



**ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE of ORANGE**

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Favor of the Faith Petition

Most Reverend Bishop of Orange

Your Excellency:

I, _____, residing in the
Diocese of Orange in California, most humbly submit the following petition for an Apostolic dissolution, *in favorem
fidei*, of my former marriage.

This marriage was entered by me with _____, on
_____. When the union proved unhappy, a decree of civil divorce was sought and obtained by
_____ on _____. From this union _____ children
were born who are in the custody of _____. At the time of the marriage I was

non-baptized; baptized in the _____ Church .

Please check whichever is applicable:

- 1. Now convinced of the Truth of the Catholic Faith, I hope to become a sincere convert. (*If already baptized in the Catholic Faith, please submit a baptism certificate.*)
- 2. I do not wish to convert at this time, but I have taken a course of instructions in the Catholic Faith.

Wherefore, I humbly implore Your Holiness to grant the Apostolic dissolution of said marriage in Favor of the Faith for the following reasons: (*Check the relevant reasons*)

- 1. My desire to validate my present civil marriage to a Catholic.
- 2. My desire to be free to marry a Catholic in the future.
- 3. My desire to maintain a Catholic home and raise my children Catholic.
- 4. Estrangement from my former spouse with no prospect of reconciliation.
- 5. The conversion of my civil spouse who desires to embrace the Faith.

So help me God...

Signature of Petitioner

SEAL

Signature of Priest/Deacon

Date

Please attach the following Documents: (Please "X")

- Certificate of Catholic or non-Catholic Baptism (if available)
- Certificate of Marriage
- Final Decree of Divorce

The fee for processing a Favor of the Faith is \$700.00, payable in installments. The first payment of \$200, a non-refundable filing fee, should be submitted with this petition. Please note that cases are accepted and handled regardless of finances. The fees that this office collects cover less than half of the real costs involved. The shortfall is subsidized by the generosity of the Bishop and the Catholic people of the Diocese of Orange.

Petitioner Non-baptized Baptized

Respondent Non-baptized Baptized

Full Name (Maiden Name, if woman)		

Address		
_____	_____	_____
City	State	Zip
_____		_____
Daytime cell phone number	Email	

Full Name (Maiden Name, if woman)		

Address		
_____	_____	_____
City	State	Zip
_____		_____
Daytime cell phone number	Email	

(Please include witnesses who can testify to the non-baptism of the Petitioner or Respondent. All living parents and siblings must be included.)

Witnesses for Petitioner

Witnesses for Respondent

1. _____		
Full Name (Relationship)		

Address		
_____	_____	_____
City	State	Zip
_____		_____
Daytime cell phone number	Email	
2. _____		
Full Name (Relationship)		

Address		
_____	_____	_____
City	State	Zip
_____		_____
Daytime cell phone number	Email	
3. _____		
Full Name (Relationship)		

Address		
_____	_____	_____
City	State	Zip
_____		_____
Daytime cell phone number	Email	

1. _____		
Full Name (Relationship)		

Address		
_____	_____	_____
City	State	Zip
_____		_____
Daytime cell phone number	Email	
2. _____		
Full Name (Relationship)		

Address		
_____	_____	_____
City	State	Zip
_____		_____
Daytime cell phone number	Email	
3. _____		
Full Name (Relationship)		

Address		
_____	_____	_____
City	State	Zip
_____		_____
Daytime cell phone number	Email	

RE: Present/Intended Spouse

Present

Intended*

**Please note: If the Petitioner and the Intended Spouse are cohabitating, the Parish minister must counsel them to live chastely while this Petition is in progress, as a sign of sincerity. A letter from the parish minister to this effect must be attached.*

Full Name (use maiden name if a woman)		

Address		

City	State	Zip
_____	_____	_____
Daytime cell phone number	email	
_____	_____	

- Un-baptized
- Baptized in the _____ faith
- Never married
- Previously married _____ time(s) (Please list how marriages have been or are being resolved.)
 - 1st marriage _____
 - 2nd marriage _____