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***LIBELLUS***  
**PETITION FOR A DECLARATION OF NULLITY**  
**THROUGH THE ORDINARY PROCESS**

I,     Your full name (incl. maiden)     hereby exercise my right to challenge my marriage before the Toledo Tribunal in accord with canon 1674 §1, 1°, and I request that the Tribunal investigate the validity of my consent to marry     Respondent's full name (incl. maiden)    , which took place on     Date of marriage     at     Venue of marriage (Church name, Court name, etc.)     in     County of marriage    ,     City, state, country of marriage     .

The following is a brief summary of the reasons that I am accusing my marriage of nullity from the moment of consent.

*Please write the reasons you believe your marriage is invalid, keeping in mind the grounds of nullity and the fact that the moment of consent is what is most important in the Tribunal's examination. The burden of proof is on you to demonstrate that your marriage was never valid to begin with.*

With these facts in mind, I request that the Toledo Tribunal examine the consent to the above-mentioned marriage on the basis of the following ground(s):

*Please consult the Grounds of Nullity Explanations document to determine which ground is most applicable. Be sure to write the canon number and say who it applies to: the Petitioner, the Respondent, or both parties.*

I fully realize that a declaration that the consent exchanged between myself and my former spouse, the Respondent, was invalid depends on the proofs presented and that it is my responsibility to assure the Tribunal that adequate and truthful facts are offered for this examination. Here is a brief list of proofs that will be helpful in investigating my cause:

Witnesses:

- Witness full name                     —  
*Witness relationship to the parties and what he/she knows about them/the marriage/the ground (please NO contact information here, thank you)*
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Documents and Other Information:

*Please list the names or a brief description of any enclosed documentation (i.e. marriage certificates, baptismal certificates, etc.)*

I understand that no assurance can be given of an affirmative decision, that is, one that recognizes that consent was invalid, nor can assurance be made of a definite timeline for the completion of this process. Furthermore, I understand that absolutely no arrangements can be made for a future Catholic marriage or convalidation unless and until I have received a final and favorable decision from the Toledo Tribunal and any and all appeals Tribunals to which this matter may be directed. I recognize that this process is an entirely ecclesiastical one with juridic effects at canon law but without any legal effects under United States civil law.

I understand that the Respondent has the same rights as I do in this process, including a right to participate fully, and as such will receive a copy of this *libellus* (c. 1508 §2). If we desire to do so, the Respondent and I will both be permitted to review the acts, testimony, and definitive sentence of this cause at the appropriate times.

My current address is:

*Please give your full mailing address for the purpose of receiving written communication.*

The Respondent's current address is:

*Please give the Respondent's full mailing address for the purpose of receiving written communication. Please note that failing to provide the correct address will result in case delays.*

**I swear before God that all that is contained in this *libellus* is submitted freely by myself, the Petitioner, and is true to the best of my knowledge and memory.**

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**Signature of Petitioner**

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**Date**