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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 desires to marry a Catholic in the presence of a priest.

Petitioner (the party petitioning)

Respondent (the former spouse)

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

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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Section III. Concerning the non-baptized party

1. Name : _____
 First Middle Last (Maiden Name if Female)

2. Religion of Father: _____ 3. Religion of Mother _____

4. In what religion was this person reared as a child? _____

5. Please list the name, address, and denomination of all churches attended prior to the marriage.

- a. _____
 Name of church Address Denomination
- b. _____
 Name of church Address Denomination
- c. _____
 Name of church Address Denomination

6. Please indicate how it is you know this party was not baptized prior to the final separation.

7. Is the party now baptized? If "Yes" provide the date, place, and denomination: Date of Baptism: ____ / ____ / ____

_____ Name of church Address Denomination

8. Please give the full name, address, and relationship of witnesses who can testify to the non-baptism:

1. _____ Title First Name Last Name Address: _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Tel. Num. (____) - ____ - ____ Relationship to: (circle one) Petitioner Respondent Both Relationship: _____ (e.g. Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, Friend, co-worker, other)	2. _____ Title First Name Last Name Address: _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Tel. Num. (____) - ____ - ____ Relationship to: (circle one) Petitioner Respondent Both Relationship: _____ (e.g. Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, Friend, co-worker, other)
3. _____ Title First Name Last Name Address: _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Tel. Num. (____) - ____ - ____ Relationship to: (circle one) Petitioner Respondent Both Relationship: _____ (e.g. Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, Friend, co-worker, other)	4. _____ Title First Name Last Name Address: _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Tel. Num. (____) - ____ - ____ Relationship to: (circle one) Petitioner Respondent Both Relationship: _____ (e.g. Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, Friend, co-worker, other)

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 the pastor of the Petitioner) is to submit a letter covering the following points:
 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 consultants.*)

Petitioner's Signature

Name of Ecclesiastical Witness (Pastor of Petitioner)
(Please Print)

Ecclesiastical Witness's Signature

Parish Name

Parish Address

City State Zip

(____)_____-_____
Telephone Number

Date: _____