

Dear Petitioner:

The purpose of this questionnaire is to assist you in the initial step of presenting your case to the Tribunal. You are petitioning the Tribunal of the Diocese of El Paso to undertake an investigation of your marriage and to make a judgment as to whether or not the Catholic Church considers you free to enter marriage. We ask you to please complete this questionnaire as carefully and as completely as you possibly can. All the documents and information requested from you are important to the Tribunal, since it will be used to determine if your case can be accepted and what type of case you have.

Keep in mind that your submission of this form does not guarantee an automatic declaration of nullity of your marriage. If, however, a declaration of nullity is eventually granted, it will have no bearing on such things as the legitimacy of children, custody of children, child support, alimony, or visitation rights. These are natural and civil elements of marriage, and this process deals exclusively with the religious and sacramental elements.

The Tribunal process is governed by a detailed and strict procedural law of the Catholic Church. Though most cases are completed in approximately 1 to 2 years, we do not guarantee that a particular case will be completed at a certain time nor that an affirmative decision will be handed down. If problems arise in getting testimonies or if we lose contact with you, your case may possibly be delayed. **DO NOT SET A DATE FOR FUTURE MARRIAGE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH** while the Tribunal procedure is pending. These uncertainties often bring frustration and doubt that requires great patience. Please understand, however, that our painstaking attention to technicalities and the details required in the process are a sign of our great respect for marriage.

It is of utmost importance that you provide the Tribunal with the current and complete address of your former spouse, the *Respondent*. Since marriage involves two people and the Tribunal's decision will affect both parties, we cannot begin a case without information concerning both spouses. The Church's law requires that your former spouse be notified of these proceedings and be invited to participate as an equal participant. If we are unable to learn the current address of your former spouse, we may not be able to accept your case. If you do not provide the Tribunal with the correct and current address of the Respondent, this may possibly delay your case. Hence, it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS PETITIONER TO PROVIDE A COMPLETE NAME, CURRENT ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER of your former spouse.

### THE FOLLOWING MUST BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION:

1. All information given in reference to your case is strictly confidential.

#### 2. Please TYPE or LEGIBLY PRINT your answers. <u>USE BLACK OR BLUE INK AND DO</u> <u>NOT USE A PENCIL.</u>

- 3. Each party has the right to read and comment on each other's written statement so long as they both have submitted written statements to the Tribunal.
- 4. It is your responsibility to find at least three (3) witnesses, and to **OBTAIN THEIR CONSENT** to receive a questionnaire. They must answer it properly and return it to this office within the time period allowed to them. Their answers will be treated with utmost confidentiality.
- 5. If the judge finds that more information is needed, you will be asked to come to the Tribunal for an interview or be physically present at a formal hearing held in the Tribunal court room on the date and hour designated.
- 6. If at any stage of the process you feel that your rights to a fair process have been violated, please contact the Judicial Vicar immediately. If for any reason you do not want for this Tribunal to process your petition, you may refer your case directly to the Roman Rota.

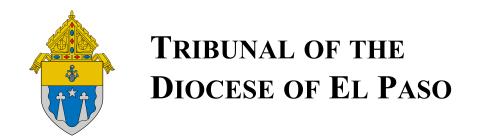
#### THE FOLLOWING MUST BE SUBMITTED TOGETHER WITH THE PETITION:

- 1. Recent Copy of Baptismal certificate (within the last 30 days.).
- 2. An authentic copy of marriage license (original or court certified).
- 3. Recent **court certified copy** of divorce decree. An original stamp/ seal and/ or signature from the county court office is required.
- 4. Agreement to Tribunal Policies and Release of Liability (found on the next page).
- 5. A Photo of the couple (optional).

Whenever you call our office, always refer to your case with the last name or maiden name of the petitioner (yourself) and the respondent (*e.g.* SMITH -DOE # 034-2020). In order to safeguard the demands of confidentiality, only the petitioner and the respondent can inquire as to the status of the case. If you need assistance in answering the questionnaire, please call the Tribunal so that we can connect with a parish advocate.

