

**AT LEAST ONE PARTY MUST BE CATHOLIC TO USE THIS FORM  
IN-PARISH MARRIAGE CASE  
INVESTIGATION OF THE PREVIOUS MARRIAGE OF A CATHOLIC  
WHEN INVALIDITY MAY ARISE FROM LACK OF CANONICAL FORM**

(N.B. Please use maiden name for the last name of a woman.)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (Print or Type Name), who, at the time of the attempted marriage in question, was:

- a baptized Catholic  
 a member of another denomination, originally baptized in the Catholic Church

who was married to \_\_\_\_\_ (Print or Type Name) who, at the time of the attempted marriage in question, was:

- a baptized Catholic  
 a member of another denomination, originally baptized in the Catholic Church  
 a validly baptized member of the \_\_\_\_\_ church or ecclesial communion  
 not baptized

The attempted marriage took place on \_\_\_\_\_ (Date of Attempted Marriage) in \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Place of Attempted Marriage) before a  non-Catholic clergy or a  civil

official: \_\_\_\_\_ (Title, Full Name, Office or Church

Affiliation).

At least the first party above must have been baptized Catholic at the time of the marriage in question for you to be certain that there is no obstacle to a subsequent marriage. In any doubt, consult the Tribunal, and do not proceed with a subsequent marriage.

2. Document Check List (attach copies):
- Recent baptismal certificate(s) of Catholic person(s) with indications concerning any notations about marriage  
 Certified copy of marriage certificate/license from the civil registrar of marriages  
 Certified copy of divorce decree (not separation or other legal documents)
3. If the marriage took place between November 26, 1983 and October 25, 2009 inclusive, does the Catholic baptismal certificate of the party indicate that the Catholic party left the Catholic Church by a formal act?  Yes  No. If yes, please consult the Tribunal. Do not proceed with a subsequent marriage.
4. If the marriage took place between May 19, 1918 and Dec. 31, 1948 inclusive, has the baptized Catholic party been educated in the Catholic faith and received Confession, Communion and Confirmation?  Yes  No. If no, please consult the Tribunal. Do not proceed with a subsequent marriage.
5. If the marriage took place on or after March 25, 1967, did the Catholic party marry an Eastern Orthodox person in the Eastern Orthodox Church?  Yes  No. If yes, please consult the Tribunal. Do not proceed with a subsequent marriage.

6. Did the parties to the marriage in question approach a priest beforehand? Yes No.

If yes, name of priest: \_\_\_\_\_  
 If there were such efforts, check for possible convalidation or sanation at appropriate parish and/or diocesan chancery. If there was a convalidation or sanation, do not proceed with a subsequent marriage.

7. If the marriage in question was a mixed marriage taking place on or after June 15, 1966, was a dispensation from the requirement of canonical form granted for this marriage? Yes No. In doubt, consult the office of the chancellor of the diocese of the place where the marriage took place to see if such a dispensation had been granted. If yes, consult the Tribunal. Do not proceed with a subsequent marriage.

8. Was a Catholic priest approached after the marriage outside the Church? Yes No.

If yes, name of priest: \_\_\_\_\_  
 If there were such efforts, check for possible convalidation or sanation at appropriate parish and/or diocesan chancery. If there was a convalidation or sanation, do not proceed with a subsequent marriage.

9. Please administer the following oath:

I solemnly swear to the best of my knowledge that I have never married in accord with the laws and teachings of the Catholic Church and that in the marriage mentioned in the application, I and/or my former spouse was/were bound to the Catholic form of marriage, so help me God!

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Applicant

10. I, the undersigned, affirm that the foregoing information is true to the best of my knowledge and that the applicant appears sincere in all of his/her responses. There is no obstacle to the applicant contracting marriage.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Priest, deacon, delegate

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Seal

**PUT IN PRE-NUPTIAL FILE - DO NOT SEND TO TRIBUNAL  
 COMPLETE THE FORM FOR PERMISSION REQUIRED WHEN THERE ARE PRIOR OBLIGATIONS**