

PETITION FOR DECLARATION OF NULLITY OF MARRIAGE
Marriage Tribunal & Canonical Services –Diocese of Lubbock
Catholic Pastoral Center 4620 Fourth Street—Lubbock, TX 79416
PO Box 98700 - Lubbock, TX 79499-8700 - 806-792-3943 Ext. 209

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The Following documents must accompany your Petition for a Declaration of Nullity. Case(s) cannot be accepted if a necessary item is missing.

- _____ **A Civil Marriage License(s)** for the union(s) under investigation [May be obtained from the county clerk from where the license was issued.]
- _____ **A Marriage Certificate** issued by the Catholic Church, and photocopy of the church Prenuptial File.
- _____ **A Certified copy of the Divorce Decree(s)** for the union under investigation signed and dated by the Judge.
- _____ A recent copy of the **Baptismal Certificate** of Catholic parties, with notations.
The Baptismal Certificate can be obtained from the Church in which the person was baptized. Your Advocate may need to assist you in obtaining this information.
- _____ The **required** letter from the Pastor, Associate Pastor, Deacon, or other parish-based advocate.

GUIDELINES

- Before you answer any of the questions, please read the entire questionnaire.
- Study each question carefully and think about how you will answer it. It is important that you answer each question as **truthfully and fully** as possible.
- Specific and detailed answers are most helpful to the judge in reaching a decision.
- If you do not understand a question, or are unable to fill out the questionnaire, please contact your Pastor or Advocate.
- The questionnaire should be either **typewritten** or completed **legibly in black or blue ink**.
- If a question does not apply to you, please write “**N/A**”.
- If you need more space to answer a particular question, you may use the back of the page, or a separate sheet of paper.
- The **Petitioner** is the person who approaches an ecclesiastical Tribunal seeking its judgement, generally a person looking for a declaration of nullity of marriage.
- The **Respondent** is the person against whom a legal process is directed, such as the accused in a Penal action or the other spouse in a nullity case. Even if both spouses are in favor of nullity, one of them must be the Petitioner and the other the Respondent.

CONCERNING THE WITNESSES

- As a general rule, witnesses should have knowledge of the marriage in question, especially the courtship, engagement, and wedding.
- When possible, they should have known at least one party **before** the wedding.
- Talk with your prospective witnesses and be sure that they are willing to complete a questionnaire.
- The witnesses should answer each question **fully**.
- If witnesses are unable to read or write or do not speak English, inform your Pastor or other Advocate, and other arrangements will be made to take their statements.
- The expert testimony of physician, other health-care professionals, and counselors may be of great importance. A release form is required to allow them to testify.

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PASTOR'S LETTER/ ESTIMATE OF THE PETITIONER
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A letter from your Pastor must accompany the Petition. The letter attests to the truthfulness of the Petitioner and explains any circumstances that may be important. **This letter can be written and signed by an Associate Pastor or a Parish Deacon, who advocates the case, or where authorized by the Tribunal, by another Parish-based Advocate.**

I. Narrative summary of the facts of the Petition

II. The Ground Proposed

III. Observations on the credibility of the Petitioner

IV. Circumstances of the Petitioner and other relevant observations.

Date

Pastor/Advocate Signature

Parish Seal



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PETITION

I hereby petition the Tribunal of the Diocese of Lubbock for a Declaration of Nullity of my marriage according to the canon law of the Catholic Church **Please PRINT:**

1. I, the Petitioner [full legal name], _____
a member of [name of religion or church] _____
and the Respondent [full legal name], _____
a member of [name of religion or church], _____
were married on [exact date] _____
at [name of church/court/home/setting] _____
in [City and state] _____

2. We finally separated on [exact date] _____
and were divorced on [exact date] at [County, State] _____

[Check one] I, the Petitioner The Respondent filed for the divorce decree.