Please return the complete Petition and Questionnaire to:

TRIBUNAL OF THE DIOCESE OF EL PASO 499 St. Matthews St. El Paso, TX. 79907 (915) 872-8402



## PETITION FOR MARRIAGE NULLITY CASE IN THE FORMAL PROCESS

I,		, respect	tfully petition the	Tribunal
(Your ful	l name)	· •	• •	
of the Diocese of El Paso to inve	stigate, according to	the Canon Law	v of the Catholic	Church, the
canonical validity of my marriage to	)			_, which
		(Respondent's full n	ame)	
was contracted on	_ in the Church of		at	·
(Date of marriage)		(Name of the Church	<i>i</i> ) (City and S	State)

I claim that this marriage was invalid according to canon law of the Catholic Church, on the following ground: DEFECT OF CONSENT.

In support of this claim, I name the following as knowledgeable witnesses able to and willing to provide testimony regarding the ground I propose. <u>I attest that I have contacted each witness listed</u>, to obtain their personal consent to be contacted by the Tribunal as witnesses in my case.

(Please print full names of at least three witnesses)

1.	4.	
2.	5.	
3.	6.	
Signature of the Petitioner		Date

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## AGREEMENT TO TRIBUNAL POLICIES AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

- 1. I understand that, if the Tribunal accepts my case for consideration, it cannot and does not guarantee that an affirmative decision will be given. I also understand that the Tribunal will not promise or guarantee that the case will be concluded by a certain date. Because of this, I agree to wait until I receive a final decree in writing from the Tribunal before I set a definite date for marriage within the Catholic Church.
- 2. Since I am petitioning assistance in personal matters from the Tribunal of the Diocese of El Paso, I, the undersigned, understand that it is necessary that personal information affecting me be made available to the Tribunal.
- 3. I understand that the Tribunal of the Diocese of El Paso, in the investigation of the case, may employ the services of a psychological professional or other expert witness and I hereby authorize the Tribunal to disclose complete information concerning my case to such professional for case review. I also understand that if the nature of my case demands the employment of such experts, I will be responsible for their professional fees. Upon completion of the case, I also authorize the Tribunal to release at its discretion information regarding the case to a psychological expert, counselor, priest or deacon for follow up counseling as well as for pre-marital preparation presently or in the future. It is understood that otherwise all contents of this investigation will be kept confidential, reserved exclusively to the parties to the case and to the staff of the Tribunal, according to the canon law of the Catholic Church.

I hereby release all persons whom I have listed as witnesses or sources of information which the Tribunal requires, as well as all persons whom the Tribunal may contact on its own initiative, from any liability to me or to any other person arising by reason of disclosure to the Tribunal of personal information or opinions affecting myself.

4. I understand that the Tribunal will take reasonable measures to preserve the confidentiality of any sensitive information disclosed hereunder. Accordingly, I agree to keep confidential any information that I shall learn in the course of the proceeding. Because all testimony in this case is given for the possible ecclesiastical annulment of my marriage, and because my interest is solely to present my case to the Tribunal, I agree not to use information that I may learn through the case in any other forum or for any other purpose. I also understand that neither the Tribunal nor the Catholic Diocese of El Paso shall in any manner be responsible to me or any other person for any unauthorized dissemination of information which may occur.

I further agree to indemnify the Catholic Diocese of El Paso, Texas against any and all liabilities, costs, or expenses which may be incurred by, or claimed against the Diocese as a result of any disclosures I may make, or cause to be made, related to my petition in personal matters herein.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Ecclesiastical Notary	
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## THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED TOGETHER WITH PETITION

### **INFORMATION ON WITNESSES**

## I HAVE <u>CONTACTED AND RECEIVED THE CONSENT</u> of the following persons, who know the facts of the marriage and they are willing to provide their testimony before the Tribunal.

