

THE TRIBUNAL
ARCHDIOCESE OF OMAHA

100 NORTH 62ND STREET
OMAHA, NEBRASKA 68132

FAVOR OF THE FAITH

Causa:

_____ vs _____

P E T I T I O N

Most Holy Father:

_____, (a baptized Catholic)(a baptized non-Catholic)(a non-baptized Catechumen)(a non-baptized person), son/daughter of _____ and _____, having a domicile in the City of _____, State of _____ in the United States of America, presents the following facts and appeal.

The petitioner on the _____ day of _____, 19____, being then _____ years of age, entered marriage as (an unbaptized)(a baptized) person at _____ in the United States of America, before a (civil magistrate)(minister)(priest) with _____, who was at that time (a baptized)(an unbaptized person).

The union between _____, and _____,
Petitioner Respondent

resulted in complete discord and unhappiness because:

Proceedings for a (civil divorce)(civil annulment) were instituted by the (petitioner) (respondent) and a decree of (divorce) (annulment) was granted on the _____ day of _____, 19_____ at _____ County, _____. Reconciliation between the petitioner and the respondent is impossible because:

The marriage between petitioner and respondent was not consummated subsequent to the final legal separation. In fact, marital relations have not taken place between the petitioner and the respondent since _____, 19__.

The petitioner (contemplates)(has attempted civil), marriage with _____ and humbly asks permission to enter a marriage with (him/her).

This attempted marriage took place at _____ in the United States of America, before a (civil official) (minister) on the _____ day of (month) _____, (year)_____.

Therefore, said petitioner humbly begs Your Holiness for a dispensation from the legitimate marriage with _____, respondent. This favor, if granted by Your Holiness, will enable the petitioner to obtain the blessings of Holy Mother the Church on (his) (her) (contemplated) (present) marriage with the above-mentioned _____, a Catholic who joins most sincerely in this prayer.

The reasons for seeking this dispensation are the following:

- (a) impossibility of reconciliation;
- (b) danger of sin in leading a life without a partner;
- (c) sincere desire to marry and to raise a family.

Signed on the _____ day of _____, 20____

at _____, Nebraska, United States of America.

Petitioner _____

Signed before me,

(Pastor)

(Assistant)

Church

City

State

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INTERROGATORY FOR

"I solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth in answer to your questions. So help me God and these Holy Gospels which I touch with my hand."

1. What is your full name (include maiden name if woman) and present address?
2. When and where were you born?
3. What is your father's name and present address?
4. What religion did your father profess during your infancy and early childhood?

Was he active in the practice of his religion?

5. Did your father believe in baptism of infants or only of adults?

6. What is your mother's name and present address?

7. What religion did your mother profess during your infancy and early childhood?

Was she active in the practice of her religion?

8. Did your mother believe in the baptism of infants or only of adults?

9. Were you reared in early childhood by a foster/stepparent or guardian?

If so, give name and exact address.

10. Give the names and addresses of the churches attended by your parents during your infancy and childhood.

NAME OF CHURCH

EXACT ADDRESS

11. Give the names, addresses and ages of your brothers and sisters who are over age 16:

NAME

EXACT ADDRESS

AGE

12. Which of your brothers and sisters were baptized in infancy or early childhood?

NAME

NAME OF CHURCH AND
EXACT ADDRESS

APPROXIMATE
DATE OF BAPTISM

13. Which of them were baptized later in life?

14. Were you ever baptized?

If so, when and where? NAME AND EXACT ADDRESS OF CHURCH.

Answer questions 15-25 only if the petitioner was unbaptized before and during the marriage.

15. How do you know that you were not baptized in infancy or childhood?

When did you learn that you were not baptized?

16. Can you give any reason why you were not baptized in infancy or childhood?

17. Did you ever attend church, Sunday school or other religious instructions during your childhood and the time before your marriage?

If so, what church did you attend and during what years?

NAME OF CHURCH

EXACT ADDRESS

DATES OF ATTENDANCE

18. Before your marriage to _____ did you ever join any church?

If so, which church and when did you join this church? Give complete name and exact address of church:

What kind of ceremony was there in connection with joining? Describe:

19. Before your marriage to _____ did you submit to any ceremony of baptism or christening by immersion, sprinkling or pouring?

