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LACK OF CANONICAL FORM

Petition

Petitioner

Respondent

I, the undersigned, respectfully request a declaration of nullity in the instance of a marriage contracted outside the Catholic Church, on the basis of defect of legitimate form. One of the parties to this marriage, namely:

(name of party bound to form of marriage)

was obligated to be married in the presence of a priest or deacon, whereas the marriage was not witnessed by a priest or deacon, nor was it subsequently validated by the authorities of the Catholic Church.

I submit the following information:

PETITIONER

RESPONDENT

(name; maiden name, if woman)

(name; maiden name, if woman)

(present name)

(present name)

(present street address)

(present street address)

(city, state and zip)

(city, state and zip)

(religion)

(phone number)

(religion)

(phone number)

This marriage took place on _____
(date)

in _____
(city and state)

in the presence of _____
(minister or civil official)

I enclose the following testimony:

- a) Principal I (Petitioner's) Testimony _____
- b) Principal II (Respondent's) Testimony _____ OR
- c) Supporting Testimony _____

and documents:

- a) Recent certificate of Catholic baptism _____
(dated within the past six months)
- b) Certificate of First Communion or Confirmation _____
(Note: If a marriage took place on or after January 1, 1949, records of First Communion or Confirmation are not necessary)
- c) Certified copy of certificate of civil marriage _____
- d) Certified copy of *final* decree of civil divorce _____

(date)

(signature)

(signature of priest, deacon or other)

(parish name)

(city)

The priest, deacon or other is asked to report on the credibility of the petitioner.
Feel free to do so in the space below.
