



DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD

APPLICATION FOR DEFECT OF CANONICAL FORM

Parish of _____

<p>THIS PROCESS MAY TAKE UP TO 3 MONTHS.</p> <p><u>PLEASE DO NOT FINALISE WEDDING DETAILS UNTIL CONFIRMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE CHANCERY OFFICE.</u></p>	<p><i>For Office Use Only:</i></p> <p>Prot No: C/ /</p> <p>Names:</p> <p>Cited:</p> <p>Searches:</p>
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Document Checklist	Notes
<input type="checkbox"/> 1) Recent baptismal certificate	1) The baptismal certificate of the Catholic applicant must state whether there is any record of marriage, and be dated no more than six months prior to application being submitted.
<input type="checkbox"/> 2) Marriage certificate	2) The marriage certificate is obtainable from place of marriage or the Registrar General.
<input type="checkbox"/> 3) Divorce decree absolute	3) A divorce decree nisi is not sufficient.

Please note the following:

- I) This process is documentary, so if necessary documents are missing or incorrect the Chancery Office will be unable to process the application.
- II) The Chancellor is obliged to contact the other party, if possible, in order to confirm the facts and to try to ensure that no scandal is caused – for instance, by unfulfilled obligations.
- III) The applicant may not appreciate the significance of a dispensation from canonical form, or convalidation – and a *sanatio* may have been obtained without the knowledge of one party. Therefore, it is necessary for the priest to explain these terms to the applicant.
- IV) Some information about the marriage is requested. This is a pastoral measure to establish that there are no danger signs for a new marriage and that any potential problems would be covered during the pre-marriage talks.
- V) **A contribution of £50.00 from the Petitioner is requested towards the expenses.** Please make a cheque payable to “Brentwood Diocesan Tribunal”.

Date of forthcoming wedding:

Not to be finalised until confirmation has been received from the Chancery Office.

If the marriage took place between **26th November 1983 and 26th March 2010** did the Catholic applicant defect from the Catholic Church by a formal act during this period? This may have been by means of a formal declaration for tax purposes in Germany, or formal reception into a non-Catholic ecclesial community (schism), or change of religion (apostasy).

If so, please give details:

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Applicant

Name (in full) SURNAME

FIRST NAME(S) Title

(if applicable) MAIDEN NAME

Address
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..... Post Code

Email

Telephone Home Mobile

Date and place of birth

Religion

Date and place of baptism

Occupation

Other Party to the Marriage

Name (in full) SURNAME

FIRST NAME(S) Title

(if applicable) MAIDEN NAME

Address
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..... Post Code

Email

Telephone Home Mobile

Date and place of birth

Religion

Was he/she baptised?

Occupation

Details of the Marriage to be Investigated

Date: Place:

Date of separation: Date of divorce:

Names and birth year of children:

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Please give the addresses (and approximate dates) at which you lived from the date of marriage to final separation:

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Briefly explain why the marriage took place outside the Catholic Church:

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Why did the marriage break down?

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Are there any outstanding legal or moral obligations, such as financial, maintenance, care of children?

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Was a dispensation from canonical form ever sought or granted? (If so, please give details.)

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Was this marriage ever convalidated, sanated, or in any way blessed by the Catholic Church? *Please explain these terms to the applicant, and if the answer is affirmative give details.*

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I solemnly swear that the answers I have given above are true, and that the list of addresses I have given is complete, so help me God and these His Holy Gospels on which I place my hand.

I further understand that this and related materials will be held by the Brentwood Diocesan Tribunal (pursuant to the General Data Protection Regulations 2018) under the heading of Legitimate Interest.

Signed: Date:
Applicant

The above statement was sworn and signed before me:

Signed: Date:
Priest