



# Diocese of Westminster

## MARRIAGES INVALID FROM LACK OF CANONICAL FORM

(i.e. Divorced Catholic previously married  
civilly or in a non-Catholic Church without Dispensation)

### IMPORTANT

**NO DATE SHOULD BE FIXED FOR ANY FUTURE MARRIAGE UNTIL  
THE DECLARATION OF FREEDOM HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE ORDINARY**

### DECLARATION OF FREEDOM PETITION FOR A CATHOLIC

1. Name of Catholic Petitioner: .....
- Present Address: .....
- .....
2. Name of Other Party (i.e. to the attempted former marriage):  
.....
- Present Address (if possible): .....
- .....
- Religion: ..... Baptised or not? \* YES / NO
3. Date & place of Baptism of the Petitioner:  
*(The certificate must be presented)*
- Date: ..... Place: .....
- .....
4. When and where did the attempted marriage take place?  
*(The certificate must be presented - as details of Marital Condition must be checked by the Chancery Office)*
- Date: ..... Place: .....
- .....
5. Why did it not take place in a Catholic Church? .....
- .....
- .....
6. Date of Divorce Decree Absolute?  
*(The certificate must be presented)* .....