



Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle

Cathedral Parish and School | Diocese of St. Petersburg

A Time for Healing Worksheet

Divorce is unique among life experiences. Divorce is a process not an event. The ending of any marriage is a traumatic experience. The adjustment which follows can be either positive or negative; it is always difficult. One of the ways the Catholic Church offers to help those who are divorced to achieve healing and closure is through a Petition for a Declaration of Nullity of Marriage. To begin this healing journey, please complete and return this worksheet to Fr. Ralph D'Elia in a sealed envelope at the Parish office.

Are you a registered member of the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle? _____

Please Print

First Middle Last Name Maiden Name

Address City State Zip Code

Email Best Phone Number Religion

Was this your first marriage? _____ If not, how many times have you been married? _____

Complete information on each previous marriage in blocks titled Petitioner*

Complete information on each previous marriage in blocks titled Respondent**

*Previous Marriages of Petitioner (You)

**Previous Marriages of Respondent (former spouse)

Previous Marriage #1

With Whom? _____

Date of Marriage? _____ Religion of Former Spouse? _____

If married in Catholic or Orthodox Church, provide name, city, and state.

Did marriage end in death or divorce? If divorce, provide date.

If this marriage was declared null by the Catholic Church, please provide name of Diocese that issued as well as the protocol number and state.

Previous Marriage #1

With Whom? _____

Date of Marriage? _____ Religion of Former Spouse? _____

If married in Catholic or Orthodox Church, provide name, city, and state.

Did marriage end in death or divorce? If divorce, provide date.

If this marriage was declared null by the Catholic Church, please provide name of Diocese that issued as well as the protocol number and state.

Previous Marriage #2

With Whom? _____

Date of Marriage? _____ Religion of Former Spouse? _____

If married in Catholic or Orthodox Church, provide name, city, and state.

Did marriage end in death or divorce? If divorce, provide date.

If this marriage was declared null by the Catholic Church, please provide name of Diocese that issued as well as the protocol number and state.

Previous Marriage #2

With Whom? _____

Date of Marriage? _____ Religion of Former Spouse? _____

If married in Catholic or Orthodox Church, provide name, city, and state.

Did marriage end in death or divorce? If divorce, provide date.

If this marriage was declared null by the Catholic Church, please provide name of Diocese that issued as well as the protocol number and state.

If you have since married another person, please provide the following information:

Date of Marriage?	First	Middle	Last Name	Maiden Name
Religion	Has he/she ever married before?		If yes, how many times?	
Is his/her former spouse(s) still living? _____ If yes, has he/she received a Declaration of Nullity? _____				
If yes, please provide the name, city, and state of the Diocese granting the Decree: _____				
What is the protocol Number: _____				

A Petition for a Declaration of Nullity of Marriage can take up to a year or longer from the time all paperwork and documents are submitted to the Tribunal. It remains the policy of the Tribunal of the Diocese of St. Petersburg not to accept a Petition for a Declaration of Nullity of Marriage until one year has elapsed from the date the final divorce decree was granted. When two or more marriages have ended in divorce, whether in or outside the Catholic Church, it is the policy of the Tribunal not to accept these petitions until at least two years have elapsed from the date of the most recent divorce decree was granted.

If Catholic you will need to obtain a recently dated Baptismal Certificate with Notations from the Catholic Church where you were baptized. The certificate must be dated in the last six months and carry a church seal. If any former spouse(s) was(were) Catholic, please provide a recently dated baptismal certificate dated within the last six months with Notations. If not Catholic, a copy of your original baptismal certificate is sufficient.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

All previous marriages(s) are submitted and reviewed at the same time to the Marriage Tribunal. Each marriage requires the following documentation:

- Copy of Marriage License (from the state where you were married)
- Copy of Marriage Certificate (if marriage took place in a Catholic Church)
- Copy of Final Divorce Decree
- Copy of Death Certificate (if applicable)
- Copy of Declaration of Nullity (if applicable)
- Copy of Marriage License (if currently married, from the state where you were married)

Return the completed Worksheet, in a sealed envelope, to the parish office to the attention of **Fr. Ralph D'Elia**.

You will be contacted and a meeting will be set up to discuss the next steps in this process.

May God bring you healing and closure through this process.