#### Witness #1

Name:	Relationship: Of Petitioner		
(Mr., Mrs., Ms.)			of Respondent
Address:	City	State	_ Zip Code
Preferred language: English (	Spanish Home phone:	Work	x phone:
How long & how well has this wi	tness known you?	Your ex-spo	use?
The witness knows about these as	pects regarding you and/or y	our ex-spouse: (Ch	eck all which apply.)
Courtship	wedding	early life toge	ether
problems in life together	end of life together	personalities of the parties	
my life and family backgro	ound	my ex-spouse	's background
Witness #2			
Name:	Relation	ship:	O of Petitioner
(Mr., Mrs., Ms.)		1	of Respondent
Address:	City	State	_ Zip Code
Preferred language: English (	Spanish Home phone:	Work	x phone:
How long & how well has this wi	tness known you?	Your ex-spo	use?
The witness knows about these as	pects regarding you and/or y	our ex-spouse: (Ch	eck all which apply.)
Courtship	Wedding	early life toge	ether
problems in life together	end of life together	personalities	of the parties
my life and family backgro	ound	my ex-spouse	's background
Witness #3			
Name:	Relation	ship:	
(Mr., Mrs., Ms.)		-	of Respondent
Address:	City	State	_ Zip Code
Preferred language: English	Spanish Home phone:	Work	phone:
How long & how well has this wi	tness known you?	Your ex-spo	use?
The witness knows about these as	pects regarding you and/or y	our ex-spouse: (Ch	eck all which apply.)
Courtship	Wedding	early life toge	ether
problems in life together	end of life together	personalities	of the parties
my life and family backgr	ound	my ex-spouse	's background

### Witness #4

Name:	Relation	O of Petitioner O f Respondent	
Address:	City	State	Zip Code
Preferred language: English			
How long & how well has this wi			
The witness knows about these as			
Courtship	wedding	early life tog	ether
problems in life together	end of life together	personalities	of the parties
my life and family backgr	round	my ex-spous	e's background
Witness #5			
Name:(Mr., Mrs., Ms.)	Relation	ship:	O of Petitioner O of Respondent
Address:	City	State	Zip Code
Preferred language: English	Spanish Home phone:	Wor	k phone:
How long & how well has this wi			
The witness knows about these as	spects regarding you and/or	your ex-spouse: (Cl	heck all which apply.)
Courtship	Wedding	early life tog	ether
problems in life together	end of life together	personalities	of the parties
my life and family backgr	round	my ex-spous	e's background
Witness #6			
Name:	Relation	ship:	Of Petitioner Of Respondent
Address:	City	State	Zip Code
Preferred language: English	Spanish Home phone:	Wor	k phone:
How long & how well has this wi	itness known you?	Your ex-spe	ouse?
The witness knows about these as	spects regarding you and/or	your ex-spouse: (Cl	heck all which apply.)
Courtship	Wedding	early life tog	ether
problems in life together	end of life together	personalities	of the parties
my life and family backgr	round	my ex-spous	e's background



### TRIBUNAL OF THE DIOCESE OF EL PASO QUESTIONNAIRE

RESPONDENT

### PETITIONER

Name:	Name:(maiden & married name)
Address:	Address:
City/State/Zip:	City/State/Zip:
Phone: (H) (W)	Phone: (H) (W)
Email Address:	Email Address:
Occupation:	Occupation:
Birth Date: City/Country:	Birth Date: City/Country:
Religion:	Religion:
Baptism Date: Church:	Baptism Date: Church:
Name of Parents:	Name of Parents:
Address:	Address:
Information on Cou	urtship and Marriage
Age at time of dating: (Pet.) (Resp.)	Length of married life: (Church) (Civil)
Age at time of engagement: (Pet.) (Resp.)	No. of separations:
Length of courtship:	Date of final separation:
Age at time of marriage: (Pet.) (Resp.)	Divorce Date:
Church marriage date:	City/State:
Church/City/State:	Who initiated the divorce?
Civil marriage date:	No. of children: Who has custody?
City/State:	Who pays child support?
Concerning Pro	evious Marriages
	se list the name(s) of previous spouse(s) and indicate

#### **Concerning the Respondent**

Was the Respondent previously married?	_]Yes		JNo	Please list the name(s) of previous spouse(s)
and indicate whether it was civil or Church	n cerer	non	y	

What is the Respondent's present name?

