



*Office of the Tribunal  
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## **PETITION FOR A DECREE OF LACK OF CANONICAL FORM**

*Note to the Petitioner and Interviewer (Priest/Deacon): If either spouse was baptized Orthodox or the wedding was officiated by an Orthodox priest, please contact the Tribunal before submitting the form.*

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Please use only the attached petition form. You may fill it in by hand or electronically but it must be signed manually by you and a priest or deacon. Electronic signatures will not be accepted. If you choose to handwrite the form, print and write your responses legibly in black ink only.
2. Begin your petition with “I, (your full legal name).” If applicable, include your **Maiden Name** in parentheses after your current last name.
3. Indicate your former spouse’s full legal name. If applicable, include the **Maiden Name** in parentheses after the current last name.
4. Provide the complete mailing address and other contact information for both parties.
5. Below is a list of required documents that must be submitted with your petition. Original documents will be returned with the final decree to the priest or deacon who assisted you in completing your paperwork.
  - A. **Certificate of Baptism of the Catholic Party** – A newly issued Catholic baptismal certificate (dated within the last six months) must be submitted with **NOTATIONS**. Please do not send a ceremonial copy of the baptismal certificate with no marriage notations. Any marriage notations or lack thereof, must be indicated.
  - B. **Marriage License** – If providing a photocopy, be sure all information is legible. The name of the officiant and the wedding date should be present.
  - C. **Divorce Decree** – The original or a certified copy of the **final** decree of divorce must be submitted (**not the property settlement, bill of complaint, nor interlocutory decree**).