



**THE TRIBUNAL**  
 DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON  
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 WHEELING, WV 26003

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**PETITION FOR PAULINE PRIVILEGE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, born on \_\_\_\_\_ residing at  
 FULL MAIDEN NAME OF PETITIONER DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE

contracted marriage with \_\_\_\_\_, born on \_\_\_\_\_  
 FULL MAIDEN NAME OF RESPONDENT DATE

residing at \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY STATE ZIP CODE

This marriage took place on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE CITY, STATE AND COUNTY ZIP CODE

In the presence of \_\_\_\_\_ . A decree of divorce was granted at  
 TITLE OF OFFICIAL WITNESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY STATE COUNTY ZIP CODE

on \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE

I was unbaptized at the time of marriage, and I have reason to think that the other party to this marriage was also unbaptized. I earnestly desire to be baptized and to marry a Catholic in the Church. I humbly petition for the Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston to investigate the merits of my case and to allow me to make use of the Pauline Privilege, if the findings in the case warrant it.

**The following necessary documents must be included with this petition:**

- Certified copy of the marriage certificate and decree of divorce of the petitioner and respondent.
- Present name and address of the respondent.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Petitioner Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Advocate Date

The petitioner lists herewith all living and available witnesses, not less than three, who might be called to testify as to the baptism or non-baptism of the petitioner. The testimony of parents and siblings is preferred; the closer your familial relationship to the witness, the more valuable the testimony. If your parents are deceased, please make note of that below.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME COMPLETE ADDRESS RELATIONSHIP
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME COMPLETE ADDRESS RELATIONSHIP
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME COMPLETE ADDRESS RELATIONSHIP

The petitioner lists herewith all living and available witnesses, not less than three, who might be called to testify as to the baptism or non-baptism of the respondent. The testimony of parents and siblings is preferred; the closer the familial relationship to the witness, the more valuable the testimony. If parents are deceased, please make note of that below.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME COMPLETE ADDRESS RELATIONSHIP
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME COMPLETE ADDRESS RELATIONSHIP
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME COMPLETE ADDRESS RELATIONSHIP

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner Date

**NOTE TO PREIST RECOMMENDING PETITIONER: Upon request of the proofs and verification of the non-baptism of both parties, as well as the receipt of the necessary documents, the Tribunal will issue the Decree of Application of the Pauline Privilege. This decree cannot be issued before we receive official notification of the Christian baptism of the petitioner.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Advocate Date

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