Please answer the following questions as thoroughly as possible. If you do not know the answer, please explain why. If you need more space to answer a question, you may use an additional blank sheet of paper.

### YOUR PERSONAL AND FAMILY BACKGROUND

1. DESCRIBE YOUR CHILDHOOD (i.e., where you grew up; no. of family members in the home; which persons influenced you while growing up).

2. DESCRIBE YOUR TEEN YEARS (i.e., life at home; who disciplined; what were school years like; life at work if you held a job).

### 3. WERE YOU ALLOWED TO DATE? AT WHAT AGE? GIVE DATING HISTORY.

#### 4. HOW WERE THE SUBJECTS OF DATING AND SEXUALITY TREATED IN THE FAMILY?

5. DESCRIBE YOUR FAMILY (i.e., what were they like; what activities did you do as a family?).

### 6. WHAT WERE SOME **POSITIVE** AND **NEGATIVE** EVENTS IN YOUR GROWING UP?

### 7. WHAT DID YOU LIKE/DISLIKE ABOUT YOUR PARENTS?

# 8. HOW DID YOU GET ALONG WITH YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS? HOW MANY WERE YOU? WHAT IS YOUR PLACE IN THE BIRTH LINE?

### 9. HOW DID FAITH/RELIGION FIT INTO YOUR FAMILY? HOW WAS IT PRACTICED?

10. WERE THERE ANY PROBLEMS WITH YOU OR YOUR FAMILY RELATED TO GAMBLING, PHYSICAL ABUSE, SEXUAL ABUSE OR MOLESTATION, DRUG OR ALCOHOL ABUSE? (If the answer is yes, please explain.)

11. DESCRIBE YOUR ROLE IN THE FAMILY. HOW DID YOU HELP OUT IN YOUR HOME AS YOU WERE GROWING UP? WHAT GOALS DID YOU HAVE FOR YOURSELF?

12. WHAT TYPE OF PERSON WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOURSELF TO BE *BEFORE* THE WEDDING?

13. WHAT TYPE OF PERSON WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOURSELF TO BE *AFTER* THE WEDDING? WHAT TYPE OF PERSON ARE YOU *NOW*?

#### PERSONAL AND FAMILY BACKGROUND OF YOUR EX-SPOUSE.

14. DESCRIBE WHAT YOU KNOW OF YOUR EX-SPOUSE'S CHILDHOOD (i.e., where they grew up; no. of family members in the home; which persons influenced him/her while growing up).

15. DESCRIBE WHAT YOU KNOW OF YOUR EX-SPOUSE'S TEEN YEARS. (i.e., life at home; who disciplined; did they hold a job; what were his/her school years like)

# 16. AT WHAT AGE WAS YOUR EX-SPOUSE ALLOWED TO DATE? GIVE THEIR DATING HISTORY.

#### 17. HOW WERE THE SUBJECTS OF DATING AND SEXUALITY TREATED IN THAT FAMILY?

18. DESCRIBE YOUR EX-SPOUSE'S FAMILY (i.e., what were they like; what activities did they do as a family?).

## 19. DESCRIBE SOME **POSITIVE** OR **NEGATIVE** EVENTS IN YOUR EX-SPOUSE'S LIFE WHILE GROWING UP.

#### 20. WHAT DID YOUR EX-SPOUSE LIKE/DISLIKE ABOUT HIS/HER PARENTS?

## 21. HOW DID YOUR EX-SPOUSE GET ALONG WITH HIS/HER BROTHERS/SISTERS? HOW MANY WERE THERE? WHAT IS YOUR EX-SPOUSE'S PLACE IN THE BIRTH LINE?

