



Diocese of Colorado Springs

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Canonical Process for Nullity of Marriage

I. Introduction of the cause (CIC 1501-1504)

1. Preliminary questionnaire
2. Presentation of the petition
3. Determination of competence
4. Acceptance or rejection of the petition
5. Constitution of the Tribunal
6. Proposal of grounds
7. Actions for the parties
 - Judicial fees
 - **Notification to the petitioner (1) ****
 - **Citation to the respondent (1) ****

II. Litis Contestatio (CIC 1677, § 2)

8. Formulation of the doubt
 - Joinder of the grounds
 - Proofs offered
 - **Letters to petitioner/respondent (2) ****

III. Instruction of the cause

9. Judicial Exam of parties (c. 1530, 1558 § 1)
10. Presentation of documents (c. 1539)
11. Judicial Exam of witnesses (c. 1547)
12. Exam of the Experts Testimony (c. 1680)
13. Evaluation of the proofs

IV Publication & conclusion of the cause

14. Decree of publication (c. 1598, § 1)
 - Reading of the acts
 - **Letters to petitioner/respondent (3) ****
15. Decree of the conclusion (c. 1599, § 1)

V. Statement by the Defender of the Bond

16. Animadversions of the Defender of the Bond

VI. Pronouncements of the Judge

17. Sentence

VII. Publication of the sentence

18. Notification of the sentence
 - Right of reviewing
 - Right of appeal
 - **Letters to petitioner/respondent (4) ****

VIII. Challenge of the sentence

19. Metropolitan Tribunal of Denver
 - Ratification (affirmative)
 - Appeal from either party to Denver or Roman Rota

IX. Execution of the sentence

20. Notification to both parties by decree
 - Two equal sentences are needed
 - Appeal does not suspend execution
 - It is possible to impose **Monitum/Vetitum**
 - **Letters to petitioner/respondent (5) ****

X. Registration

21. Annotation of the nullity

**** During the entire process, there are five letters/notifications mailed to the petitioner/respondent (as numbered).**