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Diocese of Cleveland

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The undersigned petitions a Pontifical Dispensation in Favor of the Faith

Indicate one of the following:

- _____ Petitioner, a baptized non-Catholic, married a non-baptized person.
- _____ Petitioner, never baptized, married a baptized non-Catholic.
- _____ Petitioner, never baptized, married a Catholic in the presence of a priest. Petitioner, now a catechumen, wishes to enter into a new marriage with a Catholic.
- _____ Petitioner, a baptized Catholic, married a non-baptized person in the presence of a priest. After a civil divorce, the Petitioner wishes to enter into a sacramental union.
- _____ Petitioner, never baptized, married a non-baptized person. After a divorce, the Petitioner, not intending to become a Catholic, desires to marry a Catholic in the presence of a priest.

Petitioner (the party petitioning)

Respondent (the former spouse)

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| Full Name (maiden, if woman) | | |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| First | Middle Name | Last/Maiden |
| Age at time of marriage _____ | | Religion at time of marriage _____ |

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| Full Name (maiden, if woman) | | |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| First | Middle Name | Last/Maiden |
| Age at time of marriage _____ | | Religion at time of marriage _____ |

DATE OF MARRIAGE _____ WITNESSED BY: Catholic Priest _____ Minister _____ Judge _____

PLACE OF MARRIAGE (Church / Court House / Residence) _____

Street Address _____ City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____

NAMES AND BIRTH DATES (or adoption dates) OF CHILDREN OF THIS MARRIAGE: _____

DATE OF SEPARATION (When you last lived together) _____

DIVORCE: FILING DATE: _____ COUNTY _____ STATE _____ CASE NUMBER _____

Please do not write in this space – for Tribunal use only

Previous Case _____ Yes _____ No _____

Conferring Cases:

CERTIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS:

- ___ 1. BAPT. CERTIFICATE: ___ PET ___ RESP ___ BOTH
- ___ 2. MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE: ___ CIVIL ___ MLA
- ___ 3. DIVORCE DECREE
- ___ 4. PRE-NUPTIAL FILE
- ___ 5. OTHER _____

NOTARY _____

DATE _____

Section I. PETITIONER (the party petitioning)

CURRENT LEGAL NAME: LAST _____ FIRST _____ MIDDLE _____

MAIDEN NAME IF WOMAN: _____ PRESENT RELIGION _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE (H) _____ (W) _____ EXT. _____ (CELL) _____

OCCUPATION: _____ PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

DATE AND PLACE OF ALL BAPTISMS or PROFESSION OF FAITH IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

| Date | Church Name & Address | City/State | Denomination |
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FATHER'S FULL NAME _____ RELIGION _____

MOTHER'S FULL NAME _____ MAIDEN NAME _____ RELIGION _____

IF DECEASED, DATES OF DEATH OF: FATHER _____ MOTHER: _____

LIST IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER ALL MARRIAGES INTO WHICH YOU ENTERED INCLUDING "COMMON LAW":

| To Whom | Date | Place |
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Section II. RESPONDENT (the former spouse)

CURRENT LEGAL NAME: LAST _____ FIRST _____ MIDDLE _____

MAIDEN NAME IF WOMAN: _____ PRESENT RELIGION _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE (H) _____ (W) _____ EXT. _____ (CELL) _____

OCCUPATION: _____ PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

DATE AND PLACE OF ALL BAPTISMS or PROFESSION OF FAITH IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

| Date | Church Name & Address | City/State | Denomination |
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FATHER'S FULL NAME _____ RELIGION _____

MOTHER'S FULL NAME _____ MAIDEN NAME _____ RELIGION _____

IF DECEASED, DATES OF DEATH OF: FATHER _____ MOTHER: _____

LIST IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER ALL MARRIAGES INTO WHICH YOUR FORMER SPOUSE ENTERED INCLUDING "COMMON LAW":

| To Whom | Date | Place |
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| _____ | _____ | _____ |

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IV. Concerning the Current/Intended Spouse:

1. Name : _____
First Middle Last (Maiden if female)
2. Date Of Birth: ____/____/____ Religion: _____ Baptismal Date: ____/____/____
3. When did you meet and begin to keep company? _____
4. Has this person been previously married? (Circle one) NO YES If the answer is "Yes", answer A,B,C,D below.
- A. To whom: _____
First Middle Last (Maiden if female)
- B. Date of Civil Divorce/Dissolution: ____/____/____
- C. Was this marriage declared invalid by the Church? _____ { _____ }
Name of Diocese Case/Protocol Number
- D. Were any children born of this marriage? _____
Names of each child

V. Documents to be submitted to the Tribunal along with this petition:

- ____ Divorce Decree
- ____ Marriage Record of Petitioner and Respondent
- ____ Marriage Record of present marriage if the Petitioner is already married
- ____ Baptismal Record of the Petitioner
- ____ Baptismal Record of the Respondent
- ____ Baptismal Records of the spouse or intended spouse of the petitioner (*Must be issued within the last two months*)
- ____ Baptismal Certificates of children of the marriage to be dispensed
- ____ Baptismal certificates of children of the petitioner and current spouse
- ____ Ecclesiastical Witness (must be a priest) is to submit a letter in which the following points will be discussed :
 1) religiosity of the intended spouse of the petitioner; 2) sincerity and credibility of the petitioner;
 3) impossibility of reconciliation with the respondent; 4) presence or absence of scandal if the Holy Father should see fit to grant the dispensation; 5) personal recommendation in this case. (*Nota Bene: This letter will be submitted to the Diocesan Bishop for his votum and will be transferred to the Holy See for consideration by the Holy Father's consultors.*)

Petitioner's Signature

Name of Ecclesiastical Witness (must be a priest)
(Please Print)

Ecclesiastical Witness's Signature

Parish Name

Parish Address

City State Zip

(____)_____-_____
Telephone Number

Date: _____