

4. HOW, WHEN and WHERE (e.g. place of divorce) did EACH marriage end?

Divorce, Death, Annulment	Date	Place (County & State)
A. _____	_____	_____
B. _____	_____	_____
C. _____	_____	_____

5. To which marriage does THIS APPLICATION refer? (Circle one): A or B or C

6. Is this a marriage that took place in a non-Catholic setting with the permission of the Catholic Church? _____

If YES, what parish has the Catholic records? _____

7. Have you EVER been baptized, sprinkled or christened? _____

If YES, in what religion? _____ Approximately when? _____

Name and Address of church: _____

What was your religion at the time of this marriage: _____

8. Are you related to your former spouse by blood, adoption or as an in-law? _____

If YES, how? _____

9. Ages at the time of the marriage to which this application applies: Man: _____ Woman: _____

FORMER SPOUSE INFORMATION

10. PRESENT Legal Name of Your Former Spouse to Whom This Application Applies:

(Reasonable efforts MUST be made to provide the address of your former spouse. Failure to do this will delay the case.)

(Circle: Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms., Dr.)

(First) (Middle Initial) (Last)

(Maiden Name): _____

Street Address: _____ Apt. No. _____

(City) (County) (State) (Zip Code)

Is this his/her only residence? _____ If NO, please explain: _____

Telephone (with area code): (home) _____ (work/cell) _____

E-mail Address: _____ Occupation: _____

Work Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

11. How long did the two of you date before becoming engaged? _____

How long were you engaged before you were married? _____

12. How many children were born or adopted into the marriage? _____

13. Approximate date when you and your former spouse finally separated (not the divorce): _____

14. Was your former spouse EVER been baptized, sprinkled or christened? _____

If YES, in what religion? _____ Approximately when? _____

Name and Address of church: _____

If NO, how do you know? _____

What was the religion of your former spouse at the time of this marriage: _____

15. Have ANY of your prior marriages ever been brought to the attention of a church Tribunal or Chancery Office? _____

If YES, which one, when and where? _____

SECTION B

Information about your former spouse's prior marital history.

This section is to be completed ONLY IF your former spouse had a prior marriage, that is, if the answer to question 16 is YES.

16. Was your FORMER SPOUSE ever married to another person BEFORE marrying you? _____ ***If NO, go to section C.***

17. How many times was your former spouse married before marrying you? _____

If he/she was married more than once BEFORE marrying you, please answer questions 18-21 for each of these marriages on separate pages and attach.

18. Was your former spouse's PRIOR marital partner:

a) *alive* at the time you married your former spouse? _____ ***If NO, go to section C.***

b) *alive* the entire duration of your marriage to your former spouse? _____

19. Was this marriage the FIRST for both parties? _____ If NO, please explain: _____

20. Was your former spouse's earlier marriage ever declared invalid by the Catholic Church? _____

21. Please provide the following information and/or documentation if at all possible.

Name of your former spouse's prior spouse (including maiden name, if a woman): _____

Religion of his/her prior spouse: _____

Date and place of your former spouse's prior marriage: _____

Date and place of the divorce: _____

Section C

Assessment of marital attitudes

22. *At the time of the wedding, people have different attitudes and beliefs about what marriage means, as well as various abilities. The following statements are designed to help the Tribunal gain a better understanding of the abilities, attitudes and beliefs of you and your former spouse. Please review each of the statements about your wedding and check the boxes that apply to you and/or your former spouse (F.S.). These items refer to **PRINCIPAL OR MAJOR** traits that you and your former spouse brought into the marriage. In any given section, you may check one box, several boxes or no box. There are no 'right' or 'wrong' answers. Based on your responses to these statements you will be sent a specific questionnaire to guide you in writing out your testimony. As part of the Tribunal process you will be asked to provide the names of witnesses who are able to corroborate your description of your marital situation.*

YOU E.S.

A. At the time of our wedding, one or both of us:

- was not mature enough to understand what a commitment entailed;
- was trying to get away from something unpleasant in our lives;
- believed we were committed to the marriage because of dating for so long;
- because of personality problems did not seriously consider what it would mean to be married to each other;
- had serious doubts about whether this was a good decision;
- did not realistically consider whether our relationship was strong enough for us to be married;
- had little or no dating experience;
- ignored the significant opposition of family and/or friends.

B. At the time of our wedding, one or both of us:

- had personal or family involvement with physical abuse, sexual abuse, alcohol or drug abuse;
- had received or needed to receive counseling for a serious psychological disorder;
- was unable to establish stability in a job, education, lifestyle or a relationship;
- had a history of violence or other antisocial behavior;
- could not accept personal responsibility for actions committed;
- struggled with what would later be seen as an addiction (gambling, controlled substance, etc.);
- expressed or experienced difficulties with sexual orientation.

