



**ROMAN CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE of ORANGE**

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## Lack of Form Petition

I, \_\_\_\_\_, solemnly swear before God that the information on this petition is true as far as I know. I swear that my marriage to:

\_\_\_\_\_ never took place before a duly-authorized Catholic priest or deacon and two witnesses, and that this marriage was never subsequently validated by the Catholic Church. I further testify that the Catholic Church never issued a dispensation to allow this marriage to be performed by someone other than a Catholic priest or deacon. I hereby petition the bishop for a "Decree of Nullity" since this marriage was invalid from the beginning, according to the laws of the Catholic Church.

*If the Petitioner is Catholic:* I further testify that before October 26, 2009 I never left the Catholic Church by a formal act that was accepted by Church authority, even though I may not have always been practicing the Catholic Faith.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of the Petitioner*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Parish*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Parish Address*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Zip*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Priest or Deacon*

Parish Seal

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

### Decree

According to the response of the Pontifical Commission for the Authentic Interpretation of the Code of Canon Law (16 October 1919 and 26 June 1984), and article 231 of the Instruction *Provida Mater Ecclesia* (15 August 1936), it has been definitely established that the above named marital union does not bind these parties from marriage with another since the required Canonical Form was absent when the union began, was not dispensed from, and was never convalidated or sanated according to Canon Law.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(for) the Bishop of Orange

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please attach the following Documents: (Please "X")**

- Newly issued Certificate of Catholic Baptism
- Certificate of Marriage
- Final Decree of Divorce
- Affidavit of Respondent or Two Affidavits from Witnesses

**Cash, Check or Money Order in the amount of \$65.00**

<b>Petitioner</b>	<b>Baptism</b>
_____ Name (Maiden)	_____ Church of Baptism
_____ Address	_____ City
_____ City	_____ Denomination
_____ Daytime / Cell Phone	_____ Date
_____ Email	

<b>Respondent</b>	<b>Baptism</b>
_____ Name (Maiden)	_____ Church of Baptism
_____ Address	_____ City
_____ City	_____ Denomination
_____ Daytime / Cell Phone	_____ Date
_____ Email	

<b>Marriage</b>	<b>Divorce</b>
_____ Place (County, State)	_____ Place (County, State)
_____ Date	_____ Date
_____ License Number	_____ Case Number

<b>Witness</b>	<b>Witness</b>
_____ Name	_____ Name
_____ Address	_____ Address
_____ City	_____ City
_____ Daytime / Cell Phone	_____ Daytime / Cell Phone
_____ Email	_____ Email