

Matrimonial Curia – Archdiocese of Kingston

REQUIREMENTS FOR A DECLARATION OF NULLITY OF A MARRIAGE  
**CONTRACTED BY A CATHOLIC OUTSIDE THE CHURCH**

**CATHOLIC PETITIONER**

**Forms to be submitted:**

- **Petitioner's Form**
- **Respondent's Form**
- **Two Witness Form**

**Documents Required:**

- **Baptismal Certificate of the Catholic Party** (recent original)
- **Marriage Certificate for the Marriage Contracted Outside the Church** (copy)
- **Divorce Certificate or Decree** (copy- please note a Divorce Judgement is not sufficient)

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**CATHOLIC PETITIONER'S FORM**

Name:	
Address:	Postal Code:
Telephone: (Residence)	(Business)
Date of Birth:	
Date of Baptism:	
Church of Baptism: Address:	
Current Parish: Address:	
Father's Name: Address: Religion:	
Mother's Name: Address: Religion:	
Date of Invalid Marriage:	
Details Concerning Invalid Marriage (please be specific)	
Place of Marriage:	
Address:	
Name and Title of Minister or Official:	
Date of Divorce:	
<b>INFORMATION RELATED TO YOUR FORMER SPOUSE</b>	
Name of Former Spouse (include maiden name):	
Address:	Postal Code:
Telephone: (Residence)	(Business)
Date of Birth:	
Date of Baptism:	
Church of Baptism: Address:	
Father's Name: Religion:	
Mother's Name: Religion:	

Why did you not marry in the Catholic Church?
Did you ever make any formal rejection or renunciation of your Catholic faith and practice? If "yes" please give details
Was this marriage ever blessed or validated in the presence of an authorized Catholic Priest or Deacon; or was a "Sanatio in Radice" granted by the Chancery Office?
Is there any hope of reconciliation and validation of this marriage in the Catholic Church
Why do you feel that your marriage failed?
Where did you live with your former spouse from the date of your marriage until the date of your divorce? (Please be specific - ie, Kingston, Ontario; Camden East, Ontario; Montreal, Quebec; Lahr, Germany;etc.)
What is your commitment to the practice of your Catholic faith now? Please explain fully.
What obligations (toward former spouse and children) remain from this marriage?
Have you fulfilled, or are you fulfilling these obligations?                      In what way?
Is there anything else that you feel important to this petition that has not been mentioned?

Do you solemnly swear to the truth of the above statements? \_\_\_\_\_

Given at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Priest / Deacon

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**RESPONDENT'S FORM**

Name:	
Address:	Postal Code:
Telephone: (Residence)	(Business)
Date of Birth:	
Date of Baptism:	
Church of Baptism: Address:	
Current Religion and Parish: Address:	
Father's Name: Religion:	
Mother's Name (include Maiden name): Religion:	
Date of Invalid Marriage:	
Details Concerning Invalid Marriage (please be specific)	
Place of Marriage:	
Address:	
Name and Title of Minister or Official:	
Date of Divorce:	
<b>INFORMATION RELATED TO YOUR FORMER SPOUSE</b>	
Name of Former Spouse (include maiden name):	
Address:	Postal Code:
Telephone: (Residence)	(Business)
Date of Birth:	
Date of Baptism:	
Church of Baptism: Address:	
Current Religion and Parish: Address:	
Father's Name: Religion:	
Mother's Name: Religion:	

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Is there any hope of reconciliation and validation of this marriage in the Catholic Church
Why do you feel that your marriage failed?
Where did you live with your former spouse from the date of your marriage until the date of your divorce? (Please be specific - ie, Kingston, Ontario; Camden East, Ontario; Montreal, Quebec; Lahr, Germany;etc.)
What is your commitment to the practice of your Catholic faith now? Please explain fully.
What obligations (toward former spouse and children) remain from this marriage?
Have you fulfilled, or are you fulfilling these obligations? <span style="float: right;">In what way?</span>
<b>IF CATHOLIC:</b>
Why did you not marry in the Catholic Church?
Did you ever make any formal rejection or renunciation of your Catholic faith and practice? If "yes" please give details
What is your commitment to the practice of your Catholic faith now?

Do you solemnly swear to the truth of the above statements? \_\_\_\_\_

Given at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Respondent

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Priest / Deacon

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WITNESS FORM

Concerning the Attempted Marriage of

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner Respondent

Name:
Address: <span style="float: right;">Postal Code:</span>
Telephone: (Residence) <span style="float: right;">(Business)</span>
Your Religion:
Do you know the Petitioner?
Do you know the Respondent?
Did you know both the Petitioner and the Respondent from the date of their marriage to the date of their divorce?
Is the <b>Petitioner</b> Roman Catholic?
How do you know this?
Is the <b>Respondent</b> Roman Catholic?
How do you know this?
Date of their Marriage:
Place of their Marriage?
Name and Denomination of Minister or Official at the Marriage?
Did this marriage end in Divorce?
Date of Divorce?
Was permission for this marriage ever received from Catholic ecclesiastical authority?
Was this marriage ever blessed in the presence of an authorized Catholic priest or deacon, or was a <i>Sanatio</i> granted by the Chancery Office?

Do you solemnly swear to the truth of the above statements? \_\_\_\_\_

Given at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Priest / Deacon

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Telephone: (Residence) <span style="float: right;">(Business)</span>
Your Religion:
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Do you know the Respondent?
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Is the <b>Petitioner</b> Roman Catholic?
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Date of their Marriage:
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Signature of Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Priest / Deacon