

The Tribunal – Diocese of Saginaw
 5800 Weiss Street
 Saginaw, Michigan 48603-2799
 989-797-6623; 1-800-453-2081

Petition for Decree in a Pauline Privilege (non-Baptism) Case

I, the undersigned, respectfully request canonical proceedings be instituted to establish that I am entitled to avail myself of the Pauline Privilege in the instance of the marriage listed below. At the time of the marriage, neither my former spouse nor myself were baptized, christened or sprinkled in any Christian religion, and to the best of my knowledge, my former spouse remains unbaptized.

Petitioner's Signature

Date

PETITIONER		RESPONDENT
Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/>
	Female's Maiden Name	
	Address	
	City, State, Zip	
	Home Phone/ Work Phone	
	Date and Place of Birth	
	Father's Name and Religion	
	Mother's Maiden Name and Religion	

INFORMATION RE: YOUR MARRIAGE TO YOUR FORMER SPOUSE

Date of marriage: _____ Place: _____

Officiant: _____

Date of divorce: _____ City/County: _____

****Please include the CIVIL marriage license and COMPLETE judgment of divorce for this marriage.****

INFORMATION RE: YOUR BAPTISM/RELIGIOUS PRACTICES
(Prior to and during this marriage.)

1. Were you ever baptized, christened or sprinkled in any Christian religion? _____
If so, when and where? _____
If not, how do you know you were not baptized? _____
2. Did you practice any religion as a child? _____
If so, which one? _____
3. Did your mother actively practice any religion? If so, which one? _____
4. Did your father actively practice any religion? If so, which one? _____
5. Did your mother believe in the necessity of infant baptism? _____ Your father? _____
6. Were any of your brothers or sisters baptized? _____
If so, why weren't you baptized? _____

INFORMATION RE: YOUR FORMER SPOUSE'S BAPTISM/RELIGIOUS PRACTICES

1. Was your former spouse ever baptized, christened or sprinkled in any Christian religion? _____
If so, when and where? _____
If not, how do you know he/she was not baptized? _____
2. Did your former spouse practice any religion as a child? _____
If so, which one? _____
3. Did his/her mother actively practice any religion? If so, which one? _____
4. Did his/her father actively practice any religion? If so, which one? _____
5. Did his/her mother believe in the necessity of infant baptism? _____ His/her father? _____
6. Were any of your former spouse's brothers or sisters baptized? _____
If so, why wasn't he/she baptized? _____
7. What religion did your former spouse practice at the time of your marriage? _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Were either of you married to any one else before you married each other? _____

If so, for each marriage either of you contracted, please give the following information:

Date and place of marriage: _____

Name of person married: _____

2. Were you and your former spouse related to each other by blood, marriage or legal adoption? If so, please give all details.

3. Has your former spouse remarried? _____ How do you know this? _____

BAPTISMAL/MARRIAGE INTENTIONS

1. Since this marriage has ended, have you been baptized? _____

2. If so, what denomination? _____

Please include a copy of the record for this baptism.

3. If not, are you preparing for Christian/Catholic baptism? _____

4. If so, when is that expected to happen? _____

5. Do you intend to marry a Catholic? _____ Who? _____

6. When? _____

REMARKS OF PROCURATOR

Signature of Procurator

Date

PETITIONER'S WITNESS SHEET

Please provide the names and addresses of two witnesses for both the Petitioner and the Respondent. These witnesses are to testify about the non-baptism of both parties before and throughout the course of the marriage. Preferably parents and other family members of both parties. We will send your witnesses their questions by mail, after you have returned your completed citation.

Witnesses for the Petitioner

Separator line

Title: _____ Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

How long has this person known you? _____ Your ex-spouse? _____

Separator line

Title: _____ Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

How long has this person known you? _____ Your ex-spouse? _____

Witnesses for the Respondent

Separator line

Title: _____ Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

How long has this person known you? _____ Your ex-spouse? _____

Separator line

Title: _____ Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

How long has this person known you? _____ Your ex-spouse? _____

Separator line