

Dear Respondent,

You have already received the Tribunal's notice of your former spouse's request for a declaration of nullity. That notice included the officers of the Tribunal and the grounds for the case that is the basis for determining the consent of the parties. Thank you for taking the time to visit this website and participate in the process by providing your written testimony. Your perspective will greatly assist us.

**In filling out the Respondent Questionnaire, please follow these directions:**

1. Before answering any questions, please read through the entire questionnaire.
2. We would be most grateful if you would download the form and complete your answers on the computer. If you are not completing your answers on the computer, please write in **ink**.
3. Questions answered in detail are most helpful.
4. If you need more space for answers you may add additional pages.
5. After you have completed the questionnaire, please take it to a parish priest or notary, sign it in his/her presence and have him/her witness your signature. It is **necessary** that the questionnaire be signed and witnessed.
- 6. Return this questionnaire directly to the Tribunal in the self-addressed envelope, along with the "Declaration of the Respondent" that was provided to you in the initial contact.**

Please return the completed questionnaire to the Tribunal within **three weeks from** when you received the initial contact from the Tribunal.

**If you decide not to complete the Respondent Questionnaire**, you are asked to return at least the "Declaration of the Respondent" form which you received in the mail.

If you have any questions about the process or this questionnaire, please call the  
Tribunal 215-587-3750.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA  
THE TRIBUNAL**

**Please Type or Print in Black Ink**

CASE NAME AND NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE RESPONDENT**

**Please read all instructions before filling in the questionnaire. Please fill in all information about both yourself (RESPONDENT) and your former spouse (PETITIONER).**

**I solemnly state that the information which I give in these answers is true to the best of my knowledge.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Respondent's Signature**

What is your name? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your address? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What is your telephone number? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please fill out the following information:**

What is your religion? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are Catholic, when and where were you baptized? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date of your birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Father's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Mother's name: \_\_\_\_\_

How many brothers do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

How many sisters do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

Are your parents still married to each other? If not, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

Are the Petitioner's (Former Spouse) parents still married to each other? If not, please explain.

**INFORMATION ABOUT MARRIAGE BEING CONSIDERED FOR ANNULMENT**  
(Marriage between you and your former spouse)

1. When were you married to your former spouse, the Petitioner? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Were you married to your former spouse, the Petitioner, with a religious or civil ceremony? \_\_\_\_\_

3a. Did you or the Respondent obtain a Catholic Dispensation from the normal Catholic Form of Marriage in order to be married according to Catholic Church Law but by a Minister, Rabbi, or Magistrate? \_\_\_\_\_

3b. If so, what Catholic Parish and its location was approached to obtain this dispensation? \_\_\_\_\_

4. If the marriage ceremony was religious, why did you choose to have a religious ceremony? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Place (City/Town & State) of your marriage to the Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_

6. If it was a religious ceremony, please give the name of Church or synagogue. \_\_\_\_\_

7. If you, the Respondent, are Catholic and the marriage under consideration was at first outside the Church, please give particulars of Church ceremony or Validation or Blessing:

a. Exact Date: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Church: \_\_\_\_\_

c. City or Town: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Age at time of the marriage under consideration:

a. Petitioner (Former Spouse) \_\_\_\_\_

b. Respondent (Yourself) \_\_\_\_\_

9a. Was your marriage to the Petitioner the first marriage for you, the Respondent? \_\_\_\_\_

9b. Was this the first marriage for the Petitioner? \_\_\_\_\_

9c. To how many people have you been married in any way, shape, or form, other than the Petitioner? Please list names and dates in space below.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9d. To how many people has the Petitioner been married in any way, shape, or form, other than you? Please list names and dates in space below.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. How long did you seriously date the Petitioner before the engagement? \_\_\_\_\_

11. How long were you engaged to the Petitioner? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Did you and the Petitioner have a pre-nuptial agreement? If so, please provide a copy of it. \_\_\_\_\_

13. After the marriage ceremony, how long did you live together until the final separation? \_\_\_\_\_

14. What was the date of your final separation, i.e., the date you discontinued cohabitation? \_\_\_\_\_

15. How many children were born to you and the Petitioner? \_\_\_\_\_  
Give the year of birth of each child.

- a. First Child \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Second Child \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Third Child \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Fourth Child \_\_\_\_\_

