other civil or church marriage(s) in his/her lifetime? _____ If so, specify _____

DIVORCE

16. Date of your divorce? _____ County and State? _____

Who was the plaintiff? _____

17. What was the true cause of the divorce? _____

STATEMENT OF TRIBUNAL POLICY

The proceedings of the Tribunal of the Diocese of Jefferson City are exclusively religious in nature. They are governed solely by the Canon Law of the Roman Catholic Church and have no civil effects. The purpose of this investigation is to determine the status of the parties in the Roman Catholic Church and their possible freedom to enter into a future marriage that will be recognized by the Church. It is the desire of the Tribunal that these proceedings be a healing experience conducted in a spirit of Christian justice and compassion. In order to make a responsible and just decision, the Tribunal needs adequate information. Because of the sensitive nature of the information gathered and because the Tribunal wishes to promote a spirit of charity, all information gathered is considered confidential. This information is never made available in civil proceedings. However, Church law does allow the Petitioner, Respondent, and Officers of the Tribunal to have access to this information. A witness may ask that his or her testimony be withheld for serious reason. The Presiding Judge may also restrict the availability of certain information.

AFFIDAVIT

I affirm that I have read the Statement of the Tribunal Policy above and that I understand it, and I agree to cooperate with it fully.

I further affirm before God and my conscience that I present this testimony in good faith and that the answers that I have given are entirely true, to the best of my knowledge. Furthermore, I hereby consent to the possibility that the Tribunal may need to disclose my testimony to the Respondent and to the Officers in the Tribunal.

I understand that any materials received by the Tribunal of the Diocese of Jefferson City becomes the property of the Tribunal.

Petitioner's signature _____

I further wish to appoint as my procurator/advocate _____

Petitioner's signature _____

Pastor/Advocate's Signature _____

Date _____ Place _____

STATEMENT OF ADVOCATE

INCLUDED WITH ANY INFORMATION OF A FORMAL CASE must be an exhaustive statement by the presenter of the case which includes the following information:

1. Length of time you have known the petitioner?
2. Your opinion of the petitioner's character? (Maturity, general impressions, facts or incidents you have heard about the petitioner, and possibly other's opinions on the character and actions of the petitioner).
3. As much as you know about the person and the family the petitioner hopes to marry into? (Character, reputation, impressions, etc.).
4. Is the person the petitioner hopes to marry Catholic? Practical? Married out of the Church at the present time? Of a proper age for marrying? etc.
5. If there has been an attempted remarriage, is this marriage working, how long have they lived together, are there children of this marriage?
6. What are the possibilities of scandal in the case?
7. Please also give your own analysis of this petitioner's marriage case, and your opinion of its merits.
8. Please sign that paper, and give date and place.

Thank you.