3. We have [number] _____ of child/children born of this marriage union.

Upon divorcing, custody of the child/children was granted to

[check one] Me the Respondent both of us

4. I believe that my marriage to the Respondent was invalid from its beginning for the following reasons:

5. Proofs (written or oral testimony) can be obtained from the following witnesses (these witnesses must have known you and/or the Respondent before, at the time of, or very soon after your wedding-not years later):

1. Name: _____

2. Name: _____

3. Name: _____

4. Name: _____

6. I swear that the declaration I have made and will make to the Tribunal are the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help me God.

Petitioner's Signature

Date

Respondent's Signature

Date

IF THE RESPONDENT DOES NOT CO-SIGN, PAGES i & ii ARE NORMALLY SENT TO HIM/HER WHEN HE/SHE IS NOTIFIED OF YOUR PETITION (canon 1508, §2)

FOR TRIBUNAL USE ONLY:

Case Name: _____ v. _____ Protocol Number: _____



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Case: _____ **v.** _____ **Protocol Number:** _____

(Please type or print in black ink.)

I, the undersigned Petitioner, respectfully request the Tribunal of the Diocese of Lubbock to begin a judicial investigation and to declare null, on the ground of defect of consent due to (proposed grounds)

_____, the marriage which I contracted with
_____ on _____
at _____

At this time, I agree to produce the necessary documents, proofs including medical reports, police reports and witnesses. I also understand that I am responsible for the following charges.

Date

✕ Petitioner's Signature

FEES: Formal Nullity Case

One payment of \$400_____ OR:

- Initial payment of \$ 75 _____
- Month One \$ 65 _____
- Month Two \$ 65 _____
- Month Three \$ 65 _____
- Month Four \$ 65 _____
- Month Five \$ 65 _____



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MANDATE AND WAIVER OF THE PETITIONER
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On this date, I freely and knowingly issue the following mandate and waiver.

By means of this document, I agree to whomever the Tribunals of first and second instance select to act as my Procurator-Advocate. To that person, I concede the faculty of doing and performing in my name all that may be necessary and useful.

By means of this document, I also empower my Procurator-Advocate to receive the citations, to be notified of the publications of the acts, to examine the acts, to be notified of the conclusion of the case and of the publication of the decision. To the extent of my ability to do so, I hereby absolve the Tribunals of first and second instance from any and all of these and other procedural steps, in connection with the expeditious, just and equitable disposition of the case.

By means of this document, I promise that I will institute no litigation before any civil jurisdiction or for any cause whatsoever, since this matter pertains to the governance of the Roman Catholic Church and is within her exclusive jurisdiction.

Given at _____, Texas, on this date.

Date signed

✎ Petitioner's Signature

✎ Signature of Pastor, Deacon or Advocate

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STATEMENT OF TRIBUNAL POLICY
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Fairness and justice require that the Tribunal have adequate information in order to make the right decision. In addition to the statements of the parties themselves and the testimonies of their witnesses, the Tribunal may request information from medical or psychological records (as well as school, military or personnel records) if this becomes necessary and only with your permission.

All information gathered in the course of this process is the exclusive property of the Tribunal of the Diocese of Lubbock - and is confidential and privileged. This information is never made available to any others except as required by the law of the Catholic Church - notably: for inspection by the Petitioner, the Respondent, and officers of the ecclesiastical Court. The information is never made available to witnesses or anyone acting on their behalf or in any civil proceedings.

AFFIDAVIT

I attest that I have read this statement of Tribunal policy and that I understand it and voluntarily agree to be bound by the policies explained in this statement.

I further swear that the statements I have made in the enclosed Petitioner's statement are the truth and nothing but the truth, so help me God. I am making this same oath also with regard to any further communications I may make to the Tribunal.

