



Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's

Archdiocesan Marriage Tribunal

Revised 25 September 2019

PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION FORM

(please use maiden surname for the wife of this marriage)

ALL SECTIONS MUST BE FILLED IN

PETITIONER

RESPONDENT

_____	Name in Full	_____
_____	Full Mailing Address	_____
_____		_____
_____		_____
(H) _____	Phone Number	(H) _____
(W) _____		(W) _____
(C) _____		(C) _____
_____	E-Mail	_____
_____	Date & Place of Birth	_____
_____	Religion	_____
_____	Place of Baptism	_____
_____	Date of Baptism	_____

1. Place of Marriage _____

2. Date of Marriage _____

3. If the Wedding took place in a church, which Denomination

4. Age of Petitioner at Time of Marriage _____

5. Age of Respondent at Time of Marriage _____

6. If either party was catholic and the marriage **TOOK PLACE OUTSIDE OF A CATHOLIC CHURCH**, did the Catholic party(s) seek the dispensation from canonical form (permission to marry outside the catholic church)? _____ If yes, where and when? _____

7. If either party is catholic, and the marriage **TOOK PLACE OUTSIDE OF A CATHOLIC CHURCH**, did the Catholic party(s), ever speak to a priest about the marriage before or **after the wedding day**? _____

7a. If so where and when?

8. Name and title of the Person who celebrated the Marriage:

9. Number of Children born of this marriage _____

10. Who has custody of the children (if they are still of a minor age)? _____

11. What arrangements have been made for child support? _____

12. Do you have a legal Separation? _____

13. Do you have a DECREE ABSOLUTE of divorce? _____

14. Date DECREE ABSOLUTE was issued _____

(Please enclose a copy of DECREE ABSOLUTE with this application)

15. Have you re-married? _____ If so, to whom? _____

(Perhaps you intend to re-marry within the Roman Catholic Church if a Declaration of Nullity is granted. Please discuss the matter with your parish priest NOW to ensure that your potential spouse is also free to marry within the Roman Catholic Church. **PLEASE NOTE: YOU CANNOT BOOK A WEDDING DATE UNTIL THE MARRIAGE NULLITY PROCESS IS FINISHED.**)

16. Give the name of the person you intend to marry if she/he has also applied for a Declaration of Nullity

17. Is the respondent (your ex spouse) aware that this application for Marriage Nullity is being made?

18. Has your former spouse re-married? _____ If so, to whom? _____

Signature of Petitioner

Signature of Respondent
(if they are participating with this application)

Signature of the Interviewer

Dated at _____ the ____ day of _____ 20__

**PLEASE ATTACH YOUR MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE,
BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES (for baptized parties),
AND DIVORCE DECREE.**

CASE HISTORY

(If you answered NO to question 6, please skip to abbreviated case history)

In order for the Tribunal to make a judgement regarding the formal acceptance or rejection of a case, it is important that the basic facts be presented clearly. This is the purpose of the Case History. This report should be typed and it should be no longer than five (5) pages in length. The Petitioner can give more details during the interview to be held later.

For the guidance of the Petitioner in compiling the Case History, the following headings are suggested. This will help you present the facts of your marriage in sequence.

OUTLINE FOR CASE HISTORY

Courtship

Age of both at the time you met

How you met
 Length of the courtship
 How you got along together during the courtship
 Breakups during the courtship
 Engagement – who proposed the marriage, Why?
 Sexual relations – pregnancy
 If there was a pregnancy before marriage, had marriage been discussed before you were aware of the pregnancy?
 Did anyone oppose the idea of marriage?

Marriage Ceremony and Honeymoon

Who made the arrangements for the wedding
 Any doubts at the time of marriage
 Any unusual happenings at the ceremony and/or reception
 Any unusual events on the honeymoon
 When was the marriage consummated

Married Life together

First months after marriage
 Where did you live after marriage
 Ability of you and your spouse to communicate with one another
 When did problems first arise in the marriage
 What was the nature of these problems (give details)
 Were there children born of this marriage
 Any temporary separations before the final breakup

Final Separation

Details regarding reasons and incidents that led to the final separation
 Date of final separation
 Have both parties assumed financial responsibility for any children born of this marriage
 After The Breakup of The Marriage
 Since the breakup of the marriage, what is the relationship between you and your spouse?
 Children
 Names
 Dates of Birth
 Who has custody of them?

IF YOU ARE CATHOLIC AND YOUR MARRIAGE TOOK PLACE OUTSIDE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WITHOUT PERMISSION, ONLY AN ABBREVIATED CASE HISTORY IS NEEDED.

Courtship

How you met
 Length of the courtship
 How you got along together during the courtship

Marriage Ceremony and Honeymoon

Why did you decide to get married outside of the Catholic Church?

Married Life together

First months after marriage
 When did problems first arise in the marriage
 What was the nature of these problems
 Were there children born of this marriage
 Any temporary separations before the final breakup

Final Separation

Details regarding reasons and incidents that led to the final separation
 Date of final separation

Please give a summary of the case: **(See attached Outline)**

Lined area for text entry, consisting of multiple horizontal lines.

(The main body of the page consists of 30 horizontal lines for writing.)

(Please attach extra pages as needed, more information is better)

Signature of Petitioner

(If including additional pages please sign each page)



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Preliminary Investigation received on: _____

Are there enough Grounds to accept the case: _____

Grounds/Reasons:

THE CASE:

Has not been accepted by this Tribunal _____

IS ADMITTED TO THE:

Ordinary Process _____

Brief Process _____

Lack of Form _____

And assigned the Protocol Number: P.N. ____/____/____

Case Name: _____

The following are attached:

Case History _____

Baptismal Certificate for:
Petitioner ____ Respondent ____

Marriage Certificate _____

Divorce Decree _____

Dated this _____ day of _____ 20____

at the Archdiocesan Marriage Tribunal office, St. John's, NL

Seal

Rev. Stephen J. Courtney J.C.L.
Judicial Vicar

Rev. Edward Sutton
Defender of the Bond