

**METROPOLITAN TRIBUNAL  
ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES**  
3424 Wilshire Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90010-2241

Case: \_\_\_\_\_

Prot. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**Petition to the Archbishop of Los Angeles  
to Invoke the PAULINE PRIVILEGE**

YOUR EMINENCE:

I, \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Full name of Petitioner, including maiden name if applicable)

Please check the applicable box:

- sincerely interested in receiving baptism in the Catholic Church,
- having already received baptism in the Catholic Church,

hereby petition an investigation to determine my right to use the PAULINE PRIVILEGE  
in order to marry \_\_\_\_\_, a Catholic.

As an unbaptized person, I was married to \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Full name of the Other Party, including maiden name)

also unbaptized, on \_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_. This marriage  
ended in a civil divorce, granted on \_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_.

There is no hope for any reconciliation.

I understand that Your Eminence or your delegate must conduct the Canonical  
Interpellations of the other party as required by canon 1144. ***I agree to abide by the  
decision of the Church in my case, and understand that no guarantee can be given  
of an affirmative decision or of a definite time within which the decision will be  
forthcoming.*** In support of my petition, I submit the following:

1. An authentic copy of the certificate of the marriage in question.
2. An authentic copy of the **final decree** of civil divorce.
3. My deposition (*please use the appropriate Tribunal form*).
4. The present name and full address of the other party.
5. The names, addresses and telephones of competent witnesses who can confirm the  
fact that neither of us were baptized at the time of the wedding in question (*please  
supply this information on pages 3 and 4 of this petition*).

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Date received at Tribunal: \_\_\_\_\_

Notary: \_\_\_\_\_

Fee Paid (Before July 1, 2002 = \$95; afterwards, = \$100): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## DATA CONCERNING THE OTHER PARTY

*Please type or neatly print the following data about the Other Party (i. e., your spouse in the marriage you are seeking to have dissolved).*

Other Party's Current Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Proper Salutation: (*Please Circle:* Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Other: \_\_\_\_\_)

Maiden Name (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country (if outside U.S.A. ): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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***(If you do not have an address for the Other Party, please provide the name of a relative "in care of" whom we can attempt to reach him or her.)***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of this Person to the Other Party: \_\_\_\_\_

Proper Salutation: (*Please Circle:* Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Other: \_\_\_\_\_)

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country (if outside U.S.A. ): \_\_\_\_\_

***If you have no address at all for the Other Party, it will be very difficult if not impossible to verify the facts necessary to authorize the use of the Pauline Privilege. Please have the parish minister with whom you are working consult the Tribunal to determine whether a petition to invoke the Pauline Privilege is appropriate, or whether some other approach would be better.***

***Thank you.***