

PROT. NO.: D.F. _____

DIOCESE OF JOLIET

**PETITION FOR DECLARATION OF NULLITY OF MARRIAGE
CONTRACTED OUTSIDE THE CHURCH (Lack of Canonical Form)**

1. Name _____ Address _____
Parish _____
2. Church, city, state, and date of Catholic's baptism _____

3. City & state where the marriage was contracted _____
Date _____
Name of minister or civil official _____
4. Name of the other party _____ Religion _____
5. If this marriage took place in the presence of a minister, was a dispensation from the form of marriage granted for this marriage? _____
6. Did you ever marry this person in the Catholic Church? _____
7. Do you solemnly swear to the truth of the above statements? _____

Date _____

Petitioner _____

Priest/Deacon/Pastoral Minister _____

N.B. The above should be filled out, signed, and sworn to by the petitioning party in the presence of a priest/deacon. The following documents must be submitted to the Chancery, together with the above petition, in **ALL** cases.

1. Certified copy of the marriage contracted outside the Church.
2. Record of civil divorce or annulment.
3. Baptismal certificate of the Catholic party. **This certificate must be issued within the last six months in every case unless records have been destroyed.** In such a case, the Catholic baptism is to be proven by a sworn statement from a witness of the Catholic's baptism.
4. Affidavits from at least two trustworthy persons testifying that the marriage in question was never rectified before a Catholic priest/deacon. Such affidavits must be sworn to before a priest, deacon, or pastoral minister.

N.B. A declaration of nullity on the basis of lack of form cannot be granted for marriages contracted before an Orthodox priest on or after March 25, 1967, between Catholics (whether Orientals or Latins) and Eastern Orthodox.

Granted by _____ Date _____
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**WITNESS AFFIDAVIT
LACK OF CANONICAL FORM**

Regarding the marriage between: _____ and (use
maiden name): _____

Your name & address: _____

Your relationship to the Petitioner: _____

When and where did the Petitioner and Respondent contract Marriage? _____

Who officiated the wedding? Was it a Priest or Deacon, a non-Catholic minister, Justice of the Peace, or
other? _____

At that time, had either Party been married previously? If so, please explain: _____

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