✕ Petitioner's Signature

✕ Signature of Pastor, Deacon or Advocate

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PETITIONER Contact Information			
Dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/>	First Name	Middle Name	
Current Last Name		Maiden Name	
Street Address or PO Box	City	State	Zip Code
Email Address		Occupation	
Telephone (Primary) <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work		(Secondary) <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work	
Date of Birth	Place of Birth		
What is your present religion?	Are you baptized? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
If yes, in what religion?	When?		
Where were you baptized?			

(Name of Church)		(City)	(State)
If you are not Catholic do you intend to become one? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
How many times have you been married?			

Respondent (Complete mailing address required)			
(if unknown, see document titled WHEN THE RESPONDENTS ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN)			
Title	First Name	Middle Name	
Current Last Name		Maiden Name	
Street Address or PO Box	City	State	Zip Code
Occupation	Email	Telephone (Primary) <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work	
Date of Birth	Place of Birth		
Religion at time of wedding			
Baptized? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, in what religion?		
Where?	When?		
Complete Baptismal information must be provided for the Catholic Respondents. This information can be found at the Church of baptism or the Church of marriage.			
Have you informed the Respondent that you are starting this case? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Do you understand that the Tribunal is obligated to offer the other spouse to this marriage the opportunity to participate in this case? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Do you think that the Respondent will participate in this case? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

WHEN THE RESPONDENTS ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN

If an address for the Respondent cannot be provided, the following information is needed:

When was the last contact you had with the Respondent?

In person By Phone By Mail By Email

Date: _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

What is the Respondent's last known address?

_____ / _____ / _____ / _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

When was this address last known to be correct? Provide a date _____ / _____ / _____
Month Date Year

What is the Respondent's last known telephone number? () Home Cell Work

When was this phone number last known to be correct? Provide a date _____ / _____ / _____
Month Date Year

What attempts have been made to locate the Respondent's current address?

What were the results of each attempt made?

Cities for which you searched telephone directories, or called directory assistance:

Online search engines and paid search services used to attempt to locate the Respondent. (Give web site addresses, print and attach copies of your search results)

Other efforts made and when:

Why is it thought that nothing further could be done to locate the Respondent?

Has the Respondent ever been known by another name? (for example, a maiden name, an alias, or a former name) Yes No If Yes, what name?

Marriage History of the Petitioner			
List all marriages from past to present			
This is a summary of your (petitioner) Marital History			
Spouse Name First & Last	Date of Marriage	Date of Divorce	Has this Marriage been declared invalid?
1 st			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2 nd			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3 rd			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Petitioner's (Your) Marriage to the Respondent		
1. Date of your marriage to the Respondent: _____		
Place of marriage: _____		
(Church, J.P., etc.)	(City)	(State)
2. If you or your former spouse is Catholic and you were married in civil law (the marriage was not celebrated in the Catholic Church), was the marriage later validated or "blessed" in the Catholic Church?		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please provide the following information:		
a. Date of Validation: _____		
b. Church where validated: _____		
(Church)	(City)	(State)
c. Age at time of wedding: Petitioner _____ Respondent's age at time of wedding _____		
3. Approximate date of Separation: _____		
4. Date of Civil Divorce: _____ Where: _____		
5. Number of children born (or adopted) in this marriage: _____		

Marriage History of the Petitioner			
List all marriages from past to present			
This is a summary of your former spouse's (Respondent) Marital History			
Spouse Name First & Last	Date of Marriage	Date of Divorce	Has this Marriage been declared invalid?
1 st			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2 nd			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3 rd			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Concerning why marriage was invalid

In your own words explain why you feel this marriage was invalid from the beginning, including any important facts or circumstances. (Please attach additional pages to add any further comments)

Your Current Status

What is your current marital status? Single Engaged Remarried

If you are remarried or engaged: What is the name of your current or intended spouse?

Name _____

Religion of Current or Intended spouse:

Are either you or your current spouse/intended spouse enrolled in Catholic RCIA Program? Yes No

If Yes, in what Parish?

