

1. Provide the complete address of the Petitioner. If a woman, include **Maiden name** in brackets by followed by her current name.
2. Documents must be included. If originals, they will be returned with the Tribunal decree. The required documents are:
 - A. The **Certificate of Baptism** of the Catholic Party must be of recent issue. Request that all notations be included on the Certificate.
 - B. **Marriage License**, if a photocopy be sure information is legible.
 - C. **Divorce Decree**—The original or a certified copy must be submitted.
3. The Court fee for the cases of Absence of Form is \$40.00 which **MUST** accompany the petition and documents. The Petitioner's check must be made payable to *Diocese of Arlington*.
4. Please use only the attached petition form and destroy all old forms.

The Tribunal, Diocese of Arlington
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PETITION FOR A
DECREE OF ABSENCE OF FORM
(Please **print** legibly)

I, _____ was a
(check one) Baptized Catholic Non-Catholic Denomination? _____

when I married _____ . This person was a
(check one) Baptized Catholic Non-Catholic Denomination? _____

Marriage date _____ Place of Wedding _____

The wedding was officiated by
(check one) Catholic priest Orthodox priest* Minister Rabbi civil official

Divorce date _____ County, state of
divorce _____

*For a marriage involving an Orthodox person or Orthodox priest, please contact the Tribunal before submitting any forms.

I request a Decree of Absence of Form be granted. I hereby swear to the truth of my answers to the following questions:

1. On the day of the wedding was at least one of the parties Catholic? Yes No
2. Was permission ever obtained from the Catholic Church Authorities to marry in a Non-Catholic or civil ceremony? Yes No
3. Was a Catholic ceremony held at a later date? Yes No
4. Before the wedding did the Catholic party formally leave the Catholic Church and join another religious denomination? Yes No
5. Before the wedding did the Catholic party ever profess to be an Atheist? Yes No

Petitioner's signature _____

Petitioner – current information

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____

Current marital status: _____ Children: _____ Biological
 Adopted

Former spouse's present name _____

To the Priest/Deacon: I affirm the accuracy of the Petition and documents. Enclosed is a check for \$40.00.

Date

Signature of Priest/Deacon

Place

Name of Priest/Deacon (Please print)