Where, when and by whom was this ceremony performed?

20. During your marriage to _____ did you attend any church, Sunday school or other religious instructions?

If so, where did you attend and what years?

NAME OF CHURCH

EXACT ADDRESS

DATES OF ATTENDANCE

21. During your marriage to _____ did you join any church?

If so, give name and exact address of church and date.

What kind of ceremony was there in connection with joining?

22. During your marriage to _____ did you submit to any ceremony of baptism or christening by immersion, sprinkling or pouring?

Where, when and by whom was this ceremony performed?

23. Since the final separation from _____ have you attended any church or religious instructions?

If so, which church did you attend and during what years?

NAME OF CHURCH

EXACT ADDRESS

DATES OF ATTENDANCE

24. Since the final separation from _____ did you ever join any church?

If so, give name and exact address of church and date.

What kind of ceremony was there in connection with joining?

25. Since the final separation from _____ did you ever submit to any ceremony of baptism or christening by immersion, sprinkling or pouring? (Does not refer to Catholic baptism.)

Where, when and by whom was this ceremony performed?

26. When and where did you marry_____? Please give exact address of location.

(a) Give name and current exact address of your former spouse:

(b) Was _____ ever baptized? If so, when and where?

(c) Was this the only marriage for each of you?

If not, list all other marriages by either party.

27. When and where was the decree of divorce granted?

Who obtained it?

28. Were children born of this marriage? If yes:

(a) number of children

(b) in whose custody are they?

(c) what provision is being made concerning their religious education?

(d) have they been baptized? If yes, please give date and place of baptism for each child.

29. When did the final separation (termination of sexual relations) take place?

30. What was the real cause of the breakup of your marriage to _____?

31. Immediately after the final separation where did you reside?

32. Immediately after the final separation where did your spouse reside?

33. Did you ever meet your former spouse after your final separation from him/her?

If so, how often and where did each of these meetings take place? (Kindly mention the circumstances involved.)

34. Were you ever alone in the company of your former spouse since the final separation?

Did sexual relations take place?

35. Is there any possibility of reconciliation with your former spouse?

If not, why not?

36. Whom do you intend to marry within the Catholic Church if this dispensation is granted (include maiden name if woman)? Give present address.

(a) What is his/her religion? Has he/she ever been baptized?

(b) Has he/she ever been married before? If yes, explain.

(c) Did you know him/her during your marriage with _____?

When did you come to know him/her?

(d) Was he/she responsible for the breakup of your marriage in any way? Explain.

(e) Would anyone think that he/she was responsible for the breakup of your marriage?

(f) Have you and _____ entered a marriage in a non-Catholic ceremony? If yes, explain.

Have any children been born to this union? If yes, please describe what provision has been made concerning their religious upbringing.

Have they been baptized? If yes, please give date and place of baptism for each child.

37. Give the names and addresses of persons who can testify concerning your baptism or non-baptism.

NAME

EXACT ADDRESS

RELATION

38. Give the names and addresses of persons who can testify concerning the baptism or non-baptism of your former spouse.

NAME

EXACT ADDRESS

RELATION

39. Give the names and addresses of 3-5 persons (**non-relatives**) able to serve as your character witnesses, who have known you at least **three** years:

NAME

EXACT ADDRESS

40. Are you interested in the Catholic Church and her doctrine?

What prompted this interest?

Have you started a RCIA process or a course of instruction?

If so, when and where?

Did you approach the priest of your own accord or did someone encourage you to do so?

41. Who is/was your instructor?

NAME

EXACT ADDRESS

42. Are you convinced of the truth of the Church's teaching?

43. When and where did you receive Catholic baptism?

44. If not baptized, when do you intend to receive that Sacrament?

45. Have you anything to add or change?

PETITIONER

Sworn to and subscribed this ____ day of _____, 20____

In the presence of:

PARISH PRIEST

PRIEST'S APPRAISAL OF PETITIONER: