



METROPOLITAN TRIBUNAL  
ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO  
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### Request for the Collaborative Process – Respondent

I, \_\_\_\_\_ [full name, maiden name if woman],  
the Respondent, request along with my former spouse \_\_\_\_\_  
[full name, maiden name if woman], the Petitioner, that our marriage be declared invalid by the  
Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

*Please initial the following:*

\_\_\_ I am not opposed to a declaration of nullity.

\_\_\_ I agree to cooperate with this process by submitting testimony through the attached questionnaire. I understand that I may be contacted (usually through phone or mail) throughout the process if the judge or other appointed officials have further questions.

\_\_\_ I understand that being in agreement that our marriage be declared invalid, I do not necessarily agree with or condone the actions of my former spouse, or my own, which contributed to the end of our marriage.

\_\_\_ I understand that participating in the Collaborative Process does not affect or change the rights and responsibilities afforded to me in the Ordinary Process.

\_\_\_ I understand that I am not responsible for the fee associated with this process. However, I am encouraged to contribute to the ministry of the Tribunal.

\_\_\_ I understand that I am to return this form and the attached questionnaire to the priest or parish staff acting as the submitting minister, and not to my former spouse.

WITH GOD AS MY WITNESS, I AFFIRM THAT THE ANSWERS I HAVE GIVEN IN THE ATTACHED QUESTIONNAIRE ARE TRUE, AND THAT I AGREE TO THE ABOVE.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[signature]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[date]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[signature of public notary/Catholic priest or deacon] [name of notary/Catholic priest or deacon]

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### **USING SEPARATE PAPER, TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY THE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**

The following points are to be included in the written history of your marriage. Please tell us your story, typing in a narrative form, not in an outline. Please number each page.

#### **I. BACKGROUND**

##### **A. ABOUT YOURSELF (RESPONDENT)**

1. Please describe the home environment in which you grew up. What were your parents like? Include the character of your parents, their relationship with each other and with you and your siblings. Describe any tensions, difficulties or other problems present in the family while you were growing up. How did these problems affect you?
2. Briefly, what was your history of dating before meeting your former spouse? Had you ever been engaged to another person?
3. Was the marriage in question here your first marriage? If not, give details including names, date, places of each prior marriage and what caused its breakdown. What was their religion? If Catholic, how was the marriage resolved?
4. Do you have any history of drug or alcohol abuse, gambling, pornography, or other addictions? If so, when did this behavior first begin? Any history of criminal activity, arrest or imprisonment? If so, give dates, offenses, etc. (exclude minor traffic violations)
5. Have you ever been in individual treatment with a licensed counselor (psychologist, psychiatrist, social worker)? If so, give the name and address of the therapist(s) and the dates of treatment.

##### **B. ABOUT YOUR FORMER SPOUSE (PETITIONER)**

6. Please describe the home environment in which your former spouse grew up. What were his/her parents like? Include his/her parents' character, their relationship with each other and with siblings. Describe any tensions, difficulties or other problems in the family while your former spouse was growing up. How did these problems affect him/her?
7. Was your former spouse's marriage to you his/her first marriage? If not, give details including names, date, places of each prior marriage and what caused its breakdown. What was their religion? If Catholic, how was the marriage resolved?
8. Does your former spouse have any history of drug or alcohol abuse, gambling, pornography, or other addictions? If so, when did this behavior first begin? When did you become aware of it? Any history of criminal activity, arrest or imprisonment? If so, give dates, offenses, etc. (exclude minor traffic violations)
9. Has your former spouse ever been in individual treatment with a licensed counselor (psychologist, psychiatrist, social worker)? If so, give the name and address of the therapist(s) and the dates of treatment.

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### II. COURTSHIP

*If a civil marriage preceded a marriage in the Catholic Church, please be sure to clarify when events happened, either during the civil marriage, after the Catholic marriage, or during both.*

10. Did you and your former spouse have problems during your courtship? If so, describe the problems and how you resolved them.
11. Was a pregnancy involved in your decision to marry? If so, explain circumstances and feelings.
12. Did you or your former spouse experience any internal or external pressure to get married? If so, explain the nature and/or source of the pressure.
13. What were your main reasons for entering the marriage? What were your former spouse's main reasons?
14. If a civil marriage preceded a marriage in the Catholic Church, what was the quality of the relationship during the civil marriage?
  - a. Why did you choose to get married in the Church? Why did you get married civilly first?

### III. MARRIED LIFE

*If a civil marriage preceded a marriage in the Catholic Church, please be sure to clarify when events happened, either during the civil marriage, after the Catholic marriage, or during both.*

15. What issues were a source of conflict between you? When did these issues and/or problems first surface? How did you deal with them?
16. If there were no children born of the marriage, explain why. How did this affect your relationship?
17. Give a detailed explanation of what you believe to be the chief reason or reasons for the breakup of your marriage.

### IV. SEPARATIONS

18. Were there any temporary separations during the marriage? If so, please explain the causes, circumstances, dates, duration and reasons for reconciliation.
19. What specific events, difficulties and/or circumstances led to your final separation?

### V. FINAL QUESTIONS

20. Has your former spouse ever remarried? If so, give the date(s) and place(s) of the marriage(s). If any of these marriages ended in death or divorce, please explain.
21. Have you remarried or do you have plans to remarry (civilly or in the Catholic Church)? If so, give the date(s) and place(s) of the marriage(s). If any of these marriages ended in death or divorce, please explain. (Be sure to make these facts known to the priest, deacon or parish minister assisting you with this process.) Does this current civil spouse or fiancé have any previous marriages that have not been resolved by the Catholic Church, regardless of whether the marriage was in the Catholic Church or not?
22. Is there any other fact or circumstance concerning the marriage to your former spouse that you believe is relevant to the evaluation of your petition for nullity?