



**DISSOLUTION OF A RATIFIED AND
NON-CONSUMMATED MARRIAGE**

Please review the following instructions before completing this form:

Can. 1142 For a just cause, the Roman Pontiff can dissolve a non-consummated marriage between baptized persons or between a baptized party and a non-baptized party at the request of both parties or of one of them, even if the other party is unwilling.

1. This questionnaire is designed to present a clear history of both parties to this marriage. It includes questions regarding the two parties' home of origin, early life, courtship, engagement, marriage separation and divorce.
2. Please give complete answers and offer examples where needed. It is important to explain your beliefs, feelings and attitudes prior to and leading up to this marriage.
3. **Offer detailed information.** One and two word answers are not acceptable and will delay your case. A follow-up interview will be required if information is inadequate. Please call the Tribunal at (903) 534-1077 if you have any questions.
4. Please download the form from the diocesan website and send it electronically to the Tribunal; go to www.dioceseoftyler.org, click on 'Our Offices' and click 'Tribunal' select the form from 'Forms for Marriage Cases.'
5. The Petitioner answers this **entire** form. A separate form will be mailed to the Respondent (your former spouse). If more space is needed, please insert additional pages.



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PETITIONER: First, Middle, Maiden & Present Last Name

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/St/Z: _____

Phone: Work: (_____) _____ Home: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Religion: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age _____

Church of Baptism: _____ Date: _____

Church Address: _____

City/St/Z: _____

RESPONDENT / FORMER SPOUSE: First, Middle, Maiden & Present Last Name

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/St/Z: _____

Phone: Work: (_____) _____ Home: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Religion: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age _____

Church of Baptism: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City/St/Z: _____

MARRIAGE: (Enclose copy of civil marriage license)

Place/Church: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ County: _____

City/St/Z: _____

DIVORCE: (Enclose signed copy of divorce decree)

County: _____ State: _____ Date: _____

Your Holiness,

I, the undersigned, _____, a Catholic, born at _____
on _____, was baptized at _____ Church
in _____ on _____. On _____
at _____ Church in _____, I married
_____, a (non-) Catholic baptized on _____ at
_____ Church in _____.

Give a brief summary of the couple's first meeting and courtship.

Present briefly the reasons why the marriage was not consummated.

Summary of the evidence to be presented to prove non consummation.

Petitioner's Signature

If you send this form electronically you need to scan your signature; otherwise, sign and send it by regular mail.

Date

WITNESSES: (I have contacted and they are willing to testify)

Witnesses are a vital part of this process. The best witnesses are those who knew the parties before, and during the courtship and/or marriage. At least two knowledgeable witnesses are required. Family members often make good witnesses.

Name: _____

Current Address: _____

City/St/Z: _____

Current telephone: Home (_____) _____ Work (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Relationship: _____ How long acquainted? _____

Name: _____

Current Address: _____

City/St/Z: _____

Current telephone: Home (_____) _____ Work (_____) _____

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Relationship: _____ How long acquainted? _____

PETITIONER AGREEMENT

Please initial each statement. I, the undersigned Petitioner, understand that:

- ___1. A dispensation cannot be granted until I have provided sufficient evidence that my marriage was not consummated.
- ___2. Submitting this petition does not guarantee that a dispensation will be granted.
- ___3. The rights of the Respondent (my former spouse) will be protected.
- ___4. I have the obligation to exhaust all reasonable means to locate my former spouse, and provide the Tribunal with a current address and phone number. I agree to document what attempts I made to locate my former spouse.
- ___5. I may **NOT** set a date for marriage in the Catholic Church until the dispensation is granted.
- ___6. The dispensation of a marriage is an ecclesiastical matter and has no bearing whatsoever in civil law.
- ___7. Children born to this union do not become illegitimate as a consequence of such a dispensation.
- ___8. The Tribunal may recommend /require pre-marital preparation or counseling prior to my entering into a future marriage.
- ___9. If a dispensation is granted, there may be restrictions on my entering a future marriage if I am not fulfilling my moral and civil obligations to my former spouse/children.
- ___10. Only the Petitioner and the Respondent may seek information regarding this case. * Inquiries should include the case name and protocol number.