16. If children were born of your marriage to the Petitioner

- a. Who has custody of the children? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. In what religion are they being raised? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Do you pay child support (if you are not the custodial parent)? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. If you are the custodial parent, are you receiving child support? \_\_\_\_\_

17. Civil Divorce Information:

- a. Was it obtained by you or the Petitioner? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. What was the exact date on which it was granted? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Where was it granted? (City/Town & State) \_\_\_\_\_

18. Did both you and the Petitioner freely enter marriage? If not, please explain.

19. Was there a premarital pregnancy? If so, how did the pregnancy influence your decision to marry?

20. Was there any circumstance or characteristic of your former spouse which could be detrimental to married life that was concealed from you? (For example: alcohol abuse, drug abuse, sexual deviation, gambling addiction, etc.) If so, please explain.

21a. When you married, did you believe marriage to be permanent that is ended only by the death of a spouse? If not, please explain.

21b. Did the Petitioner believe this? If not, please explain.

22a. Did you foresee any circumstances which would justify a divorce with automatic right to remarry another? If so, please explain.

22b. Did the Petitioner foresee this possibility? If so, please explain.

23a. Did you place any condition/restriction/limitation on your consent to marry? If yes, state the condition/restriction/limitation.

23b. Did the Petitioner share this view? If not, please explain.

24a. Did you intend to be absolutely faithful to your spouse? If not, please explain.

24b. Did the Petitioner share this view? If not, please explain.

25a. Did you intend to have children in this marriage? If not, please explain.

25b. Did the Petitioner share this view? If not, please explain.

26. Did you intend to delay starting a family for any reason? If so, please explain.

27a. At the time of the wedding or before the wedding, did you firmly set a limit to the number of children which you would have? If so, please explain.

27b. Did the Petitioner share these views? Please explain.

28. Was some method of contraception or abstinence used in your sexual intimacy to avoid pregnancy throughout the period of your marriage? If so, please explain.

29a. Prior to the marriage, did you consult a medical doctor, psychiatrist, or counselor for any nervous or emotional problem? If so, when? What was told to you by the doctor, psychiatrist, psychologist, or counselor?

29b. During the marriage, did you consult a medical doctor, psychiatrist, psychologist, or counselor? If so, when and why?

29c. After the marriage ended, did you consult any of the above about yourself? If so, what was said?

30. Did either you or the Petitioner ever consult a clergyman during your marriage concerning marriage problems? Please explain.

31. What do you know about the Petitioner in regard to his/her emotional history prior to the wedding?



32a. Please give the name and address of any counselors and time span of consultations.

32b. Would you release from professional secrecy any individual that was of assistance to you individually or as a couple?

33. Were there any significant problems in the family background of either you or your former spouse? (For example, alcohol or substance addiction, serious illness, etc.) If yes, please explain.

34. Did the Petitioner have difficulty getting or holding a job? If so, please explain.

35. Were finances a problem in your marriage? Please explain.

36. Were you or the Petitioner irresponsible with money/finances? Please explain.

37. Did you and the Petitioner have different views about finances? Please explain.

38. Did either of you have a problem with gambling? Did the problem begin before or after the wedding?

39a. Did either of you have a drinking problem? Please explain.

39b. Did the drinking problem begin before or after the wedding?

40a. Did either of you use drugs? Please explain.

40b. If either you or the Petitioner did use drugs, did this begin prior to the wedding?

41. Were there any problems prior to or during the marriage involving abuse of any type? Please explain precisely.

42. Were there any problems involving in-laws? Please explain.



49. If either or both of you is now remarried, can you see any great difference between the first and second marriage? Please explain.

50. What is your overall attitude toward the petition which your former spouse has made?

51. **Have you or the Petitioner ever applied for an annulment before? If so, please give the details.**

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**I SOLEMNLY STATE THAT THE INFORMATION WHICH I HAVE GIVEN IN THE ABOVE ANSWERS IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.**

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Your signature

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Signature of Priest

Date:  
Place: