

JOHANNESBURG CATHOLIC DIOCESAN TRIBUNAL

PETITION

I, (nee)
the petitioner, request the Tribunal to examine my marriage to
..... (nee)
with the view to establishing my marital status in the eyes of the Church.

The reasons why I think the marriage might be invalid are:

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To support my petition, I enclose the following documents:

1. A copy of the **Baptism Certificate** of the baptised parties.
2. Copies of the **Marriage Certificate** and **Divorce Decree** in respect of the marriage in question.
3. The story of myself and my former husband / wife using the following headings:
 - (a) **My own family background** – my relationship with my father, mother, brothers and sisters; any problems in my home and how they are dealt with; the way I acquired knowledge about sex and marriage; my relationship with persons of the opposite sex before marriage, other than my spouse.
 - (b) **My former spouse's background** – relationship with father, mother, brothers and sisters; any problems in parental home and how they are dealt with; the way he/she acquired knowledge about sex and marriage; relationship/s with person/s of the opposite sex before marriage, other than me.
 - (c) **Our combined story** – how we came to know each other; the length of our courtship and details of any problems experienced during that time; details of any engagements; the circumstances leading to the wedding; the length of the married life and problems experienced during that time; the reasons for the breakdown of the marriage; our present status.
4. Fill in the accompanying form with the names and particulars of 3-4 people who have AGREED to be interviewed by the Tribunal (such persons should include both your family members and friends).

I promise to pay the sum of R1000 towards the expenses involved in processing the case, whether or not the final decision is favourable. I understand that an amount of R200 should accompany my petition when submitted, and that the balance is to be paid prior to the conclusion of my case in **FIRST INSTANCE**.

MANDATE AND WAIVER

Besides supplying the above information and documentation to the Tribunal, I also empower the Tribunal, if necessary, to appoint a proxy-advocate to act on my behalf who shall have the power to do in my name, whatever is useful or necessary to my interests.

I waive my right to see the Acts of the completed case (i.e. the testimonies; judgement) and agree to accept the decision of the Tribunal whether it finds for or against the nullity of my marriage.

PETITIONER:

Signed before me at: **on** (date)

Priest / Deacon / Tribunal Official:

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FACT SHEET

PETITIONER

Surname:		Maiden name:	
Surname for contact purposes:		First names:	
Physical address:		Postal address:	
Home tel:	Work tel:	Cell:	
Date of birth:		Place of birth:	
Religion at baptism:		Date of baptism:	
Full name & address of Church at baptism:			
Any conversion details:			

RESPONDENT

Surname:		Maiden name:	
Surname for contact purposes:		First names:	
Physical address:		Postal address:	
Home tel:	Work tel:	Cell:	
Date of birth:		Place of birth:	
Religion at baptism:		Date of baptism:	
Full name & address of Church at baptism:			
Any conversion details:			

COUPLE

Is this the first marriage of both parties? (tick the correct block)

YES	NO
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Details of the marriage in question:

EVENT	DATE	AGE AT THE TIME OF EVENT	
		PETITIONER	RESPONDENT
Meeting			
Engagement/s			
Marriage/s			
Separations/s			
Divorce			

Length of the marriage: Place of marriage:

Church where marriage is registered:

Names and birth dates of children:

Convalidation date: Church:

PROPOSED WITNESSES

Name of witness	Postal address / Physical address	Telephone	Relationship to Petitioner / Respondent
		(w)	
		(h)	
		(c)	
		(w)	
		(h)	
		(c)	
		(w)	
		(h)	
		(c)	
		(w)	
		(h)	
		(c)	

DETAILS OF PREVIOUS MARRIAGE/S

If this was not the first marriage of either of the petitioner and / or the respondent, please complete this table.

Petitioner: Place of marriage/s		
Petitioner: Date of marriage/s		
Petitioner: Date of divorce/s		
<i>Respondent: Place of marriage/s</i>		
<i>Respondent: Date of marriage/s</i>		
<i>Respondent: date of divorce/s</i>		

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