

INFORMATION

PAULINE PRIVILEGE

The Pauline Privilege is dissolution of a non-sacramental marriage. The following points are of particular importance.

1. The non-baptism of both parties at the time of the celebration of the former marriage must be established.
2. The petitioner must sincerely desire to be baptized.
3. The former marriage is dissolved at the time the petitioner, having been baptized, enters into a subsequent marriage in the Catholic Church, with a Catholic or baptized Christian. New sacramental marriage (between two baptized people) dissolves the former non-sacramental marriage
4. This privilege cannot be used if the departure of the un-baptized party was caused by the baptized party after the baptism occurred; e.g., adultery, etc., unless it is condoned by the un-baptized party.
5. If the un-baptized spouse caused the separation and is subsequently baptized after the separation, this privilege can be used.

PROCEDURE

1. A completed application by the petitioner is to be sent to the Tribunal by the Advocate.
2. A letter will be sent to the respondent and witnesses in order to ascertain the non-baptism of the petitioner and respondent.
3. The Pauline Privilege only applies to marriages when both of the parties were not baptized at the time of the wedding.

**APPLICATION
PAULINE PRIVILEGE**

PROTOCOL NUMBER

(Application must be fully completed – please type or print in ink)

PETITIONER

Maiden Last Name

Full Legal Name: First, Middle, Last

Street Address

City State Zip

Birth date: _____

Home / Cell Phone Business Phone

Age at Time of Wedding to Respondent

Religion: _____

Baptized? Yes _____ No _____ Date: _____

Name and Sect of Church of Baptism

Full Address of Church

RESPONDENT

Maiden Last Name

Full Legal Name: First, Middle, Last

Street Address

City State Zip

Birth date: _____

Home/ Cell Phone Business Phone

Age at Time of Wedding to Petitioner

Religion: _____

Baptized? Yes _____ No _____ Date: _____

Name and Sect of Church of Baptism

Full Address of Church

MARRIAGE OF PETITIONER AND RESPONDENT

Date of Wedding / / /
 Month Day Year

Official Witness – Priest, Clergyperson, Civil Official

Name of Church or Place of Wedding

Complete Address of Church or Place of Wedding

Length of Common Life / / /
 Years Months

Final Separation / / /
 Month Day Year

DIVORCE OR DISSOLUTION

FINAL DATE / / /
 Month Day Year

County, City or Borough and State

Names and Birthdates of children:

Do you intend to request baptism in the Catholic Church or any other Christian church? _____
If yes, which church? _____

WITNESS INFORMATION

Please, give the names and addresses of **two knowledgeable witnesses for petitioner and two for the respondent** who would be in position to know and who would be willing to answer questions whether or not you and the respondent were ever baptized. These witnesses could be parents, older siblings, aunts, uncles or other relatives or old friends of the family.

Witnesses for you:

Name	Relationship to you
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Street Address or Postal Box number	City	State	Zip
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Name	Relationship to you
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Street Address or Postal Box number	City	State	Zip
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Witnesses for your former spouse:

Name	Relationship to you
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Street Address or Postal Box number	City	State	Zip
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Name	Relationship to you
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Street Address or Postal Box number	City	State	Zip
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Signature of Advocate	Date	Petitioner	Date
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Notary

QUESTIONS

1. Was the marriage in question the first for both of you? _____ If not, please give the name and address of any previous spouse: _____

If you were not baptized:

2. Were any of your brothers or sisters baptized? _____

3. Were either of your parents baptized? _____

4. Was it the custom in your family to have the children baptized? _____

5. Did you ever attend Church services on a regular basis? _____

If yes, please give us the names and addresses of the churches and the approximate dates you attended?

Name of church

Attended from (date) to (date)

Name of church

Attended from (date) to (date)

(Please list any church you attended often on a separate piece of paper).

6. Did you ever live for an extended period of time with anyone other than your parents as a child? _____

If yes, please give us the name and address of that person or persons. _____

7. Do you now wish to be reconciled with your former spouse and to live again as husband and wife with him/her? _____

8. Provide the name of the person you would like to marry in a Catholic ceremony: (If a woman, give maiden name) _____

9. Has this person ever gone through any type of wedding ceremony with anyone other than you? _____

If yes, how is he/she now free to marry? _____

Make sure you enclose a copy of the wedding and divorce papers from this union.

10. Has the person you intend to marry ever been baptized? _____

If yes, in what church? _____ If Catholic give date and place and enclose Catholic baptismal certificate. _____

11. Please explain briefly why your marriage failed.
