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Diocese of Las Cruces
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PETITION FOR DECLARATION OF NULLITY OF MARRIAGE ATTEMPTED OUTSIDE THE CHURCH
(One of the parties, or both, is baptized Roman Catholic and married outside the Roman Catholic Church)

This questionnaire is to be used in all inquiries concerning the absence of canonical form: that is to say when a Catholic who is bound to canonical form entered a marriage outside of the Catholic Church and did not receive the proper dispensation from canonical form. It is absolutely essential that all information be given as requested.

Do you attest under oath to the truthfulness of your statements? _____

PETITIONER

(Person seeking annulment)

RESPONDENT

(Other party to the marriage)

_____	Maiden Name	_____
_____	Present Name	_____
_____	Mailing Address	_____
_____	City, State, Zip	_____
_____	Telephone Number	_____
_____	Denomination/Religion	_____
_____	Date of Birth	_____
_____	Date of Baptism	_____
_____	Church of Baptism	_____
_____	Address, City, State	_____
_____	Present Religion	_____
_____	Number of this Marriage	_____

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DIOCESAN USE ONLY

The undersigned delegate certifies that all documents presented have been reviewed and that the canonical form required of the Catholic party(ies) named above was not followed; no proper dispensations nor Sanatio In Radice were granted by approved ecclesiastical authority. Therefore, their union is declared to be NULL and VOID ab initio due to the absence of proper canonical form (c. 1108).

Given in the Diocese of Las Cruces Tribunal Office on _____

Delegate of the Bishop

Protocol Number

DIOCESAN SEAL

1. Baptismal Certificate (**Issued within six months**) OR Certificate of Admission to the Catholic Church by a Profession of Faith,
 2. Marriage License/Certificate,
 3. Final Divorce Decree,
- Send original documents, they will be returned back to you.

Date of Marriage: _____ Officiated By: _____

() Catholic Priest () Non-Catholic Minister () Civil Official () Other _____

Place of marriage: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Number of children born of this marriage: _____ Date of final separation: _____

Date of Divorce: _____ County/Court that granted the divorce: _____

1. Why was the marriage in question celebrated outside the Catholic Church?

2. Was permission or dispensation from the Catholic Church obtained for this marriage to be celebrated by a non-Catholic minister or civil official? If yes, please explain.

3. Did the Catholic party to the marriage leave the Catholic Church by a formal act prior to the wedding and after the reception of baptism or admission into full communion with the Catholic Church? If yes, please explain.

4. After the non-catholic ceremony and prior to the final divorce of the marriage by the civil courts, was the marriage blessed by a Catholic Minister? If yes, please explain.

5. Was recognition of the marriage granted by the Diocesan Bishop without a ceremony? (*Sanatio in radice*)

6. Has this person fulfilled the natural obligations toward children arising from this or a prior union?

I, _____ formally petition the Tribunal of the Diocese of Las Cruces, New Mexico, to declare invalid my marriage to _____ because the proper canonical form required of Catholics for validity was not followed and no proper dispensation or recognition was given by Church authority of our marriage.

Date

Signature of Pastor/Parish Administrator (Legible & Print)

Petitioner's Signature (Legible)

Parish/City

PARISH SEAL