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LIBELLUS
PETITION FOR A DECLARATION OF NULLITY
THROUGH THE ORDINARY PROCESS

I, _____ 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 _____, which took place on _____ at _____ in _____ County, _____.

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

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), which I have discussed with my Advocate:

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:

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Documents and Other Information:

I understand that no assurance can be given of an affirmative decision, that is, one which 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.

My current address is: _____

The Respondent's current address is: _____

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.

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.

Signature of Petitioner

Date

Signature of Petitioner's Advocate

Date