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**PETITION FOR PERMISSION TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS (Frater/Soror)**  
**Parties**

Name: _____ Religion: _____ Age: _____	Name: _____ Religion: _____ Age: _____
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<b>Wedding Information</b>	
Date of Marriage:	_____
Place of Marriage:	_____
City/State/Zip:	_____
Check one:	<input type="checkbox"/> Minister <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Official

**Most Reverend Archbishop:**

The parties named above, who reside in this Archdiocese, hereby petition you for permission to receive the sacraments.

This marriage cannot be validated at present because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

It would be a very grave hardship for this couple to separate because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Now truly contrite, the Catholic party/parties is/are most anxious to make peace with God and to return to the sacraments. They have agreed to avoid sexual relations and now seek permission to receive the sacraments while continuing to live in the same home as brother and sister.

I have personally explained to them the serious obligations which the arrangement imposes, such as the careful avoidance of all occasions of sin, the regular reception of the sacraments, the validation of this marriage if this should become possible, and the avoidance of giving scandal.

I am convinced of their sincerity in entering such an arrangement, and I believe they will be able, with the help of God's grace, to abide by the necessary conditions. I therefore recommend that this petition be granted. I know of no reason why any scandal would arise.

Signature of Pastor/Parochial Vicar	Parish	
Print Name of Pastor/Parochial Vicar	Address	
Date	Telephone	City/Zip

I hereby grant the above petition, in accordance with the norms of law.	
By: _____ Archbishop of Los Angeles/Vicar/Delegate	Date: _____