

## PROCEDURE FOR LACK OF FORM CASE

To be submitted:

1. Petition form for EACH marriage in question.
2. Recent copy of BAPTISMAL Certificate of Catholic party bound to Canonical Form of marriage. (NOTE: Baptismal Certificate **MUST** have annotation that there are no marriages recorded for Catholic party. If both parties are baptized Catholic, copies of both baptism certificates should be submitted with the application).
3. Copy of MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.
4. CERTIFIED copy of FINAL DIVORCE DECREE OR ANNULMENT – (certified copy, not lawyer’s copy.)
5. All questions must be answered. If the Catholic party ever left the Catholic Church or at anytime no longer considered himself/herself a Catholic, it must be determined if such action constituted a “formal act”. Consult the Tribunal in such cases.
6. Complete address of the respondent MUST be given. Respondent must be notified.
7. Information must be given regarding the fulfillment of the obligations toward respondent and/or the children arising from this marriage. Cf. Question #6.



**THE PETITIONER IS TO ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**

5. a) Did the Catholic party to this marriage ever leave the Catholic Church or no longer considered himself/herself a Catholic? \_\_\_\_\_  
b) If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_.  
c) Was this known by the Catholic party's friends and/or relatives? \_\_\_\_\_  
How? \_\_\_\_\_
6. a) What are the court ordered visitation and financial support provisions regarding your former spouse and children? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
b) Have these stipulations been fulfilled in the past and are they being honored at present? Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Has this marriage ever been validated or "blessed" in the Catholic Church? \_\_\_\_\_
8. a) Have you every contracted any other marriages? \_\_\_\_\_  
b) If yes, with whom, when and where? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Have you told the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth about everything on this petition, so help you God? \_\_\_\_\_.
10. I enclose the following:  
a) ( ) Recent certificate of Baptism of Catholic Party/Parties (with annotation that no previous valid marriage exists);  
b) ( ) Certificate of civil marriage;  
c) ( ) Certified copy of civil divorce decree (Final);  
c) ( ) Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to defray Tribunal expenses.

Given at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner (maiden name, if woman)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Priest

**(SEAL OF CHURCH)**

