

FACT SHEET FOR INTRODUCING A
PRIVILEGE OF THE FAITH CASE

PROCEDURE: The following information is required in order to introduce a *Privilege of the Faith* case. Please fill out ALL information accurately and completely (*typewritten or black ink only*). Return it to your advocate or to the Tribunal. An initial payment of **\$100.00** made payable to the *Catholic Diocese of Arlington* must accompany this Fact Sheet. The total fee for this process is **\$475**. Upon receipt of this information a more detailed questionnaire will be sent to the petitioner by the Tribunal along with a request for the appropriate civil/ecclesiastical documents (e.g., baptismal certificates for ALL Catholic parties, marriage license/applications for ALL unions, *final* divorce decrees for ALL unions). Note that good quality photocopies of documents are acceptable.

1. Advocate (e.g., Priest/Deacon)

Name _____ Parish _____

2. Parties to the Marriage (Full name including maiden name)

Petitioner Mr. / Mrs. / Miss / Ms. _____

Respondent Mr. / Mrs. / Miss / Ms. _____

3. You, the Petitioner (Current information)

Petitioner's name Mr. / Mrs. / Miss / Ms. _____

If a woman, also her maiden name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone home _____ - _____ - _____ work _____ - _____ - _____

cell _____ - _____ - _____ e-mail address _____

Could we send your correspondence by e-mail: Yes No

Date of birth _____ Place of birth _____

Present religion _____

Are you currently under instruction in the Catholic Church (that is, are you a catechumen or a candidate for full communion in the Catholic Church through the R.C.I.A.)? Yes No

If not, would you be willing to take instructions to become Catholic? Yes No

Parents' Information

Are your parents living? Mother Yes No Father Yes No

Are your parents still married to each other? Yes No

If one of them died, were they still married at that point in time? Yes No

Father's name _____ Biological Adoptive

Address _____ City _____

Would he be able to give testimony? Yes No

Mother's name _____ Biological Adoptive

Address _____ City _____

Would she be able to give testimony? Yes No

Siblings' Information

How many brothers and sisters do you have? _____ older brother(s) _____ younger brother(s)

_____ older sister(s) _____ younger sister(s)

◆ Are any of your brothers and sisters divorced and/or remarried? Yes No

• If yes, please indicate whether older/younger brother/sister.

Have you ever been baptized, christened or sprinkled in any religion? Yes No

◆ If yes, in what denomination? _____ When was baptism? _____

◆ If no, how do you know? _____

Baptismal status: (circle one) Baptized Catholic / Baptized Protestant / Unbaptized / Unknown

How many times have you been married (in a church, civil ceremony or even by common law) including your present union? _____

List your marriage information in order of marriage date (i.e., earliest marriage first)

	Name of Spouse	Date of Marriage	Place (city, state)	Living
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Has a Catholic Church court given a decision in any of these marriages, e.g., annulment, lack of form, or privilege case?

Yes Give name of Tribunal/Diocese(s) which gave a decision(s). _____

If yes, please give date and grounds: _____

No Have you discussed this with your Advocate? Yes No

4. Your Former Spouse, the Respondent

Respondent's name Mr. / Mrs. / Miss / Ms. _____

If a woman, also her maiden name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone home _____ - _____ - _____ work _____ - _____ - _____

Date of birth _____ Place of birth _____

Present religion _____

Parents' Information

Are R's parents living? Mother Yes No Father Yes No

Are R's parents still married to each other? Yes No

If one of them died, were they still married at that point in time? Yes No

Father's name _____ Biological Adoptive

Address _____ City _____

Would he be able to give testimony? Yes No

Mother's name _____ Biological Adoptive

Address _____ City _____

Would she be able to give testimony? Yes No

How many brothers and sisters does he/she have? _____ older brother(s) _____ younger brother(s)

_____ older sister(s) _____ younger sister(s)

◆ Are any of his/her brothers and sisters divorced and/or remarried? Yes No

• If yes, please indicate whether older/younger brother/sister. _____

Was the Respondent ever baptized, christened or sprinkled in any religion? Yes No

◆ If *yes*, in what denomination? _____ When was baptism? _____

◆ If *no*, how do you know? _____

Baptismal status: (circle one) Baptized Catholic / Baptized Protestant / Unbaptized / Unknown

How many times has the Respondent been married (in a church, civil ceremony or even by common law)? _____

List the Respondent's marriage information in order of marriage date (i.e., earliest marriage first)

	Name of Spouse	Date of Marriage	Place (city, state)	Living
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Has a Catholic Church court given a decision in any of these marriages, e.g., annulment, lack of form, or privilege case?

Yes Give name of Tribunal/Diocese(s) which gave a decision(s). _____

If *yes*, please give date and grounds: _____

No Have you discussed this with your Advocate? Yes No

Have you contacted your former spouse and informed him/her that you have begun this process?

Yes No

If *no*, please do so as soon as possible

5. The Marriage of the Parties

Date of Marriage _____ Date of Divorce _____

At the **time of your marriage** what was
 your religion? _____
 respondent's religion? _____

6. Testimony to Unbaptized Status

If you are the unbaptized party during your former marriage, are there three (3) people, namely, parents, older siblings, aunts or uncles, who are able to testify that you are/were not baptized? Yes No

Please list their names:
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

If your former spouse was/is the unbaptized party during your former marriage, is he/she willing to cooperate in the process? Yes No

Comments: _____

How do you know he/she is/was unbaptized during your married life? _____

Is he/she able to cite three (3) people, namely, parents, older siblings, aunts or uncles, who are able to testify that he/she is/was not baptized? Yes No

7. **Marriage Breakdown**

Who was the responsible party for the breakdown of the marriage? (circle one) Me / Former Spouse / Both

Why did the marriage break down? _____

8. **Your Intended/Current Spouse**

Current Name Mr. / Mrs. / Miss / Ms. _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Relationship (circle one) Intended Spouse / Current civil spouse

Religion _____

Baptismal Status: (circle one) Baptized Catholic / Baptized non-Catholic / Unbaptized / Unknown

How many times has your intended/current spouse been married (in a church, civil ceremony or even by common law)? _____

List your Intended/Current Spouse's marriage information in order of marriage date (i.e., earliest marriage first)

	Name of Spouse	Date of Marriage	Place (city, state)	Living
1	_____	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____	_____

Has a Catholic Church court given a decision in any of these marriages, e.g., annulment, lack of form, or privilege case?

Yes Give name of Tribunal/Diocese(s) which gave a decision(s). _____

If yes, please give date and grounds: _____

No Have you discussed this with your Advocate? Yes No

9. **Please note if the religion of any party has changed *during* or *after* the marriage.**