

**APPLICATION FOR A DECLARATION OF FREEDOM TO MARRY
DUE TO LACK OF CANONICAL FORM OF A PREVIOUS MARRIAGE**

The following information is to be supplied by the applicant.

The questions should be asked and the answers written by the interviewing priest.

The person should give the evidence under Oath.

"I (the applicant) _____ swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.
So help me God."

1. What is your full name? _____ [incl. Maiden Name]
2. What is your address? _____
3. Contact Numbers _____ Email _____
4. Date and place of birth? _____
5. When were you married? _____ Where? _____
6. To whom [full name]? _____

A full copy, (not an extract which omits many details), of the marriage certificate, obtainable from the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, MUST be presented to the Tribunal

7. Was this your first marriage? _____ If not please give details of any other marriage:

8. Was the marriage to you the first marriage of the other party? _____

9. If not, give details of other marriage: _____

10. What was your religion at the time of the marriage? _____

11. What was the religion of the other party? _____

12. When and where was the **Catholic** party baptized? _____

***A recent [within 6 months] Certificate of Baptism MUST be presented to the Tribunal
It should include the parents' names and refer to any marriage details.***

13. [a] (For marriages that took place after 27 November 1983)
Did the Catholic party ever by a formal act defect from the Catholic Church? (cf. Canon 1117) _____

- [b] (For marriages that took place before 1 January 1949)
What evidence of a Catholic upbringing is tendered? _____

14. Where was the Catholic party living at the time of the marriage?

15. Was permission sought and obtained from the Bishop
for the marriage to take place other than in the Catholic Church? _____

16. Why did the Catholic party not insist on a Catholic ceremony? _____

17. Was the marriage ever repeated or blessed in the Catholic Church? _____

18. Was any request or suggestion made that this marriage should be rectified or blessed in the Catholic Church? _____

19. Please give the addresses of where you lived during the course of your marriage to your former Spouse and the **approximate** dates you lived at each location.

20. <u>DATES</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
from _____ to _____	_____
from _____ to _____	_____
from _____ to _____	_____
from _____ to _____	_____
from _____ to _____	_____

21. Were any children born of this marriage? _____ How Many? _____

22. If so, were they baptized in the Catholic Church and where did any baptism[s] take place?

23. When did you finally separate from your former Spouse? _____

24. Have you been civilly divorced? _____ Date of Civil Decree Absolute of Divorce: _____

A copy of the Decree Absolute MUST be presented to the Tribunal

25. Are you meeting your natural obligations towards children and your partner from the previous union? (cf. Canon 1071,§1,3º) _____

26. What is the present address and phone number of your **former spouse**?

27. **Intended Partner** Name: _____ Phone: _____

28. Address: _____

29. Conjugal Status: _____

30. Religion: _____ of the person you now wish to marry.

31. Date and Place of Proposed Marriage: _____

32. Celebrant: _____

"I hereby confirm on Oath that I have answered the above questions truthfully. So help me God."

Dated: _____ Signed: _____

Signature of Witness: _____

Address of Witness: _____

CHECKLIST FOR PRIEST-WITNESS

- [a] Certificates: ___Recent Baptism + ___Marriage + ___Decree Absolute
- [b] Cheque for administration expenses - \$50.00
- [c] Covering letter from interviewing priest regarding applicant

"The priest should await the Decree before a date is set for a new marriage."

Then send to:
Tribunal of the Catholic Church
PO Box 2090
Wollongong NSW 2500