C. At the time of our wedding, one or both of us:

- went through the marriage ceremony for a reason other than contracting marriage;
- felt that a career was more important than marriage;
- felt that the most important thing was personal happiness;
- felt that we were creating an 'open marriage';
- wanted to back out of the ceremony but could not do so;
- had no example of a stable marriage while growing up;
- did not intend to assume any permanent obligations toward the other person;
- did not intend a marriage to give any permanent rights to the other person;
- felt obliged to marry as a means to continue living together.

D. At the time of our wedding, one or both of us:

- never intended to have children, although this may not have been discovered until after the wedding;
- would not have sexual relations unless birth control was used;
- intended to delay, limit or exclude children until our situation was financially secure;
- intended to delay, limit or exclude children until the marriage proved successful;
- never intended to take any responsibility for the upbringing of children.

E. At the time of our wedding, one or both of us:

- believed sexual infidelity was acceptable for a reason (e.g., as long as there was no emotional involvement);
- believed occasional sexual infidelity was acceptable for a reason (e.g., as long as it remained hidden);
- believed sexual infidelity was acceptable as long as both parties agreed;
- was sexually unfaithful shortly before or shortly after the wedding.

YOU E.S.**F. At the time of our wedding, one or both of us:**

- grew up with the belief that divorce was an acceptable alternative to unhappiness in marriage;
- felt that divorce was a tolerable alternative to a lifelong unhappy marriage;
- felt that we could divorce in certain circumstances, such as adultery;
- felt that we would remain married as long as our love lasted.

G. At the time of our wedding, one or both of us:

- intended to be married only for as long as we felt we would be fulfilled;
- intended to be married only as long as we would be financially provided for in the marriage;
- intended to be married only for as long as some condition was true (e.g., virginity, education, social status, family involvement, freedom from alcoholism, freedom from physical abuse, ability to have children, etc.);
- intended to be married only as long as there was no infidelity.

H. At the time of our wedding, one or both of us:

- believed that because of a pregnancy there was no other option except marriage;
- believed that because we were sexually active with each other, marriage was inevitable;
- believed that because of parental objection(s) to our living together, marriage was the only alternative;
- was afraid NOT to get married, for one reason or another;
- decided to marry in order to avoid the displeasure of a person important to our situation.

I. At the time of our wedding, one or both of us:

- mistakenly believed that the other party was someone, or something, that he/she was not;
- did not understand that marriage could only be dissolved by the death of the spouse;
- did not understand that marriage imposed an obligation of absolute fidelity on both parties;
- did not understand that one of the primary purposes of marriage was the bearing and educating of children;
- did not understand that marriage involved the care of one's spouse;
- did not know or understand that marriage is not only a civil contract but also a spiritual union.

J. At the time of our wedding, one or both of us:

- deceived the other about the real reason for marrying;
- concealed something that the other had a right to know because there would have been no wedding if it were known;
- found out something vital about the other party after our wedding, which, if known before the wedding, would have stopped the wedding from taking place;
- kept something secret before the wedding that later became disruptive of married life.

K. (The following only applies to the marriage under consideration if it was 'blessed', or convalidated, in the Catholic Church, that is if your answer to question #6 was YES.) At the time of our marriage, one or both of us felt that our 'blessing of the marriage in the church' was:

- a Catholic confirmation of an already valid marriage ceremony that took place outside the Catholic Church;
- the first genuine and true marriage between myself and my former spouse;
- a blessing by the Catholic Church of an already genuine and true marriage by which the union became a sacrament or a spiritual covenant;
- a religious ceremony required by the Catholic Church for official recognition of the "marital union" between myself and my former spouse for the purpose of restoring the Catholic party to full communion;
- something that was unnecessary, but that we went through for some other reason (e.g., to get our child baptized, to satisfy our parents, etc.).

L. Briefly state in your own words why the marriage under consideration ended: _____

SECTION D
Future marriage

23. Are you presently married (even if only civilly)? _____ Or are you planning marriage? _____
If both answers to this question are NO, go to section E.

24. LEGAL name (before marriage) of your *present/intended* marital partner:

(Maiden Name): _____

25. Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

26. PRESENT religious affiliation of your *present/intended* partner: _____

27. If you are PRESENTLY married (even if only civilly), please indicate:

Date of Marriage: _____ Place of Marriage: _____
Church/Court/etc. City/County/State

28. Was your *present/intended* marital partner ever married to another person (even if only civilly) BEFORE marrying you? _____ *If NO, go to Section E.* If YES, number of times: _____

29. Was (Were) the marriage(s) declared invalid by the Catholic Church? _____

NOTE: *If no ecclesiastical annulment was received for any previous marriages of your present/intended spouse or they were not terminated by death, a Declaration of Nullity by the Catholic Church MAY be needed. Please consult with your parish staff.*

SECTION E

30. Are there any exceptional circumstances or situations involved with this case of which you feel the Tribunal staff should be aware? If YES, briefly describe them: _____

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Pastoral Minister (required)

Date: _____

Pastoral Minister's Name: _____
(please print)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

Parish Address: _____

Office of the Metropolitan Tribunal
Attention: Applications
835 North Rush Street
Chicago, IL 60611

Parish Telephone Number: _____

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