

Matrimonial Curia – Archdiocese of Kingston

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

NON-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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NON-CATHOLIC PETITIONER'S FORM

Name:	
Address:	Postal Code:
Telephone: (Residence)	(Business)
Date of Birth:	
Date of Baptism:	
Church of Baptism: 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:	
INFORMATION RELATED TO YOUR FORMER SPOUSE	
Name of Former Spouse (include maiden name):	
Address:	Postal Code:
Telephone: (Residence)	(Business)
Date of Birth:	
Date of Baptism (NOTE: Must be able to prove Roman Catholic Baptism)	
Church of Baptism: Address:	
Present Parish Name: Address:	
Father's Name: Religion:	
Mother's Name: Religion:	

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?
Why did you not marry in the Catholic Church?
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 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 (ROMAN CATHOLIC)

Name:	
Address:	Postal Code:
Telephone: (Residence)	(Business)
Date of Birth:	
Date of Baptism:	
Church of Baptism: Address:	
Current Religion and Parish (if applicable): Address:	
Father's Name: Religion:	
Mother's 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:	
INFORMATION RELATED TO YOUR FORMER SPOUSE	
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 (if applicable): Address:	
Father's Name: Religion:	
Mother's Name: Religion:	

Why did you get married outside the Catholic Church?
Did you ever make any formal rejection of your Catholic faith and practice? If YES, 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?
What is your commitment to the practice of your Catholic faith now? Please explain fully.
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 obligations (toward former spouse and children) remain from this marriage?
Have you fulfilled, or are you fulfilling these obligations? In what way?

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:	Postal Code:
Telephone: (Residence)	(Business)
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 Petitioner Roman Catholic?	
How do you know this?	
Is the Respondent 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? _____

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Signature of Witness

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WITNESS FORM

Concerning the Attempted Marriage of

_____ and _____
Petitioner Respondent

Name:	
Address:	Postal Code:
Telephone: (Residence)	(Business)
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 Petitioner Roman Catholic?	
How do you know this?	
Is the Respondent 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