

Application for Declaration of Nullity
Halifax Regional Marriage Tribunal
Charlottetown Branch
 PO Box 907 – Charlottetown, PE, C1A 7L9

Internal use only

Preliminary Investigation

Yourself		Your Ex-Spouse
	Present Name	
	Name at Birth	
	Full Mailing Address	
	Home Phone	
	Work / Cell Phone	
	Email	
	Date of Birth	
	Place of Birth	
	Religion	
	Father's Name	
	Mother's Name	
	Age at time of marriage	
	Current Marital Status	
	Do you have future marriage plans?	
	Was this the first marriage of each of you?	

Your signature: _____ Date: _____

If your ex-spouse is co-petitioning (optional)

Ex-spouse's signature: _____ Date: _____

Document Checklist

	Your baptism certificate
	Marriage certificate (from Church of Marriage)
	Case history

	Your ex-spouse's baptism certificate
	Divorce Decree
	Witness list

If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Chris Sherren at (902) 368-8005 ext. 232 or by email at tribunal@dioceseofcharlottetown.com

Information about this marriage

Date (approx.) when you and your ex-spouse met
Date (approx.) when you and your ex-spouse began dating
Date (approx.) when you and your ex-spouse became engaged

Date of marriage	Place of marriage
Date of final separation	Date of divorce decree
Length of marriage calculated from the date of separation	
Has your ex-spouse been notified?	
Is he/she willing to cooperate?	
Did any children result of this marriage? If so, please give their names and dates of birth or adoption	

Before this marriage,
did you, or the Respondent, at any time contract marriage in the Catholic Church or go through any form of marriage outside of the Catholic Church?

Petitioner: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Respondent: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
--	--

If yes, please answer the following questions:

Petitioner	With whom?	Respondent
	Date of Marriage	
	Place of Marriage	
	Before whom? Who presided?	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO You may need to enclose a death certificate	Was the previous marriage dissolved by the death of the former spouse?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO You may need to enclose a death certificate
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO You may need to attach pertinent documentation.	Was the previous marriage dissolved or declared invalid by the Church?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO You may need to attach pertinent documentation.
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO You may need a copy of the Decree.	Was the previous marriage dissolved by civil divorce only?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO You may need a copy of the Decree.

Cost:

At the recommendation of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, the Diocese of Charlottetown along with the support of the parishes will absorb these costs. Please consider making a donation to the “Marriage Tribunal – Diocese of Charlottetown” to help this ministry.

Proposed Witnesses

Church law requires not only the statements of the parties but the testimony of trustworthy and informed witnesses. Please list the names of at least **three** persons who are willing to give information regarding your marriage and **who have consented** to be interviewed. The best witnesses by far are people who knew you both during your courtship and/or in the early part of your marriage. They may be relatives as well as close friends. The witnesses you name do not have to live in Prince Edward Island. They can be interviewed at the Marriage Tribunal closest to where they live.

1. Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Occupation: _____
E-mail: _____

This witness has information about (check all that apply)

- My childhood My ex-spouse's childhood Our courtship
 Our married life Marital problems

2. Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Occupation: _____
E-mail: _____

This witness has information about (check all that apply)

- My childhood My ex-spouse's childhood Our courtship
 Our married life Marital problems

3. Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Occupation: _____
E-mail: _____

This witness has information about (check all that apply)

- My childhood My ex-spouse's childhood Our courtship
 Our married life Marital problems

If there are any professional witnesses, please record here

Name: _____ Occupation: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please advise your witnesses that they will be contacted.

Who can read the testimony of the parties?

- The applicant has the right to read all the testimonies.
- Your ex-spouse (Respondent) may be able to read the testimonies.
- The Tribunal staff, which is held to the strictest confidentiality, may read the testimonies.
- The witnesses **do not** read the testimonies

If your ex-spouse is also applying, he/she must agree with the witness list

Signature of co-applicant

Date

Case History Questions

The preliminary case history is essential in order to discover the grounds on which your case will be studied. Please understand that a simple YES or NO will not be enough in most of the cases. We kindly ask that you explain your answers.

With the information you have provided, we will draft an official Petition. In some cases, the Tribunal Personnel will contact the other party before the petition is accepted to see if he/she wants to participate in the process. Depending on the participation of the other party, the tribunal will decide what course of action and what procedure will be used on your case.

Your case history should contain the following information in not more than four pages. An interview, should you agree to participate, will provide an opportunity for further clarification of the questions.

1. Before the marriage: When did you meet? How old were you? How long was the courtship? Did any behaviour turn up before the marriage that became a problem later on?
2. Was there any external pressures to marry? Did anybody advise against the marriage? If so, why?
3. Who proposed? Were you both happy about getting married? Did you follow a marriage preparation program? Why did you and your spouse decide to get married? Did either of you have doubts about the decision to marry?
4. Consider your family history and that of your ex-spouse. Was it happy home life? Were you given good moral and religious example? Where there drugs, alcohol or any kind of abuse? How far did you go in school? How old were you when you first left home? For what reason did you leave home? How many are in your family? Where are you placed?

11. How was your communication? Did either one dominate the marriage? How did you manage financially?

12. Was there any drinking? Drugs? Criminal record? Infidelity? (Before or after the Wedding?)

13. Did you live up to your religious beliefs? Did you go to church as a couple?

14. Were there any temporary separations? If so, who left and how often and for how long? Describe the event that led up to the final break.

15. What has each of you done since the final separation? Please describe if you have any issues related to the marriage/break-up after the final separation.