Was your current/intended spouse previously married? Yes No

NOTE: If your current or intended spouse was previously married, that marriage must be addressed at this time (including non-Catholics). If your current or intended spouse is widowed or has received a Declaration of Nullity, please give the details below.

WITNESSES whom I have contacted personally and who are willing to answer a questionnaire.

Please note that the Tribunal will be contacting the witnesses listed by you. They will be asked to give facts concerning you, the Respondent, and your relationship with the Respondent both before and after the wedding. Witnesses should be people who knew you at the time of your marriage.

- Children of marriage should not be submitted as witnesses.
- When submitting the names of a couple, please note that a husband and wife count as two witnesses. A questionnaire will be sent to each one separately.
- The Tribunal will not normally re-contact witnesses who do not respond.

1. Dr. Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

Street or P.O. Box _____

City, State, Zip _____

Relationship to you _____

2. Dr. Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

Street or P.O. Box _____

City, State, Zip _____

Relationship to you _____

3. Dr. Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

Street or P.O. Box _____

City, State, Zip _____

Relationship to you _____

4. Dr. Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

Street or P.O. Box _____

City, State, Zip _____

Relationship to you _____

MARRIAGE COUNSELORS: Consulted before, during or at the end of the marriage. (A release Form will be sent to you in order to allow them to testify.)

Professional Name

Mailing Address

Professional Name

Mailing Address

Professional Name

Mailing Address

PETITIONER'S FAMILY BACKGROUND AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Please use additional pages to add any further comments you have about your marriage:

1. What is your father's name? _____

His religion? _____ Living Deceased

What is your mother's name and maiden last name? _____

Her religion? _____ Living Deceased

2. How would you describe your parents' marital relationship?

Warm and loving Emotionally distant Troubled

Please describe your parents' marital relationship in detail:

3. Please comment on such things as happiness in the family, who was the dominant parent (if either), special problems in the home such as drinking, use of illegal drugs, infidelity, divorce, physical, emotional, or verbal abuse, excessive strictness or permissiveness, serious illness, Death or a significant person, any mental or emotional illness, or any other unusual or Significant things about the family.

4. How many brothers _____ and sisters _____ do you have?

Have any of your brothers or sisters been divorced? Yes No

If yes, how many of them? _____ If any have divorced more than once, how many of them and how many times? _____

5. How would you describe your relationship with your brothers and sisters while you were growing up? Warm and loving Emotionally distant Troubled

Please comment:

6. Did you experience any difficulties growing up that you feel influenced your future marriage?
Yes No If yes, please explain:
7. Prior to marriage, I dated: Frequently Seldom Rarely Never
Please comment on *your* dating experience *prior* to dating the Respondent:
8. Was your relationship with the Respondent the first serious relationship for *you*?
Yes No If no, please explain:
9. Were you ever engaged to anyone other than the Respondent? Yes No
If yes, why did this engagement end?
10. Please describe *your* educational background:
11. *Before* the actual wedding, what did *you* think or feel about the following:
- A. wanting or not wanting children:

 - B. limiting the number of children:

 - C. practicing or not practicing birth control:

 - D. marriage is “for better or worse, until death do us part”:

 - E. getting divorced and remarried *if* the marriage did not work out:

 - F. sexual fidelity:
- Did you discuss these matters with the Respondent before the wedding? Yes No
If no, why not?

RESPONDENT'S FAMILY BACKGROUND AND GENERAL INFORMATION

1. What is the Respondent's father's name? _____

His religion: _____ Living Deceased

What is his or her mother's first name and maiden last name? _____

Her religion: _____ Living Deceased

2. How would you describe the Respondent's parents' marital relationship?

Warm and loving Emotionally distant Troubled

Please describe the Respondent's parents' marital relationship in detail:

3. Please comment on such things as happiness in the family, who was the dominant parent (if either), special problems in the home such as drinking, use of illegal drugs, infidelity, divorce, physical, emotional, or verbal abuse excessive strictness or permissiveness, serious illness, death of a significant person, any mental or emotional illness, or any other unusual or significant things about the family.

