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Diocese of Cleveland

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PETITION FOR PAULINE PRIVILEGE

Most Reverend Father:

The undersigned petitioner asks for permission to make use of the Pauline Privilege (canons 1143-1147). Neither the petitioner nor the divorced spouse had ever been baptized in any Christian denomination prior to their marriage. The petitioner has or intends to become a baptized Catholic and desires to marry a Catholic in the presence of a priest or deacon.

PETITIONER

RESPONDENT (The former spouse)

Full Name (maiden, if woman)

Full Name (maiden, if woman)

Age at time of marriage Religion at time of marriage

Age at time of marriage Religion at time of marriage

MARITAL INFORMATION :

DATE OF MARRIAGE OFFICIANT (NAME AND TITLE) Minister Rabbi Judge

PLACE OF MARRIAGE (CHURCH / COURT HOUSE / RESIDENCE)

STREET ADDRESS

CITY / STATE / ZIP / COUNTY

NAMES AND BIRTH DATES (OR ADOPTION DATES) OF CHILDREN

HAVE ANY OF THE CHILDREN BEEN BAPTIZED? YES NO

DATE OF FINAL SEPARATION (When you last lived together)

FILING DATE OF DIVORCE COUNTY STATE CASE NUMBER

DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED ALONG WITH THIS APPLICATION:

- Court certified copy of the Marriage Licenses Application and Marriage Record for marriage of the petitioner and former spouse.
Divorce Decree
Baptismal Record of the Petitioner (if already baptized)
Catholic Baptismal Record of the (intended) spouse of the Petitioner (Must be issued within the last two months)

The undersigned petitioner understands that neither a date for Christian Initiation nor marriage in the Catholic Church can be set until his/her freedom to marry has been established.

Signature of petitioner Date
(Sign here and Page 3)

Signature of procurator Date
(Sign here and Page 3)

**I. PETITIONER:**

CURRENT LEGAL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Maiden name if female: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ EXT. \_\_\_\_\_ (CELL) \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ CITY OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ STATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER'S FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RELIGION \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MAIDEN NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RELIGION \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list in chronological order ALL marriages that you have entered, including 'common law.'**

NAME OF SPOUSE DATE PLACE of MARRIAGE DATE OF DIVORCE, DISSOLUTION; OR DEATH OF SPOUSE

1<sup>ST</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>ND</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>RD</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

In what religion were you reared as a child? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you ever, at any time in your life, prior to your baptism, submit to any other ceremony of baptism or christening by immersion, sprinkling, or pouring of water? If so, please give the date, denomination, and name of the church where the ceremony took place.

CHURCH NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain how you know you were not baptized prior to the final separation: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What is your present religious status? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you becoming a Catholic? \_\_\_\_\_

**II. CONCERNING YOUR INTENDED SPOUSE:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle (Last, Maiden if female)

BAPTISM: \_\_\_\_\_  
Place City State Date

Has this person ever been married before? \_\_\_\_\_ No or \_\_\_\_\_ Yes

If yes, please explain how this person is free to marry in the Catholic Church: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

When did you meet and begin to keep company? \_\_\_\_\_

**III. RESPONDENT: (the former spouse)**

CURRENT LEGAL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Maiden name if female: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ EXT. \_\_\_\_\_ (CELL) \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ CITY OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ STATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER'S FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RELIGION \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MAIDEN NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RELIGION \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list in chronological order ALL marriages that your former spouse has entered, including 'common law.'**

NAME OF SPOUSE DATE PLACE of MARRIAGE DATE OF DIVORCE, DISSOLUTION; OR DEATH OF SPOUSE

1<sup>ST</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>ND</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>RD</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Has your former spouse ever, at any time in life, submitted to any ceremony of baptism or christening by immersion, sprinkling, or pouring of water?

If SO, please give the date, denomination, and name of the church where the ceremony took place.

CHURCH NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DENOMINATION \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

IF NOT, How are you certain your former spouse was never baptized? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In what religion was your former spouse raised? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your former spouse's present religious status? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the cause of your separation? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**IV. SIGNATURES OF PETITIONER AND PROCURATOR.**

**I solemnly swear before God that in the testimony contained in this document which I have read and found to be correct, I have told the truth and nothing but the truth. So help me God.**

Signature of petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of procurator \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print clearly)

Address of parish \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Procurator's Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ ext. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of procurator \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. WITNESSES (please print or type)**

Please list the complete information of four (4) witnesses who can testify to **your non-baptism**. The best witnesses are people who have **known you since birth**, i.e. parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, older siblings.

<p>1. _____            Title      First Name                      Last Name</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ ZIP _____</p> <p>Relationship: _____                    (e.g. Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, Friend, co-worker, other)</p>	<p>2. _____            Title      First Name                      Last Name</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ ZIP _____</p> <p>Relationship: _____                    (e.g. Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, Friend, co-worker, other)</p>
<p>3. _____            Title      First Name                      Last Name</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ ZIP _____</p> <p>Relationship: _____                    (e.g. Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, Friend, co-worker, other)</p>	<p>4. _____            Title      First Name                      Last Name</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ ZIP _____</p> <p>Relationship: _____                    (e.g. Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, Friend, co-worker, other)</p>

Please list the complete information of four (4) witnesses who can testify to **the non-baptism of your former spouse**. The best witnesses are people who **have known this person since birth**, i.e. parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, older siblings.

<p>1. _____            Title      First Name                      Last Name</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ ZIP _____</p> <p>Relationship: _____                    (e.g. Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, Friend, co-worker, other)</p>	<p>2. _____            Title      First Name                      Last Name</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ ZIP _____</p> <p>Relationship: _____                    (e.g. Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, Friend, co-worker, other)</p>
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<b>Please do not write in this space – for Tribunal use only</b>	
<p>Previous Case      Yes _____ No _____</p> <p>Conferring Cases:</p>	<p><b>CERTIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS:</b></p> <p>1. BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE:    ___ PET    ___ RESP    ___ BOTH</p> <p>2. MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE:    ___ CIVIL    ___ CHURCH    ___ MLA</p> <p>3. DIVORCE DECREE</p> <p>4. OTHER _____</p>
NOTARY _____	DATE _____