

CHANCERY USE

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Granted: _____

Date: _____

**DEFECT OF FORM PETITION
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
CHANCERY**

Post Office Box 9023
Rockville Centre, New York 11571-9023

No date of marriage may be set for a new marriage or validation in the Church until a Declaration of Freedom to Marry has been officially granted.

Please enter the following information based on your personal interview with the petitioner:

PETITIONER

RESPONDENT

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

RELIGION: _____

DATE OF BAPTISM: _____

PLACE OF BAPTISM: _____

N.B. The Respondent will be notified that a defect of form petition has been filed.

Date of Marriage: _____

Place of Marriage: _____

Official title of Officiant (e.g., minister, judge, rabbi, etc.): _____

Address of Catholic party at time of marriage: _____

Did the Catholic party at any time formally abandon the Catholic faith? _____ If so, when and under what

circumstances?: _____

Why were you never married by a Roman Catholic Priest? _____

If you ever discussed having your marriage celebrated in Church, please indicate the results of that discussion:

When did you cease living together? _____ Date of Divorce: _____

Location of Court _____ Index Number of Divorce: _____

Does the Petitioner have any legal or moral obligations toward the former spouse or toward any children born of this prior union? _____ Are these obligations being met? _____

The petitioner is asked to pay a \$50 fee for **each** Defect of Form case prior to or at the time of its being submitted to the Chancery Office.
This will facilitate processing and ensure that payment is not overlooked.

PREVIOUS OR SUBSEQUENT MARRIAGE(S) OF PETITIONER (Other than the marriage described on Page 1.)

Name of Spouse: _____

Name of Spouse: _____

Date of Marriage: _____

Date of Marriage: _____

Place of Marriage: _____

Place of Marriage: _____

If ended, please check:

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___ Tribunal Annulment # _____

___ Tribunal Annulment # _____

___ Death (date) _____

___ Death (date) _____

___ DF # _____

___ DF # _____

PREVIOUS OR SUBSEQUENT MARRIAGE(S) OF RESPONDENT (Other than the marriage described on Page 1.)

Name of Spouse: _____

Name of Spouse: _____

Date of Marriage: _____

Date of Marriage: _____

Place of Marriage: _____

Place of Marriage: _____

INTENDED SPOUSE OF PETITIONER:

Name of Intended Spouse: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____ Religion: _____

Is this intended marriage a convalidation? _____

If so, when did the civil ceremony take place? _____

I, the undersigned Petitioner, solemnly swear before God that the Respondent and I never contracted marriage in the presence of a Catholic Priest or in any manner recognized by the Catholic Church. I solemnly swear that in answering the above questions I have told the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

Signature of Priest/Deacon Interviewer

Signature of Petitioner

Date

SEAL

Church: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

TESTIMONY OF THE PRIEST INTERVIEWER

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A. Documents

I have enclosed the following documents (original or photocopy):

- Recent Baptismal Certificate of the Catholic Party
- Civil Marriage License Indicating Officiant (*not* Marriage Certificate)
- Final Divorce Decree (Indicating Index No. and Grant Date)
- \$50 Fee (Check payable to Diocese of Rockville Centre)

B. Witnesses

(Testimony given to you personally, in an interview, telephone conversation or written testimony mailed recently to you.)

I have interviewed the witnesses named below. I have explained to them the meaning of the Canonical Form of Marriage, Dispensation from the Canonical Form, Validation and Sanation. The witnesses have known the Petitioner and Respondent before and throughout the marriage in question. To the best of their knowledge, the witnesses stated that the couple were not married in any manner recognized by the Catholic Church.

The witnesses confirmed their testimony by the following oath:

"I solemnly swear before God,
that the Petitioner and Respondent never contracted
marriage in the presence of a Catholic Priest
or in any other manner recognized by the Catholic Church."

Name of Witness

Name of Witness

Relationship to Petitioner

Relationship to Petitioner

Length of Relationship

Length of Relationship