4. How many brothers _____ and sisters _____ does the Respondent have?

Have any of his or her brothers or sisters been divorced? Yes No

If yes, how many of them? _____

5. How would you describe the Respondent's relationship with his or her brothers and sisters while growing up? Warm and loving Emotionally distant Troubled

Please comment:

6. Did the Respondent experience any difficulties growing up that might have influenced any future marriage? Yes No if yes, please explain:

7. Prior to marriage, the Respondent dated: Frequently Seldom Rarely Never

Please comment on *the Respondent's* dating experience *prior* to dating you:

8. Was your relationship with the Respondent the first serious relationship for *him or her*?

Yes No if no, please explain:

9. Was the Respondent ever engaged to anyone other than you? Yes No

If yes, why did this engagement end?

10. Please describe *the Respondent's* educational background:

11. If you do not know the answers to any of questions 1 through 10 of Part II, or cannot answer them,

Please explain why, *in detail*:

12. *Before* the actual wedding, what did the *Respondent* tell you or what do you think the *Respondent* thought or felt about the following:

A. wanting or not wanting children:

B. limiting the number of children:

C. practicing or not practicing birth control:

D. marriage is “for better or worse, until death do us part”:

E. getting divorced and remarried *if* the marriage did not work out:

F. sexual fidelity:

CONCERNING DATING AND ENGAGEMENT

1. How did you meet the Respondent and under what circumstances?

2. What were your ages when you first began to date each other? You _____ Respondent _____

3. How often did you date and what kind of dates were these?

4. Please describe how you and the Respondent got along while dating? Were there frequent arguments, breakups, etc.?

5. Were there any separations due to living in different areas or breakups due to arguments? If yes,

Please explain:

6. What did *your* parents and friends think about the *relationship*? Did anyone object? If so, why?

Please explain:

7. What did the *Respondent's* parents and friends think about the *relationship*? Did anyone object?

If so, why? Please explain:

8. Please explain anything about the Respondent during the dating period that struck you as "*unusual*" "*odd*" or "*strange*"

9. Were there any problems during the dating or engagement period that grew worse and might have indicated there would be future problems in the marriage? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

10. If there were difficulties during the courtship, why did you proceed with the wedding?

11. Who proposed marriage? _____ Why?

12. What attracted you to the Respondent as a possible marriage partner?

13. How long did you date until you got engaged? _____

14. How long was it between the time you decided to get married and the actual marriage?

15. Did you live together before the marriage? Yes No If yes, how long? _____
If yes, did you think that your relationship with the Respondent would change after the wedding?

Yes No Please explain:

If you lived together before the marriage, did *your* family and friends know? Yes No

If yes, what did they think or say about the situation?

If *no*, why did they not know?

If you lived together before the marriage, did the *Respondent's* family and friends know?
Yes No If yes, what did they think or say about the situation?

If *no*, why did they not know?

16. What did *your* parents and friends think about your *engagement*?

17. What did the *Respondent's* parents and friends think about the *engagement*?

18. Were *you* reluctant or feeling pressured to marry? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

19. Was the *Respondent* reluctant or feeling pressured to marry? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

20. Did you and the Respondent work together in making the wedding plans?
Yes No if no, please explain:

21. Were your respective families involved in making the wedding plans? Yes No
If no, please explain:

22. Did you and the Respondent receive any premarital preparation? Yes No
If yes, describe briefly and comment on its effectiveness in preparing each of you for marriage:

23. What did the minister (or judge) who performed the wedding think about the marriage?

Describe your personality before you were married?

25. Describe the Respondent's personality before you were married?

CONCERNING THE WEDDING AND HONEYMOON

1. What was *your* frame of mind on the day of the wedding, *especially* at the time of the wedding ceremony?

What was the *Respondent's* frame of mind?

