

Diocese of Covington Tribunal

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Case Name:	_____
Case Number:	_____
Parish:	_____
Advocate:	_____
Date Received:	_____
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PETITION FOR FAVOR OF THE FAITH - PAULINE PRIVILEGE

The Pauline Privilege - In 1 Cor 7:12-13, 15 St. Paul was faced with a problem caused in marriages where one spouse converted and became a believer in Christ and the other spouse did not believe. If the non-believer was willing to live in peace with the believer, the marriage was to remain intact. However, if the non-believer was not willing to live in peace with the believer and subsequently departed from the marriage, St. Paul states that the believer was not bound to the duties and obligations of the marriage. Over time this pastoral solution developed into what is known as the Pauline privilege.

Conditions for Application - Before the Pauline privilege can be applied, the following three criteria must be satisfied:

1. a marriage entered into by two non-baptized persons;
2. the subsequent baptism of one and only one of the spouses during the course of the marriage; and
3. the departure of the still non-baptized spouse.

It is the responsibility of the diocesan bishop to verify that these conditions have been met. On a practical level, before this privilege is applied, it has to be determined that:

- there is no possibility of restoring conjugal life.
- the petitioner was not the primary cause of the breakdown of the conjugal relationship.
- the petitioner's current or intended spouse did not provoke the breakdown of the conjugal relationship.
- the petitioner has fulfilled his/her moral and civil obligations toward the first spouse and offspring.

Priest/Deacon/Advocate requesting Pauline Privilege on behalf of the petitioner.	
Name:	_____
Parish (or current office)	_____

PETITIONER (you)

RESPONDENT (your former spouse)*

_____ Complete Present Name _____

_____ Maiden Name _____

_____ Street Address _____

_____ City, State, Zip _____

_____ Home Phone _____

_____ Work Phone _____

_____ Date of Birth _____

_____ Place of Birth (City) _____

_____ Yes _____ No

Ever Baptized?

_____ Yes _____ No

_____ Date of Baptism _____

_____ Church Where Baptized _____

_____ Street Address (Church of Baptism) _____

_____ City, State, Zip (Church of Baptism) _____

_____ Religion at Time of Wedding _____

_____ Present Religion _____

_____ Current Parish/Congregation _____

(* Respondent information must be provided. The Tribunal is required to contact your former spouse.)

MARRIAGE CEREMONY

Date: ____/____/____ Church/Other: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____

Name of Presiding Official: _____

Petitioner's Age (at the time of the ceremony): _____ Respondent's Age (at the time of the ceremony): _____

Children

Please list the names and birth dates of any children born of this marriage.

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|----------|----------------|----------|----------------|
| 1. _____ | ____/____/____ | 5. _____ | ____/____/____ |
| 2. _____ | ____/____/____ | 6. _____ | ____/____/____ |
| 3. _____ | ____/____/____ | 7. _____ | ____/____/____ |
| 4. _____ | ____/____/____ | 8. _____ | ____/____/____ |

Separation/Divorce

How long did you live together as husband and wife? _____ Date of final separation ____/____/____
Date of civil divorce: ____/____/____ Case Number: _____ County: _____ State: _____

Witnesses

According to Catholic Church law, the truth of a matter cannot be determined solely on the word of one person. Credible witnesses are required to verify the testimony of the parties involved in all cases submitted to the Church for resolution. Your witnesses will need to answer questions confirming the fact that neither you nor your former spouse were baptized at the time of the wedding. The names of parents, blood relatives and/or people who have knowledge of the parties from infancy to the present are preferable. The names of two witnesses for each party are required.

Witnesses for the Petitioner

Witness #1

Witness #2

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Relation: _____

Witnesses for the Respondent

Witness #1

Witness #2

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Relation: _____

Current Marital Status

___ I am planning to remarry if and when the request for dissolution is granted.

___ I am currently in a civil marriage.

Intended Spouse/Current Spouse Information:

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Number of his/her previous marriages: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Was he/she ever baptized? ___ Yes ___ No Religion: _____

If baptized in the Eastern Church, which rite?: _____

Required Documents

If applicable, **Certificates of Baptism** for all parties involved: the petitioner, the respondent, and the petitioner's current or intended spouse. [If the party is Catholic, the certificates must be issued from the church of baptism within the last six months. They must include all sacramental notations and the parish seal. If a party was baptized in a non-Catholic Christian church and was later received into the Catholic Church, a **Certificate of Reception** from the Catholic Church of reception is required. (Copies are not acceptable.)]

A **certified copy** (i.e., stamped and dated by the county clerk) **of the marriage license** for the petitioner and respondent issued by the County Clerk's Office.

A **certified copy of the civil divorce decree** for the petitioner and respondent issued by the County Clerk's Office.

If the petitioner is currently in a civil marriage, a certified copy of the marriage license for the petitioner and the petitioner's current spouse issued by the County Clerk's Office.

To request a Pauline Privilege send this application, the required documents and a check for \$50 to the Tribunal. Make the check payable to: The Diocese of Covington.