Petitioner signature _____ Date: _____

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Please answer all questions as completely as possible.

I. Family History / Early Life

1. Please describe your family of origin. Were there problems in either family that affected your ability to establish a stable marriage? (Abuse, addictions, repeated infidelity, multiple divorces/remarriage, extreme strictness, serious illness?)

a) You:

b) Your ex-spouse:

2. Did you or your ex-spouse have physical or psychological problems during your childhood?

_____ Yes _____ No Please explain

3. Did you or your ex-spouse suffer abuse (physical, emotional, sexual) during your childhood?

_____ Yes _____ No Please explain

4. Did you or your ex-spouse have any traumatic experience during your childhood or adolescence?

_____ Yes _____ No Please explain

II. Dating

1. What were your ages when you first met?

a) You: _____

b) Ex-spouse: _____

2. Did you and your ex-spouse have previous dating experience?

3. How long and how often did you date?

4. What attracted you to your former spouse? What attracted your former spouse to you? Did you share interests, morals and goals?

5. Were there problems during the dating period?

6. Did you have sexual relationships during the dating period?

III. Engagement

1. Was there any internal or external pressure for you to marry?

2. Were you in love? Why did you marry?

3. Were both open to children?

4. Were both ready for the responsibilities of marriage and children?

5. Did your parents and family agree to your intention to marry? Did your ex-spouse' parents and family agree to your intention to marry?

IV. Wedding

1. Did you receive pre-marriage instruction from a Catholic priest or deacon?

2. Do you think both were ready for a lifetime marriage?

3. Do you believe you married for the right reasons?

4. Did any of you express any doubts or questioned if you were doing the right thing?

5. What were your ages at the time of the wedding?

6. Is this your first marriage?

7. Did anything unusual happen during the wedding or reception?

8. Did anything unusual happen during the honeymoon?

9. In what religion were you and your ex-spouse raised? Does your religion teach some type of aversion to sexuality?

10. Did any of you exert violence to obtain the marital consent of the other?

11. Are you related?

V. Marriage and Consummation

1. Once the marriage took place, did both of you sleep in the same room and in the same bed?

2. Did you have sexual intercourse shortly after your marriage, in other words, was your marriage consummated? If not, why not?

3. Were you or your ex-spouse afraid of contracting a sexually transmitted disease?

4. Did you or your ex-spouse make any comments (during the courtship or after the wedding) about your sexual orientation?

5. Did you or your ex-spouse suffer from any physical defect or infirmity? If so, please explain. Have any doctors been consulted in this regard? If so, please provide names and contact information.

6. What do you think were the reasons or causes why you did not or could not have sexual intercourse?

7. Do you have physical or moral evidence that the marriage was not consummated?

8. Did you or your ex-spouse change your behavior shortly after the wedding? Were there evident problems between you? If so, please explain.

9. Where did you live after the wedding and how long did you share that domicile?

10. Did you or your ex-spouse, either openly or confidentially discuss your marital problems with your parents, relatives, friends or other persons? If so, please provide names and contact information.

11. What caused the final separation?

12. Have you or your ex-spouse remarried? What do you do presently?

13. Is there anything else you would like to add to your testimony?

* Please enclose copy of the following documents *

- Marriage License
- Marriage Certificate
- Divorce Decree
- Recent Copy of Baptismal Certificate (Yours and your former spouse's)

I have stated the truth and nothing but the truth, so help me God.

Petitioner Signature

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Canon Law outlines this type of case is to be processed by the Holy See. The Ratified and Non-Consummated Marriage cases are presented to the Roman Rota. These cases are subject to the fees assigned by Rome, and therefore the Petitioner is advised to cover the expenses as outlined by Rome.

I, _____, the Petitioner understand and agree to cover the costs assigned by the Holy See, Rome to process my cause.

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