

**Pauline Privilege**      Case # \_\_\_\_\_

**A. Concerning Yourself:**

Full Name (include maiden if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt.: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in any of the Christian churches or ecclesial communities? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes,

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

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_

If no,

Are you considering joining a Christian Church and be baptized? \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Concerning the other person:**

Full Name (include maiden if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt.: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Has this person ever been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in any of the Christian churches or ecclesial communities? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes,

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

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Concerning the Marriage: [please submit the *Certificate of Marriage*]**

Place of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Your age on day of marriage: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse=s age on day of marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Were any children born to this marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

Who has custody of them? \_\_\_\_\_

Had you or the other person been married before? \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Concerning the Divorce: [please submit the final *Decree of Divorce*]**

When was the divorce granted? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was divorce granted? \_\_\_\_\_

**E. Marital History:**

*Name of Spouse*

*Date of Marriage*

*Date of Separation*

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1. Do you believe that taking an oath to tell the truth binds you gravely in conscience to do so?
2. If so, do you now solemnly swear that the statements you will make will be true, to the best of your knowledge?
3. Have you ever been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in any Christian churches or ecclesial community?
4. Has your former spouse ever been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in any of the Christian religions?
5. Regarding **your** father:
  - a. What was his religion?
  - b. Was he active in the practice of his religion?
  - c. Did he ever express strong beliefs regarding having children baptized?
6. Regarding **your** mother:
  - a. What was her religion?
  - b. Was she active in the practice of her religion?
  - c. Did she ever express strong beliefs regarding having children baptized?
7. Please describe your parents= feelings about religious choice for their children.
8. If you have any sisters or brothers, were they baptized during their younger years?  
If so, give dates.
9. Were you ever under the care of others (grandparents, aunts or uncles, older siblings)?
  - a. If you were, please indicate your age then.
  - b. Please list the name and address of these guardians.
  - c. Were your guardians member of a Christian Church or ecclesial community?

10. If your parents or guardians chose not to have you baptized, please indicate their reasons, if you know them:

11. Kindly list the names and addresses of parents, brothers, sisters, or other relatives who would be willing to answer some questions concerning your baptismal status.  
*Please ask for their permission before you list their names.*

Name

Address, City, State and Zip Code

How related

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12. Did you ever attend regularly any church or Sunday School?  
If so, indicate the name of the church and the address.

13. Did you ever join any church?  
If so, when and which church and address?

14. Did you and your former spouse marry freely?

15. Is it possible that you and your former spouse could be reconciled with each other?

16. In your own words, what were the causes of the divorce?

17. Have you remarried since your divorce?

If so, when did this marriage take place? And are you still married to the person?

18. Did your present [or future] spouse have anything to do with your separation and subsequent divorce? If so, explain.

19. If you are now civilly married to a Catholic or are planning to marry a Catholic, what is that person=s name [include maiden name, if applicable]?

20. If your former spouse was not baptized, please list the names and complete addresses of parents, brothers or sisters **of the former spouse**, who would be willing to answer some questions concerning your former spouse=s baptismal status.

Name

Address, City, State, Zip Code

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21. Please sign and date this document in the presence of a priest or deacon.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date signed)

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(Your signature)

*Church Seal*

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(Signature of Priest or Deacon)

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(Name of Church parish)

***Instructions to the Priest or Deacon Advocate:***

\$ It is pastorally important that the Petitioner understand this process. It should be made clear that this is an attempt to **dissolve** a previous marriage, not to declare in null or invalid. Hence, the validity of the previous bond is not challenged. Under no circumstances should the Petitioner be made to feel uncomfortable because of non-baptism.

\$ The following are required:

- \$ complete addresses for petitioner, respondent and witnesses
- \$ ***Certificate of Marriage***
- \$ Final Divorce Decree