Form T-101-PQ (Rev. 2020-05-18)

**Petitioner’s Questionnaire**

The following thirty-six (36) questions are intended to provide the Tribunal with the background and relationship of the parties involved in this petition for a declaration of invalidity. If possible, please use a computer to type your responses into this template document and print it on one side of the paper. If you cannot do that, you may write your answers on separate sheets of 8½ × 11 paper, again preferably typed and on one side of the paper. ‘Yes’ or ‘no’ answers, or answers written by hand on this sheet between the questions, are not useful.

If a civil or non-Catholic ceremony preceded the Catholic ceremony, ***this is the wrong questionnaire for you***. Please use *Petitioner’s Questionnaire with a later Catholic wedding / “validation”, Form T-101-PQ-WV* to provide your testimony.

**Family Background**

1. **Please provide complete details about your own background, including siblings, education, any military service, friends, etc.**

**It will be helpful to include information regarding:**

* **Special circumstances or problems in the family background such as divorce, tensions in the home, difficulty in relating to parents, absence of parent(s), death, illness, etc.;**
* **Any family history of alcohol and/or drug abuse, physical and/or sexual abuse, psychological or emotional problems, financial hardship, etc.;**
* **How did you fit in with and relate to family and friends?**
1. **Please provide the same information requested in question 1 about your divorced spouse.**
2. **Was either of you previously married? If so, describe that marital relationship, and how/why it ended. How did this impact your relationship with each other?**
3. **Before you and your divorced spouse met each other, how much dating was done by each of you? Had either of you previously conceived any children with another person? Please explain. How did this impact your relationship?**
4. **Did either of you cohabit with any of your dating partners prior to your spouse? How/why did that relationship end? How did this impact your relationship with the respondent?**

**Courtship**

1. **When and how did you become acquainted with your divorced spouse? When and how did you become romantically involved?**
2. **Did you and your divorced spouse live together prior to marriage? When and why? How did this affect the relationship, and your decision to marry? Did you engage in premarital sex? When did this begin, and at whose initiative? Were any children conceived?**
3. **Describe your courtship. Where did you go? What did you do? As a couple, did you spend more time with family/friends or alone? Who made the decisions? Describe any difficulties, for example, with employment, finances, drug and/or alcohol abuse, verbal and/or physical abuse, etc.**
4. **When and why did you and your divorced spouse decide to marry? Was there pressure to marry because of pregnancy, family, military obligations, etc.? Who began to discuss marriage first? How long were you engaged? Why did you choose the date of the wedding? Had each of you given serious consideration to the commitment and responsibilities required for marriage? Please be complete in your answers.**
5. **Did anyone advise against the marriage? Who, and why? Did either of you have any doubts or reservations about your decision to marry? What were these? How did you plan to handle the issue causing the doubts? Prior to the wedding, were you actively considering divorce as an option if the issues were not addressed to your satisfaction?**
6. **Was the relationship ever broken off prior to the wedding? When, how, and why? When, how and why did you reconcile?**
7. **Did you and your divorced spouse make any type of pre-nuptial agreement? If so, please explain. If this agreement was written, please provide a copy.**
8. **Describe any premarital instructions, preparation or counselling you and your divorced spouse received. What was the reaction to the instructions?**
9. **How did your relationship change during the engagement? How much time was spent on wedding and honeymoon preparations?**
10. **Describe the quality of your communication prior to the marriage. What did you discuss? Did you talk about your future together, employment, where you would live, etc.?**
11. **Prior to the marriage, did you and your divorced spouse have any discussions regarding children? If so, what were the results of these discussions? What were the plans regarding children? How firm were these plans? Did either of you intend that you would enforce your own plans regarding children without consideration of the rights of the other spouse?**
12. **Describe your problem-solving skills prior to the marriage. If you disagreed, how was the problem resolved? Were you able to solve your problems through discussions or did arguments usually result? Did either of you seem to dominate the relationship?**
13. **Describe your personality and behavior and that of your divorced spouse prior to marriage. Did either of your personalities change after the wedding? In what way?**
14. **Were you both faithful to each other during the courtship and engagement? If not, please give details. Before the marriage, did you and your divorced spouse discuss fidelity? What was discussed?**
15. **Before the wedding, what was the attitude of each of you regarding divorce? Was either of you considering the possibility that you might be able to break the marriage bond and have the right to marry another person? What led each of you to these beliefs? How did this influence your decision to marry?**

**Married Life**

1. **What was the wedding day like? Describe anything unusual that occurred on the wedding day or on the honeymoon. Was the marriage consummated shortly after the wedding? If not, when was it consummated?**
2. **Was there anything of importance that you learned about your divorced spouse after the wedding that had been kept from you or that you did not know? Please explain.**
3. **Please provide a chronology of your employment history and that of your divorced spouse, giving job titles, dates, places of employment, and reasons for leaving.**
4. **Please provide a chronology of relocations (moves from home to home) including reasons for the moves.**
5. **Describe your religious practices with your spouse (and children). Were there religious differences which affected the marriage? Please explain.**
6. **Describe any difficulties encountered during the marriage. (For example, employment, sexual relations, finances, drugs and/or alcohol, verbal and/or physical abuse, in-laws, your spouse’s friends, participation in sports or other activities, frequent absences from the family home, employment, work hours, etc.) When did these difficulties begin? How were these difficulties addressed or resolved?**
7. **Did you and/or your divorced spouse experience any difficulties in emotional, psychological and/or physical health? Were there any hospitalizations? Were either of you taking any medications? Please explain.**
8. **Were you faithful to each other during the marriage? If not, please give details about any infidelities; for example, when they began, how long they continued, etc.**
9. **If children were not conceived during the marriage, please explain the reason. What, if anything, was done to prevent conception? If children were conceived or adopted, how were parental responsibilities fulfilled by both of you during the marriage? Since the divorce? At any time during your relationship were children conceived but not carried to full term? Please explain.**
10. **At any time did you discuss personal or marital problems with professional persons? Who and when? What insights, if any, did you gain from counseling? Would you be willing to sign a release for these records if relevant?**

**Separation and Divorce**

1. **Please give details of any and all separations, including the final separation. When and why did the separation(s) occur? How long did the separation(s) last? Why did you reconcile or not reconcile?**
2. **When were statements first made about a possible divorce? When and why did you and/or your divorced spouse make the final decision to divorce? Who initiated divorce proceedings? When was legal counsel sought?**
3. **Why did the marital relationship last as long as it did?**
4. **Were you and your divorced spouse mature and ready for marriage? Did you and your divorced spouse exercise good judgment in entering this marriage? Please explain.**
5. **Do you believe that you and your divorced spouse were never truly married, according to the Catholic Church’s understanding of marriage? Why, or why not?**
6. **Is there any other relevant information regarding your marriage that you would like to offer?**