



**PETITION FOR DECLARATION OF NULLITY  
LACK OF CANONICAL FORM**

CANON 1108

**LCF**

The nullity of marriage due to lack of canonical form (Canon 1108) occurs when a Catholic does not marry before a Catholic priest or deacon and two witnesses. For example, when a Catholic marries in another non-Catholic or non-Orthodox church, or before a Justice of the Peace or another ceremony, **without** proper dispensation from the canonical form of the Roman Catholic Church. Such a marriage is declared null by the Diocesan Tribunal after examining proper documentation submitted with this petition. Only a priest or a deacon, after interviewing the Petitioner, may submit this form. There is no fee associated with the process.

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS** to be submitted with this petition (**please check**):

- A recent Baptismal certificate (issued within the last 6 months, with any sacramental notations listed) for the Catholic at the marriage ceremony. If both were Catholic, only Petitioner's certificate is necessary. It is the Petitioner's responsibility to obtain the certificate.
- A certified copy of the marriage license showing the name and title of the officiant.
- A certified copy of the civil divorce decree with the signature of the judge and date signed.

Please fill out on your computer and print out OR print the form and fill out with a black/blue pen.

**PETITIONER:**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Maiden) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_
3. City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_
4. TEL: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Baptism: Place: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Catholic Baptism? Yes / No
8. Current Religion: \_\_\_\_\_



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### RESPONDENT:

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Maiden) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_
3. City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_
4. TEL: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Baptism: Place: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Catholic Baptism?  Yes /  No
8. Current Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

### MARRIAGE of PETITIONER and RESPONDENT

- (1) Place of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State / Country: \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) Officiant: (Check one):
  - Catholic Priest
  - Orthodox Priest
  - Deacon
  - Minister → Religion: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Rabbi
  - Civil Official → Title and name: \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) Name of Officiant: \_\_\_\_\_
- (5) Address of the Petitioner at the time of marriage: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- (6) Was dispensation from Canonical Form obtained?
  - Yes → When/Where: \_\_\_\_\_
  - No
- (7) Did the Catholic party **formally defect** from the Catholic Church between **November 27, 1983** and **December 1, 2010**?
  - Yes (see below)
  - No



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If yes, to which ecclesiastical authority did the Catholic party submit the declaration of his/her intent to formally leave Catholic Church? \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, was this before the attempted marriage?

- Yes
- No

(8) Are there any children from this union?

- Yes (see below)
- No

If yes, is the Petitioner fulfilling his or her natural obligations to the children and the other party arising from this or other previous unions?

- Yes
- No → please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

(9) Did you ever have an authorized Catholic priest/deacon validate (witness) the marriage in question?

- Yes
- No

Signature and Oath of the PETITIONER (signed before a priest or a deacon):

*"I solemnly swear that above statements are the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. So help me God."*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner (signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Priest or Deacon (name & signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Parish Seal*

**Tribunal Use ONLY:**

Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Prot #: \_\_\_\_\_