



**Diocese of Covington
Tribunal**

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For Tribunal Use Only

Case Name: _____

Case Number: _____

Date Received: _____

Petitioner's Parish: _____

Advocate: _____

**IMPEDIMENT OF DISPARITY OF CULT
DEFECT OF FORM**

Petitioner (you)		Respondent (your former spouse)
	Complete Name (including maiden)	
	Street Address	
	City, State, Zip	
	Phone	
	Date of Birth	
	Place of Birth (City, State)	

	Ever Baptized?	
	Date of Baptism	
	Church Where Baptized	
	Street Address (Church of Baptism)	
	City, State, Zip (Church of Baptism)	

	Religion at Time of Wedding	
	Present Religion	
	Current Parish/Congregation	

MARRIAGE CEREMONY

Date		City	
Place		County	
Presiding Official		State	

DIVORCE

Date		County	
Case Number		State	

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ☐ A **certificate of baptism** for the Catholic parties involved. The certificate must be issued from the parish of baptism within the last six months. It must include all sacramental notations and the parish seal. If a party was baptized in a non-Catholic church or ecclesial community and was later received into the Catholic Church, a **certificate of reception** from the parish of reception is required. Copies are not acceptable.
- ☐ A **certified copy** (i.e., stamped and dated by the county clerk) **of the marriage license** issued by the office of the county clerk.
- ☐ A **certified copy of the civil divorce decree** issued by the office of the county clerk.

Were you or the respondent unbaptized at the time of your attempted marriage? If yes, which of you were unbaptized? Yes or No

If yes, did you receive a dispensation from the impediment of disparity of cult prior to your attempted marriage? Yes or No

By my signature I attest to the truthfulness of the information I have provided above.

Petitioner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

After making the appropriate inquiries, I have no reason to doubt the truth of the information provided by the petitioner.

Advocate's Signature: _____ Date: _____

PETITION

I, the undersigned petitioner, do hereby petition the Tribunal of the Diocese of Covington for a declaration of nullity regarding my marriage, the details of which are provided in the accompanying paperwork.

The Tribunal of the Diocese of Covington is competent to adjudicate this case because:

(Check one.)

- ☐ The wedding was celebrated within the Diocese of Covington (c. 1672, 1°).
- ☐ I currently live within the Diocese of Covington (c. 1672, 2°).
- ☐ The respondent currently lives within the Diocese of Covington (c. 1672, 2°).

I attempted marriage with the respondent as detailed in the accompanying paperwork. The respondent and I are civilly divorced and there is no possibility of restoring conjugal life. It is my contention that the cleric who assisted at the wedding did not obtain a dispensation from the impediment of disparity of cult, resulting in a defect of canonical form. Therefore, I argue that my marriage was invalid from the beginning, according to canon 1108 §1. In support of my argument, I submit the accompanying information and documentation and ask the Tribunal to examine the relevant diocesan and parochial files pertaining to my attempted marriage.

Because the defect of form ought to be established with certainty by documentation, I ask that the judicial vicar issue a sentence declaring the nullity of my marriage according to the documentary process provided in canon 1686.

I attest to the truth of all the information that I have provided to the Tribunal herein.

Petitioner's Signature: _____ Date: _____