# 22. HOW DID FAITH/RELIGION FIT INTO HIS/HER FAMILY? WAS RELIGION PRACTICED IN THE HOME?

23. WERE THERE ANY PROBLEMS WITH YOUR EX-SPOUSE OR HIS/HER FAMILY RELATED TO GAMBLING, PHYSICAL ABUSE, SEXUAL ABUSE OR MOLESTATION, DRUG OR ALCOHOL ABUSE? (If the answer is yes, please explain.)

24. DESCRIBE YOUR EX-SPOUSE'S ROLE IN HIS/HER FAMILY. HOW DID YOUR EX-SPOUSE HELP OUT IN THE HOME AS HE/SHE WAS GROWING UP? WHAT GOALS DID HE/SHE HAVE FOR HIMSELF/HERSELF?

25. WHAT TYPE OF PERSON WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR EX-SPOUSE TO BE *BEFORE* THE WEDDING?

26. WHAT TYPE OF PERSON WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR EX-SPOUSE TO BE *AFTER* THE WEDDING? WHAT TYPE OF PERSON ARE THEY *NOW*?

#### **COURTSHIP**

27. WHEN, WHERE, AND HOW DID YOU AND YOUR EX-SPOUSE MEET?

28. WHEN ON A DATE, DID YOU GO ALONE OR WITH OTHERS? WHO WOULD GO WITH YOU?

#### 29. WHAT WERE YOUR ACTIVITIES DURING YOUR DATES?

# 30. WHAT REACTION DID YOUR **FAMILY** AND HIS/HERS HAVE WHEN YOU STARTED DATING?

#### 31. WHAT REACTION DID YOUR FRIENDS HAVE WHEN YOU STARTED DATING?

32. WHAT PROBLEMS EXISTED WHILE YOU TWO WERE DATING? (i.e., arguments, jealousies, abuses, etc.) PLEASE EXPLAIN.

## 33. WAS THERE PRESSURE FOR SEXUAL ACTIVITY WHILE DATING EACH OTHER? HOW WAS IT RESOLVED?

34. WERE THERE ANY **BREAKUPS OR SEPARATIONS** DURING THE COURTSHIP? PLEASE EXPLAIN.

#### 35. WHAT DID YOU LIKE /DISLIKE ABOUT YOUR EX-SPOUSE AT THE TIME OF DATING?

# 36. DID EITHER OF YOU **DATE ANYONE ELSE WHILE DATING EACH OTHER?** PLEASE EXPLAIN.

#### 37. PRIOR TO MARRIAGE, WHAT DID YOU DISCUSS OR DECIDE ABOUT <u>PERMANENCE/</u> <u>MARRYING FOR LIFE</u>? WHAT WERE THE ATTITUDES OF EACH OF YOU TOWARD IT?

### 38. PRIOR TO MARRIAGE, WHAT DID YOU DISCUSS OR DECIDE ABOUT <u>MARITAL</u> <u>FIDELITY</u>? WHAT WERE THE ATTITUDES OF EACH OF YOU TOWARD IT?

### 39. PRIOR TO MARRIAGE, WHAT DID YOU DISCUSS OR DECIDE ABOUT <u>YOUR</u> <u>INTENTION TO HAVE CHILDREN AND THE USE OF BIRTH CONTROL</u>? WHAT WERE THE ATTITUDES OF EACH OF YOU TOWARD IT?

#### 40. PRIOR TO MARRIAGE, WHAT DID YOU DISCUSS OR DECIDE ABOUT <u>DIVORCE</u>? WHAT WERE THE ATTITUDES OF EACH OF YOU TOWARD IT? **WAS THERE DIVORCE IN EITHER ONE OF YOUR FAMILIES OR FRIENDS**? DID YOU CONSIDER THE **POSSIBILITY OF DIVORCE** IF THE MARRIAGE DID NOT WORK?

