

# THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

## METROPOLITAN TRIBUNAL

This is an outline to help you in writing the story of your marriage. **PLEASE DO NOT USE IT AS A QUESTIONNAIRE. DO NOT GIVE SIMPLE YES AND NO ANSWERS.** Please type the account if at all possible.

### PETITION FOR PRESENTING THE HISTORY OF YOUR MARRIAGE

#### I. PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

##### A. ABOUT YOURSELF

1. Name, Address, Telephone number.
2. Date and place of birth.
3. Place of baptism, religion.
4. Parents' names and address.

##### B. FORMER SPOUSE

1. Name, Address, Telephone number.
2. Date and place of birth.
3. Place of baptism, religion.
4. Parents' names and address.

##### C. THE MARRIAGE IN QUESTION

1. Date and place.
2. Name and address of church.
3. Was there a written pre-nuptial agreement made before this wedding?

#### II. YOUR BACKGROUND

##### A. YOUR FAMILY

1. Describe your parents and their relationship to each other.
2. Which parent was the dominant one in the family?
3. How did you get along with your mother? Your father?
4. Did you have any emotional or physical illnesses?

##### B. SCHOOL YEARS

1. How much schooling and formal education have you completed?
2. Did you live well with your classmates and teachers?
3. What was your attitude toward alcohol, sex, drugs?
4. When did you begin to date? How frequently?

##### C. YOUR PERSONALITY

1. Please describe yourself in terms of your strong and weak points.
2. Can you recall any of the following characteristics as you grew older, and how much they influenced you?

(unusual fears, nervousness, ability to make friends, gaining the trust of others, stubbornness, lying, outbursts of temper, loyalty.)

### III. THE BACKGROUND OF YOUR SPOUSE

#### A. THE FAMILY

1. Describe his/her parents and their relationship to each other.
2. Which parent was the dominant one in the family?
3. How did your spouse get along with his/her mother? His/her father?
4. Did your spouse ever experience physical or emotional illness.?

#### B. SCHOOL YEARS

1. How much schooling and formal education did your spouse have?
2. Did your spouse get along well with classmates and teachers?
3. What attitude was evident toward alcohol, sex, drugs?
4. When did your spouse begin to date? How often?

#### C. PERSONALITY OF SPOUSE

1. Please describe your spouse in terms of strong and weak points.
2. Can you recall any of the following characteristics as they influenced your spouse?

(unusual fears, nervousness, ability to make friends, gaining the trust of others, lying, outburst of temper, loyalty.)

### IV. THE MARRIAGE

#### A. COURTSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT

1. How and when did you meet? Describe your dating habits.
2. How affectionate were you? What was the role of sex?
3. How did the subject of marriage come up?
4. Was there a formal engagement? How long? Please give dates.
5. What were your attitudes towards having children?
6. What role did each play in the wedding preparation?
7. What were the attitudes of your families and friends about your marriage?

#### B. THE WEDDING DAY

1. Was a so-called "prenuptial agreement" entered into? If yes explain.
2. What was your attitude on that day?
3. Were you happy in the final preparations before the wedding?
4. How did you feel in Church?
5. Did the wedding reception go smoothly?

#### C. THE HONEYMOON

1. Did you go on a honeymoon? Describe your reactions.
2. Was there any problem with the sexual relationship?
3. Did any problems arise between you?

#### D. MARRIED LIFE

1. Comment on your mutual love and sexuality during this time.
2. What was the attitude of each toward responsibility and work?
3. What was the attitude of each towards children?
4. Describe your first problems. Did you seek any help?

E. SEPARATION AND DIVORCE

1. What was the reason for the first separation?
2. What efforts were made towards reconciliation?
3. Were there any separations?
4. When was the divorce secured? By whom and on what grounds?
5. Has either party remarried?
6. Why did this marriage fail? (your own personal opinion)

Please read this guide carefully, and use its questions to help you compose the background of the marriage and its results.

In addition, **IT IS NECESSARY**, to list the COMPLETE NAMES AND ADDRESSES of AT LEAST TWO OR THREE WITNESSES who are willing to complete questionnaires about your marriage. *Please contact them first and explain the matter to them, before submitting their names.*

You are requested to forward, ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS (i.e. **BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE, MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE and DECREE OF DIVORCE**) when you have completed the history of your marriage. These will be returned upon completion of the process.

For any questions, please call: 215-627-0143.

Please make copies of this material in case it is lost in transit.

**Please mail all this material to:**

**METROPOLITAN TRIBUNAL  
UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA  
827 N. FRANKLIN ST.  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19123**

(Guide.Doc)