

**MODEL PETITION - PRIVILEGE OF THE FAITH**

Most Holy Father:

NAME (Maiden, if woman) \_\_\_\_\_, (a baptized Catholic) (a baptized non-Catholic) (a non-baptized catechumen) (non-baptized), (son) (daughter) of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_; of the Diocese of Erie; by occupation a \_\_\_\_\_; having a (domicile) (quasi domicile) at \_\_\_\_\_(street), in \_\_\_\_\_parish, in the city of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_; humbly prostrate at the feet of Your Holiness presents the following facts and appeal:

The PETITIONER on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, being then \_\_\_ years old, entered marriage as an (unbaptized) (baptized) person at (city) \_\_\_\_\_, (state) \_\_\_\_\_, before a (civil magistrate) (minister) with (Respondent) \_\_\_\_\_ who was at that time (baptized) (unbaptized).

The history of this union which resulted in complete discord and unhappiness, is as follows:

*INSERT HERE A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE MARRIAGE. Give the history in a paragraph or more under each of the following headings:*

- COURTSHIP and MARRIAGE**
- DIFFICULTIES and SEPARATION**
- CONVERSION**

Reconciliation is impossible because *(Give all the reasons...)*

The first marriage of the PETITIONER was never consummated after \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. A civil divorce was obtained on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

The PETITIONER (contemplates) (has attempted civil) marriage with \_\_\_\_\_, a baptized Catholic, and (humbly asks permission to enter a sacramental marriage) (being truly contrite humbly asks forgiveness and permission to enter a sacramental union).

Therefore, said PETITIONER humbly begs Your Holiness for a dispensation from (legitimate marriage) (ratified but non-consummated marriage) with \_\_\_\_\_.

- The reasons for seeking this dispensation are the following:
- (Reasons frequently cited are:)* 1. *Impossibility of reconciliation*
  - 2. *Invincible aversion because of fear, cruelty, disgraceful life, etc.*
  - 3. *Danger of sin in the present circumstances* 4. *Fervent desire of sacramental marriage.*

Presented on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

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Petitioner's Signature