#### 41. PRIOR TO MARRIAGE, WHAT DID YOU DISCUSS OR DECIDE ABOUT <u>PLANS FOR THE</u> <u>FUTURE, PERSONAL AND AS A FAMILY</u>? WHAT WERE THE ATTITUDES OF EACH OF YOU TOWARD IT?

42. PRIOR TO MARRIAGE, WHAT DID YOU DISCUSS OR DECIDE ABOUT **PROFESSIONAL CAREERS** (finishing studies, job, military duty, etc.)? WHAT WERE THE ATTITUDES OF EACH OF YOU TOWARD IT?

#### **ENGAGEMENT**

43. HOW LONG BEFORE THE WEDDING DID YOU DECIDE TO MARRY IN THE CHURCH? WHO PROPOSED AND UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES? (i.e. pregnancy, moving, an ultimatum, etc.)

44. IF THE DECISION TO MARRY WAS TO MARRY BY CIVIL COURT, BY A NON-CATHOLIC RITUAL, OR TO LIVE IN COHABITATION, PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY YOU DID THIS. (THE LAST SHEET OF THIS PACKET HAS MORE QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS TYPE OF SITUATION. PLEASE ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS ALSO.) 45. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PRE-MARITAL PREPARATION YOU RECEIVED FROM THE PARISH CHURCH. (FOCCUS, Engaged Encounter, sponsor couple, meetings with priest, etc.)

### MARRIED LIFE 46. IN GENERAL, HOW WAS THE FIRST YEAR OF YOUR MARRIAGE? PLEASE EXPLAIN.

47. WHEN DID YOU **FIRST** REALIZE THAT THERE EXISTED SERIOUS PROBLEMS? (Beginning, middle, last part of marriage) PLEASE EXPLAIN.

#### 48. SPECIFICALLY, WHAT WERE THOSE PROBLEMS?

49. WERE THERE SIGNS OF THESE PROBLEMS **BEFORE** MARRIAGE? PLEASE EXPLAIN.

#### 50. WHAT DID YOU DO TO RESOLVE THESE PROBLEMS? WHAT WAS THE RESULT?

51. WERE THESE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY ANY **OUTSIDE INTERFERENCES** (e.g., any other person)? IF THERE WERE, PLEASE EXPLAIN.

# 52. WAS THERE ANY PARTICULAR GREAT DISLIKING BY EITHER ONE OF YOU TOWARD ANY ONE OF YOUR OWN OR THE OTHER'S FAMILY?

### 53. HOW WELL DID YOU TALK THINGS OUT? WHAT COULD YOU **NOT** TALK ABOUT?

# 54. DID YOU EXPERIENCE ANY TYPE OF PROBLEM IN YOUR SEXUAL INTIMACY? IF SO, WHAT KIND OF PROBLEM WAS IT?

#### 55. WHO MADE THE MAJOR DECISIONS, YOU OR YOUR EX-SPOUSE? GIVE EXAMPLES.

56. WHAT TYPE OF SOCIAL LIFE DID YOU TWO HAVE? (i.e., together, separate, with friends, alone) PLEASE EXPLAIN.

57. WERE YOU ABLE TO SHARE AFFECTION WITH EACH OTHER? PLEASE EXPLAIN (in public; only in private). WERE YOU EMBARRASSED BY THE SHOW OF AFFECTION?

### 58. WAS THERE INFIDELITY IN YOUR MARRIAGE? IF SO, WHEN AND BY WHOM?

# 59. WERE THERE ANY PROBLEMS RELATED TO DRUGS, ALCOHOL, VERBAL, PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL ABUSE? WHEN DID THEY BECOME EVIDENT? PLEASE EXPLAIN.