2. What was *your* age on the wedding day? _____ The *Respondent's* age? _____

3. Were there any unusual events on the wedding day? Yes No If yes, please explain:

4. Did anyone advise you or the Respondent against marrying? Yes No If yes, please explain:
5. Did either you or the Respondent enter this marriage as an escape or rebellion against a situation or a person? Yes No If yes, who and why?
6. Was there a pregnancy before the wedding? Yes No if yes, had the wedding date been set before the pregnancy was discovered? Yes No
7. When you married, do you think both you and the Respondent had an adequate understanding of what marriage involved? Yes No If no, who and why?
8. At the time of the wedding, did both you and the Respondent think or feel that you could commit yourselves to one person for the rest of our lives? Yes No if no, please explain:
9. Were either of you seeing or dating another person while you were preparing for marriage? Yes No If yes, who and why?
10. Did both of you understand what faithfulness to one another in marriage meant? Yes No If no, please explain:
11. When you married, did you both intend the marriage to last for the rest of your lives? Yes No if no, please explain:

12. Did either of you enter this marriage with the idea that if things did not work out, divorce was an option? Yes No If yes, please explain:

13. Before the marriage, did you discuss the idea of having children? Yes No
If no, why not?

If you did discuss the idea of having children, were you both willing to have children in this marriage? Yes No If no, please explain:

14. Was the honeymoon a pleasant experience? Yes No If no, please explain

15. If this wedding was celebrated outside the Catholic Church and was validated (blessed) in the Catholic Church, what was (were) the reason(s) for this *second* ceremony?

Did you consider yourself *already married* because of the prior ceremony?

Yes No Please explain:

Did the Respondent consider himself or herself *already married* because of the prior ceremony?

Yes No Please explain:

CONCERNING THE MARRIAGE

1. How long (years, months, weeks) did you actually live together as husband and wife?

2. Did you adjust well with your new life with the Respondent? Yes No
Please explain:

3. Were there any problems that you noticed before the wedding that caused trouble in the marriage itself? Yes No If yes, please explain:

4. Did your personality change AFTER the wedding? Yes No If yes, please explain:

5. Did the Respondent's personality change AFTER the wedding? Yes No If yes, please explain:

6. Do you think you were sufficiently mature and emotionally stable to enter a marriage?
Yes No Please explain:

7. Do you think the Respondent was sufficiently mature and emotionally stable to enter a marriage?
Yes No Please explain:

8. How soon (years, months, weeks) after the wedding did problems *first* begin? _____

Please explain what these problems were:

9. How were problems and conflicts handled by *you*?

10. How were problems and conflicts handled by the *Respondent*?

11. What *influence* did *your family and friends* have on the marriage?

12. What *influence* did *the Respondent's family and friends* have on the marriage?

13. Did your sexual relationship cause any difficulties within the marriage? Yes No

14. Did either of you make any sexual demands that caused any difficulty due to being considered abnormal or undesirable? Yes No If yes, please explain:

15. Were *you* involved with anyone else during the marriage? Yes No

If *yes*, what was the nature of the relationship?

When did it begin?

How long did it last?

16. Was the *Respondent* involved with anyone else during the marriage? Yes No

If yes, what was the nature of the relationship?

When did it begin?

How long did it last?

17. Did you or the Respondent plan to postpone having children? Yes No If yes, who,

For how long, and why?

18. If there was an agreement to postpone having children, was it made by *both you and the Respondent*? Yes No

19. Was birth control used during this marriage? Always Usually Rarely or Never

If birth control was used, was an agreement made by both? Yes No

Or, because one person was insistent? Yes No if yes, please explain;

20. Did you use multiple forms of birth control? Yes No

21. Would one of you refuse to have sexual relations if birth control was not used?

Yes No If yes, who and why?

