



Diocese of Colorado Springs

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FORMAL PETITION FOR DECLARATION OF NULLITY

PETITION FORM

I, _____, residing at
Name (please print)

Number Street City State Zip Code

respectfully petition the Tribunal of the Diocese of Colorado Springs, Colorado to declare ecclesiastically non-binding the marriage I contracted with

Name of spouse – maiden/current name if a woman (please print) on _____ at
Date of marriage

Name of church at _____
City State

We were finally separated on _____ and a civil divorce (annulment) was issued on
Date

Date at _____
City County State

My spouse's mailing address is:

Number Street City State Zip Code

I will provide the Tribunal of the Diocese of Colorado Springs with all required documents as well as a complete list of all my witnesses with their correct addresses. I will also inform the witnesses beforehand that the Tribunal will be contacting them in the near future to ask for their cooperation in processing this case.

I acknowledge that a decision depends wholly on the merits of the case, the evidence presented and the exact reasons recognized by the Church as grounds for nullity. In addition, if an affirmative decision is reached, either the Defender of the Marriage Bond or my spouse may appeal it and stipulations against a subsequent marriage may be placed on me, pending an assessment of my readiness to live out a sacramental marriage. I also agree that I am not to set a date for any future marriage in the Catholic Church until a final and favorable decision has been rendered and all possible appeals have been completed. I likewise understand that no priest or deacon is to provide me with even a tentative date for a future marriage in the Catholic Church.

I understand that the Respondent in this case (my spouse) will have the opportunity to review my allegations ("libellus") and the names of those whom I have identified to be witnesses. In turn, I will be permitted to review the testimony of my spouse and his/her witness list as well. I also understand that my testimony and that of my spouse will not be made available to witnesses or anyone acting on their behalf, or in any civil proceedings.

I understand I may request that portions of my testimony be withheld from view by the Respondent for serious reasons such as avoidance of defamation of character or family discord/scandal, but such confidentiality is not guaranteed. Witnesses may also request confidentiality based on the reasons mentioned. However, the Presiding Judge will determine whether the request for confidentiality can be granted. In addition, I will not discuss these matters with anyone other than my Advocate and the Tribunal staff until the case is concluded.

OFFICE OF THE JUDICIAL VICAR

Rev. Msgr. Ricardo Coronado-Arrascue, J.C.D.

I understand that the Tribunal staff is bound by oath to confidentiality and that status updates will only be given in writing and in response to written requests from the Petitioner or Respondent. Marriage case information is never made available except as required by Catholic Church law. It is the policy of the Tribunal to disclose testimony only to those duly authorized ecclesiastical officials or other ecclesiastical Tribunals when necessary for the resolution of the case. These would include the canonical Procurator-Advocates and Court Experts duly appointed by the Tribunal or the parties accepted by the Judge.

I understand that no guarantee can be given to me as to when the canonical process will be completed or that the final decision will be favorable to me. I agree to inform the Tribunal if my address/contact information changes.

I agree to co-operate fully with the Tribunal. I understand all of these conditions and agree to be bound by them and by those contained in the Information Summary for a Formal Petition for Annulment and also by all other policies of the Tribunal. I will be available for a personal interview, if necessary.

I swear that the allegations which I submit as my testimony with this application are the whole truth.

In addition, regarding appointment of an Advocate (initials required - select only one of the following options):

- 1) _____ I will proceed, at this time, without the assistance of an Advocate, but reserve the right to appoint an Advocate to assist me at a later time should it appear advisable and/or necessary.

- 2) _____ I do hereby appoint the undersigned individual, _____ to act as my Advocate and to assist me in my dealings with the Diocesan Tribunal of Colorado Springs in accordance with the Instruction, "Dignitas Connubii", Article 106 §1. I authorize this person to act fully on my behalf and I file this mandate to establish that authority and make a permanent record of this appointment.

Signature of Petitioner

Date

Signature of Witness
(Priest, Deacon, Advocate, Auditor, Eccl. Notary, or Notary Public)

Printed Name of Witness

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MANDATE OF APPOINTMENT

I, the undersigned Advocate, accept the mandate of appointment of the above-signed Petitioner/Respondent in accordance with the Instruction, "Dignitas Connubii", Article 106 §1.

Signature of Advocate

Date

CONFIRMATION OF THE MANDATE OF APPOINTMENT

I, the undersigned Judge, confirm the appointment of the above-signed Advocate to assist the above-signed Petitioner/Respondent in dealing with the Diocesan Tribunal of Colorado Springs in accordance with the Instruction, "Dignitas Connubii", Article 46 §2 No. 6.

Signature of Judge

Date