



**Diocese of Sacramento  
The Tribunal**  
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*Petition for a dissolution of a prior bond due to*  
**PAULINE PRIVILEGE**

*To be filled out by the Parish Advocate with the Petitioner. Please print clearly.*

<b>PETITIONER</b>		<b>RESPONDENT (required)</b>
	Current Full Name <i>(First, Middle, Last)</i>	
	Maiden Name <i>(if applicable)</i>	
	Address Number & Street	
	City, State, and ZIP Code	
	Home Telephone <i>(inc. area code)</i>	
	Work Telephone <i>(inc. area code)</i>	
	Mobile Telephone <i>(inc. area code)</i>	
	E-Mail Address	
	Date of Birth	
	Place of Birth	
	Religion at Time of Marriage	
Did you receive religious instruction as a child? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Religious Instruction	Did Respondent receive religious instruction as a child? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Which church, if any, did your parents attend while raising their family?	Church Affiliation	Which church, if any, did the parents attend while raising their family?
	Current Religion	

To the Petitioner:

- Is it your present intention to be baptized?  Yes  No As a Catholic?  Yes  No  
**If NO, this does not qualify for a Pauline Privilege. STOP and fill out Form C: Formal Case Application.**
- To your knowledge, has the Respondent ever received baptism in the Trinitarian Form?  Yes  No  
Are you currently enrolled in RCIA?  Yes  No If yes, what is intended date of baptism: \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you already baptized?  Yes  No If yes, current religion: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ Officiant \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you waiting to be married in the Catholic Church?  Yes  No  
**If NO, this does not qualify for a Pauline Privilege. STOP and fill out Form C: Formal Case Application.**
- Have you discussed this with the Respondent?  Yes  No
- Will the Respondent cooperate?  Yes  No  
**If NO, this does not qualify for a Pauline Privilege. STOP and fill out Form C: Formal Case Application.**

**MARRIAGE UNDER INVESTIGATION**

Date of Marriage to Respondent

Place of Ceremony, County, and State

Date of Final Decree of Civil Divorce

What was the real cause of the failure of the marriage?

Have you and your former spouse resumed your conjugal life together, even on a single occasion, since the divorce?

Is there any hope of you and your former spouse being reconciled? Explain.

Has your former spouse remarried?

Was this your only marriage?  Yes  No If no, please list **all** prior and subsequent marriages (include date of marriage, place, name of former spouse, church or civil, who officiated (e.g., minister, priest, rabbi, judge) and location)

Date of Marriage	Name of Spouse	Church or Civil	Officiant	City and State

Was this the Respondent's only marriage?  Yes  No If no, please list **all** prior and subsequent marriages (include date of marriage, place, name of former spouse, church or civil, who officiated (e.g., minister, priest, rabbi, judge) and location)

Date of Marriage	Name of Spouse	Church or Civil	Officiant	City and State

**WITNESSES**

**REQUIRED proofs of baptismal status: Witnesses must have known party since birth and can attest with assurance as to the baptismal status; i.e., parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents, older siblings, or presentation of factual evidence such as an ascription to a non-Christian faith. Two witnesses are required for the Petitioner and two witnesses are required for the Respondent.**

<b>Witnesses for the Petitioner</b>	<b>Witnesses for the Respondent</b>
Witness #1 Name	Witness #1 Name
Address	Address
City / State / ZIP	City / State / ZIP
Phone Number	Phone Number
Relationship to Petitioner	Relationship to Respondent
Witness #2 Name	Witness #2 Name
Address	Address
City / State / ZIP	City / State / ZIP
Phone Number	Phone Number
Relationship to Petitioner	Relationship to Respondent

**PRESENT OR INTENDED MARRIAGE**

Name of intended or present civil spouse

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What is your spouse/fiancé/fiancée's current religion?

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Date and place of baptism

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Place of intended marriage

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If you are currently civilly married, give the date and place of marriage and denomination, if any: *(please provide the certified/original marriage license/certificate)*

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**PETITION, AFFIDAVIT, and OATH**

I, the undersigned, do hereby petition that my marriage to the Respondent be dissolved in **Favor of the Faith by Pauline Privilege** due to the fact that at the time of this marriage, both the Respondent and I were non-baptized persons and: *(check one below)*

- I am seeking a valid Christian baptism, and wish to marry a Catholic in the Catholic Church.
- I am seeking baptism in the Catholic faith and wish to marry a Catholic in the Catholic Church.
- Subsequent to my prior marriage I was validly baptized in the Christian faith, I have never renewed conjugal life with my former spouse after baptism, and I now wish to marry a Catholic in the Catholic Church.

**[If one of these options above does not “fit” the situation of the Petitioner, please call the Tribunal for assistance.]**

I further declare under oath that the statements made are true to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*signature of petitioner*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*signature of parish advocate*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*date*

Name of Parish Advocate **(please print)** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State, ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_

**TO BE COMPLETED BY PARISH ADVOCATE (PRIEST, DEACON, APPOINTED LAY MINISTER)**

The following documents are included:

- Certified/Original marriage license/certificate for Petitioner and Respondent (must have stamp or seal) [NOTE: California’s marriage license and certificate is one page. Nevada’s (and other states) marriage license and certificate are two separate items. We must have both the license and certificate. One indicates the number of previous marriages; the other indicates the officiant.]
- Certified/Original divorce decree documents for Petitioner and Respondent (must have stamp or seal) [NOTE: Two documents are required: “NOTICE OF ENTRY OF JUDGMENT” and “JUDGMENT”.]
- Certified/Original marriage license/certificate of current marriage, *if remarried* (must have stamp or seal) [NOTE: California’s marriage license and certificate is one page. Nevada’s (and other states) marriage license and certificate are two separate items. We must have both the license and certificate. One indicates the number of previous marriages; the other indicates the officiant.]
- Catholic baptismal certificate for Petitioner (with notations, issued within the last six months)
- Catholic baptismal certificate for present or intended spouse (with notations, issued within the last six months)
- Any decrees of nullity for prior and subsequent marriages
- \$175 fee (make check payable to: Tribunal)