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Cause name \_\_\_\_\_ Prot. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to us within 30 days (by \_\_\_\_\_).

## Respondent's Declarations

Name-in-full \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden last name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip (or country) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

### Your Religion

What is your religion/denomination? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are Catholic: Date of Catholic baptism \_\_\_\_\_

OR If you were first baptized in another community before becoming Catholic: Date of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church \_\_\_\_\_

Church of baptism (or reception into full communion) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State (or country) \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not Catholic, are you baptized? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you ever changed religions? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, explain \_\_\_\_\_

### Information on the Marriage

Date first met the petitioner (at least approximate) \_\_\_\_\_

How soon after you first met did you begin dating? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of engagement (at least approximate) \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding date and place \_\_\_\_\_

If you were married outside of the Catholic Church and later had your marriage validated ("blessed"):

Date and place of validation \_\_\_\_\_

Date living together ended (at least approximate) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of divorce \_\_\_\_\_

***Thank you for providing us information from your perspective.***

## **Childhood and Teenage Years**

Describe your childhood home life. Describe your teen years. Where there any problems or difficulties?

Please describe your religious upbringing and practice.

Is there a history of divorce in your family? (Explain)

## **Dating Period**

What did you learn about the petitioner's home life, childhood and teenage years before you got married?

How well did you get to know each other's personalities before marriage? (Explain)

What was the quality of your personal communication before the marriage? Could each of you talk about private, intimate matters? (Explain)

Did you live together before marriage? If so, why did you decide to do so? When did you begin to cohabit? Was it before or after you were engaged? Did it influence your decision to marry? (Explain)

Was there a pregnancy before marriage? If so, did it occur before or after you had decided to marry? Did it influence your decision to get married? (Explain)

Before you got married, describe the discussions you had about marriage and divorce. What beliefs about marriage did you agree on while dating and engaged? Which beliefs about marriage did you disagree on? Did you discuss spending the rest of your life together and growing old together? (Explain)

Did you or the petitioner ever date anyone else while the two of you were dating? While engaged? (Explain)

Before the marriage, did you ever discuss what would happen if there was infidelity once married? (Explain)

What problems, if any, occurred before the marriage? Was there any abuse that took place while you were dating or engaged? Describe any breakups that took place before the marriage. (Explain)

What was your idea of marriage at the time you were dating and engaged? Have your ideas of marriage changed since then? (Explain)

Please describe the use of alcohol or drugs by each of you during the dating and engagement period.

## **Engagement**

Describe how the engagement (or decision to get married) took place.

What discussions did you and the petitioner have concerning children while you were dating or engaged? Did you discuss parenting roles and styles?

What discussions did you and the petitioner have concerning household responsibilities and finances while you were dating or engaged? What did you agree upon ahead of time?

What discussions did you and the petitioner have concerning religious practice before the marriage?

Were there periods of time while you were dating and engaged that you were separated due to work, school, military service, etc.? If so, explain.

Describe any problems, including breakups, which occurred during the engagement period.

Did anyone discourage you from getting married? Did anyone encourage you or pressure you to get married? If so, explain.

Were there any immigration issues, deadlines due to military transfers or deployments, or other factors that influenced the timing of the marriage?

Did anything unusual happen at the rehearsal or on the wedding day? If so, explain. What was the honeymoon like?

**If you first married civilly and then had your marriage validated (or “blessed”) in the Catholic Church, complete this box. Otherwise, leave this box blank.**

1. Whose idea was it have the marriage validated? What were the reasons for the validation? Why didn't you get married in the Catholic Church originally?

2. What was your understanding of the purpose of the validation ceremony? What was your attitude toward having the marriage validated in the Catholic Church?

3. Did the validation ceremony make any difference in your relationship? (Explain)

### **During the Marriage**

Did anything change about the petitioner after the marriage took place? Did anything about him/her come as a surprise after marriage? How soon did problems begin in the marriage? (Explain)

Were any children born of the marriage? If not, why did you not have children? What method of family planning was used during the marriage? (e.g., natural family planning, certain forms of artificial contraception) How consistently was it used?

Describe how each party fulfilled parental responsibilities toward your children.

Describe the problems of the marriage.

Did either party have difficulty maintaining employment? Did both parties share responsibilities in maintaining the household? How were finances managed during the marriage? Were there any financial difficulties?

Was there any infidelity by either of you during the marriage? If so, when did it first occur?

Describe the breakup and any efforts at counseling and reconciliation.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print your name), hereby swear that the answers which I have given on the attached sheets of paper are the whole truth and nothing but the truth. So help me God.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# List of Witnesses – Respondent

## Please print

- Please list relatives and friends who were knowledgeable about you and the petitioner before and during the marriage and who can testify to your and the petitioner’s character.
- Please also provide contact information for any counselor or doctor that you may have consulted concerning the marriage, with or without the petitioner.
- The Tribunal prefers not to have children of the parties participate as witnesses out of concern for family harmony.
- Contact the witnesses that you are naming and let them know that they will be contacted by the Tribunal for their testimony. We will send them a questionnaire to complete.

1.  Miss  Ms.  Mrs.  Mr.  Dr.  Rev.  Deacon

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to: Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent \_\_\_\_\_

2.  Miss  Ms.  Mrs.  Mr.  Dr.  Rev.  Deacon

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to: Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent \_\_\_\_\_

3.  Miss  Ms.  Mrs.  Mr.  Dr.  Rev.  Deacon

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to: Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent \_\_\_\_\_

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