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**APPLICATION FOR A DECLARATION OF FREEDOM TO MARRY
DUE TO LACK OF ORTHODOX 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 _____
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 Orthodox party baptized? _____

A Certificate of Baptism MUST be presented to the Tribunal

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

14. Was permission sought and obtained from the Bishop for the marriage to take place other than in an Orthodox Church? _____
15. Why did the Orthodox party not insist on an Orthodox ceremony? _____

16. Was the marriage ever repeated or blessed by any priest? _____
17. Was any request or suggestion made that this marriage should be rectified or blessed in the Orthodox Church? _____

18. 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.

| <u>DATES</u> | <u>PLACE</u> |
|---------------------|--------------|
| from _____ to _____ | _____ |
| from _____ to _____ | _____ |
| from _____ to _____ | _____ |
| from _____ to _____ | _____ |
| from _____ to _____ | _____ |

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

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

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

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

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

24. Are you meeting your natural obligations towards children and your partner from the previous union? (cf. Canon 1071,§1,3º, CCEO 789,3º) _____

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

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| 26. Intended Partner Name: _____ Phone: _____ |
| 27. Address: _____ |
| 28. Conjugal Status: _____ |
| 29. Religion: _____ of the person you now wish to marry. |
| 30. Date and Place of Proposed Marriage: _____ |
| 31. Celebrant: _____ |

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

Dated: _____ Signed: _____

Priest 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 priest regarding applicant

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

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