60. WERE THERE ANY TEMPORARY SEPARATIONS IN THE MARRIAGE? (i.e. military service, job related, or because of arguments, etc.) PLEASE EXPLAIN.

## 61. WERE CHILDREN BORN AS PLANNED? WAS BIRTH CONTROL PRACTICED? IF SO, AT WHOSE INITIATIVE? WHAT TYPE OF BIRTH CONTROL WAS USED?

62. IF APPLICABLE, GIVE THE NAMES AND BIRTH DATES OF THE CHILDREN BORN OF THIS UNION.

63. DID THE PREGNANCY AND BIRTH OF YOUR CHILDREN CHANGE YOUR MARITAL RELATIONSHIP? IF SO, PLEASE EXPLAIN.

64. HOW DID YOU AND HOW DID YOUR EX-SPOUSE CARE FOR THE CHILDREN? (e.g., who bathed them, fed them, helped with homework, took them to the park, etc.) PLEASE GIVE EXAMPLES.

65. DESCRIBE YOUR SHARING OF THE HOUSEHOLD CHORES AND MAINTENANCE.

66. WHO SUPPORTED FINANCIALLY THE HOME AND FAMILY?

## 67. HOW DID YOU LIVE YOUR RELIGIOUS FAITH IN THE HOME AND OUTSIDE THE HOME?

68. DID THE MUTUAL LOVE AND RESPECT, INCREASE, DISAPPEAR, OR DID IT EVER EXIST?

69. WHAT WERE THE MOST SERIOUS DISAGREEMENTS ABOUT? PLEASE EXPLAIN.

70. WHAT WERE THE OPINIONS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS REGARDING YOUR MARRIAGE BEFORE THE SEPARATION?

71. AT WHAT POINT IN TIME DID YOU REALIZE THAT YOU HAD MADE A MISTAKE IN MARRYING?

## 72. DID EITHER ONE OF YOU SEEK MARITAL COUNSELING? WHO DID? WHAT HAPPENED?

## 73. WHO MENTIONED DIVORCE FIRST, WHO DECIDED TO FILE, AND WHO ACTUALLY FILED?

74. WAS THERE ANY ATTEMPT AT RECONCILIATION BEFORE THE DIVORCE WAS FINALIZED?

#### **CONCLUSION**

75. WHAT TYPE OF COMMUNICATION IS THERE BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR EX-SPOUSE TODAY?

76. DO YOU WISH TO ADD ANYTHING ELSE?

<u>OATH</u>

DO YOU SWEAR BEFORE GOD AS YOUR WITNESS, THAT ALL STATEMENTS YOU HAVE MADE ON THESE PAGES ARE TRUE? YES

Signature of the Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ Da

Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### **CELEBRATION OF A CHURCH MARRIAGE** AFTER MARRYING BY THE COURT

#### PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS <u>ONLY</u> IF YOU MARRIED CIVILLY FIRST AND THEN BY THE CHURCH. IF BOTH CEREMONIES OCCURRED IN MÉXICO WITHIN A TIMEFRAME OF LESS THAN SIX MONTHS, YOU DO NOT NEED TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS.

1. Describe how the topic arose of getting married in the Catholic Church.

2. What was your reaction to the idea of getting married in the Catholic Church?

3. What was your <u>ex-spouse's</u> reaction to the idea of getting married in the Catholic Church?

4. Were there any **pressures** applied ON EACH OTHER or BY OTHER PERSONS to get married in the Church? PLEASE EXPLAIN.

5. What was **your motive** in going through the Catholic ceremony after being married civilly? (e.g. solve problems, baptism sponsor, receiving God's blessing, etc.)

6. What was your **ex-spouse's motive**, at the time, in going through the Catholic ceremony after being married civilly?

7. Which problems in the marriage, if any, had already begun to appear before the Church ceremony?

8. At the time of the Catholic ceremony, did either party already have serious doubts about whether the marriage would last or succeed? Please explain.