22. Was there a decision never to have children? Yes No If yes, please explain:

If yes, did it become a source of difficulty during the marriage? Yes No if yes, please explain:

23. Did either of you undergo a surgical operation to prevent the conception of a child?

Yes No If yes, who, when and what type of surgery?

24. Was an abortion ever obtained in this marriage to prevent the birth of a child? Yes No

If yes, was it a mutual decision? Yes No

If not a mutual decision, who insisted on it? You Respondent

Please explain:

25. Please comment on the following as they may have affected your marriage:

a. A breakdown in communication:

b. The loss of shared interest or goals:

c. Women's equality issues:

d. In-laws:

e. Religion:

Did you practice religion? Yes No

If you did practice your religion, was it a positive force in your marriage? Yes No

Please explain:

If you did not practice your religion, why not?

g. Money/Finances:

26. Did *you* think or feel that you and the Respondent were growing together in love for one another?

Yes No Please explain:

How open did you feel about revealing your deepest thoughts and feelings?

27. Did the *Respondent* think or feel that you and the Respondent were growing together in love for one another? Yes No Please explain:

How open did he or she feel about revealing his or her deepest thoughts and feelings?

28. Did you and the *Respondent* have or adopt any children? Yes No If yes, please answer questions 29 through 35

29. How long after the wedding was there a pregnancy?

30. What was *your* reaction to the discovery of the pregnancy?

31. What was the *Respondent's* reaction to the discovery of the pregnancy?

32. How many children were born or adopted during this marriage? _____
What are their names and dates of birth?

If any of the children are still minors, are all court-ordered obligations regarding child support, custody and visitation being observed? Yes No if no, please explain:

33. How was the responsibility of children handled by *You*?

Respondent?

34. Was there any physical, emotional, or verbal abuse of the children? Yes No
If yes, by whom? How frequent was it? How severe? Please give examples:

35. If your marriage was troubled, why did you decide to have children?

36. Was there any physical, emotional, or verbal abuse between you and the Respondent?
Yes No If yes, by whom? How frequent was it? How severe?
Please give examples:

37. Was there any abuse of alcohol or drugs during the marriage? Yes No If yes, by whom?
How often? Was it alcohol or drugs? Were there any arrests, accidents, loss of work, change in
personality, etc., associated with it?

CONCERNING THE END OF THE MARRIAGE

1. How many temporary separations were there during the marriage? _____

How long did each last? When did they occur? What caused them?

2. Who mentioned divorce for the first time? You Respondent

When? Why?

3. What caused the *final* separation?

4. Between the final separation and divorce, were there any attempts to get back together?

Yes No Please explain:

5. What was *your* attitude toward seeking counseling to help solve the marital problems?

6. What was the *Respondent's* attitude toward seeking counseling?

7. Were either of you ever hospitalized or treated for nervousness, depression, emotional or psychological problems *before* the marriage? Yes No If yes, who, and what was the nature of the illness?

8. Were either of you ever hospitalized or treated for nervousness, depression, emotional or psychological problems *after* the marriage? Yes No If yes, who and what was the nature of the illness?

9. Can you provide any documentation as proof? Yes No If yes, what will it be?

Will it be attached to this questionnaire? Yes No

10. Did either you or the Respondent exhibit any strange or odd behavior during the marriage?

Yes No If yes, who? Please give an example:

11. Did either you or the Respondent seek any counseling from psychiatrists, psychologists, counselors or family doctors? Yes No If yes, who? How many times?

CONCERNING DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE

1. Who filed for divorce? You Respondent Why?

2. On what grounds?

3. Who has or had custody of the children from this marriage? You Respondent

4. Are any provisions of the civil courts regarding child support being observed?

Yes No If no, please explain:

5. Have you "remarried" in civil law? Yes No If yes, how many times? _____

6. Has the *Respondent* "remarried" in civil law? Yes No If yes, how many times? _____

7. Why are you seeking a Declaration of Nullity at this time? What effects do you think it will have?