

## SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS FOR CONVALIDATION

In this section, the term Catholic Church wedding refers to the convalidation in the Catholic Church. The term civil wedding refers to any civil or non-Catholic religious celebration of a wedding that came before the Catholic convalidation. It is important to distinguish between the non-Catholic ceremony and the convalidation (wedding in the Catholic Church).

Please be sure to separate the facts concerning the civil wedding from those concerning the Catholic wedding in answering the following questions.

### I. INFORMATION ABOUT THE CIVIL WEDDING

1. Why did you and the Respondent decide to get married in a civil ceremony and not get married in the Catholic Church from the start?

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2. Were you waiting on a declaration of nullity for a prior marriage of yours or the Respondent's, and decided not to wait until the process was completed to get married civilly?  Yes  No

❖ If so, please explain.

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3. Were your parents and/or the Respondent's parents aware of your civil wedding?  Yes  No

❖ If so, did they express any opposition? Describe the opposition.

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4. Was there any event such as pregnancy or military transfer before the civil wedding?  Yes  No

❖ If so, what was the event? Did it cause the marriage or did it cause the wedding to be moved to an earlier date? Please explain.

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5. Were any children born during the civil marriage?  Yes  No If so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_
6. During the civil marriage, did you become aware of any problems in the following areas: jobs, finances, loans/debts, gambling, drinking, drugs, in-laws, religious beliefs, faithfulness, pornography, and/or coping with everyday problems, that may have signaled future marital problems?  Yes  No

❖ If so, please describe.

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7. Were there any separations during the civil marriage?  Yes  No

❖ If so, when and for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

## II. INFORMATION ABOUT WHY YOUR MARRIAGE WAS CONVALIDATED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

8. How much time elapsed between the civil wedding and the Catholic wedding? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Describe what happened between the time of the civil wedding and the Catholic wedding that caused you to seek the convalidation.

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10. Did both parties freely choose to have the Catholic wedding?  Yes  No

11. Was there any pressure or force exerted by an outside party to have the Catholic wedding?

Yes  No

❖ If yes, please describe.

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12. Did you and the Respondent marry in the Catholic Church so that you and/or the Respondent could return to the sacraments?  Yes  No

13. Did you and the Respondent marry in the Catholic Church so that you could have your children baptized or receive the sacraments?  Yes  No

14. Did you think that having the marriage convalidated would solve the problems between you and the Respondent?  Yes  No

❖ If so, please explain.

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15. Did you think you and the Respondent were ready and mature enough to get married in the Catholic Church when you did? Please explain.

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