

PAULINE PRIVILEGE CASES - INSTRUCTIONS

1. The prospective convert must have a sincere desire to embrace the faith, and not merely marriage with a Catholic; he/she must understand the interpellations, and must agree to the Church making them in his/her name, and the priest must be personally convinced that the prospective convert is sincere in his/her reply that he/she will abide by the decision of the Church, which will depend, among other things, upon the answers given to the interpellations. This decision may be: an obligation to return to his/her proper spouse; an obligation to refrain from the new marriage; freedom to enter a new marriage, with a Catholic. If the priest is personally convinced that the prospective convert is sincere in every way, he may proceed with the instructions, but **the priest should not baptize the convert until this has been recommended by the tribunal.**

2. To petition for a decree, the following forms and documents should be submitted:
 - a) **Pauline Privilege Checklist of Documents.** Please fill out the checklist as you gather your information, and send in your forms and documents.

 - b) **General Questionnaires.** Fill out all information completely. There should be two signatures in each general questionnaire: that of the person who answered the questionnaire, and the assisting pastoral minister. Please use the parish seal.

 - c) **Proof of Marriage.** A copy of the civil marriage certificate and copy of the marriage license.

 - d) **Divorce Decree.** A final, signed and dated copy of the divorce decree.

 - e) **Witnesses.** Four (two for each side) signed witness statements should accompany the petition. They should be notarized by the assisting pastoral minister or public notary. Parents are good witnesses. If the parents are unavailable, the names and addresses of at least four witnesses (the best possible), indicating relationship, if any regarding the non-baptism of each party should be supplied.

3. Send the completed forms and documents to this address:

Diocese of Reno
The Tribunal
290 So Arlington Avenue Suite 200
Reno, Nevada 89501

PAULINE PRIVILEGE - CHECKLIST OF DOCUMENTS

PLEASE FILL IN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Petitioner _____
Maiden Name (if applicable) _____

Respondent _____
Maiden Name (if applicable) _____

Assisting Pastoral Minister _____

Parish _____

Address _____

ATTACH THE COMPLETED FORMS AND DOCUMENTS TO THIS CHECKLIST IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

1. Petition
2. General Questionnaires
3. Marriage certificate marriage date _____
4. Divorce decree final divorce date _____
5. Witness 1 name _____
6. Witness 2 name _____
7. Witness 3 name _____
8. Witness 4 name _____
9. Statement from pastor
10. Baptismal certificate of the proposed new Catholic spouse

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For Tribunal Use

Reviewed by: _____ Remarks: _____

Date: _____

Approved by: _____

Date: _____

FAVOR OF THE FAITH/PAULINE PRIVILEGE

I. GENERAL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PETITIONER

1. Your name (maiden name, if woman) _____
Street address _____ City/State/Zip _____
Home phone _____ Work phone _____
2. Your occupation _____
3. Your date of birth _____ Your place of birth _____
4. Your father's name _____
His address (city/state/zip) _____
His phone number _____
5. Your mother's maiden name _____
Her address (city/state/zip) _____
Her phone number _____
6. What was your father's religion at the time of your birth? _____
To what degree did/does he practice his religion? _____
7. What was your mother's religion at the time of your birth? _____
To what degree did/does she practice her religion? _____
8. Did your parents believe in infant baptism? _____
9. Did your parents (or anyone else) ever have you baptized, christened, sprinkled or immersed in any
Christian church when you were an infant or a child? _____
10. Have you yourself, of your own free will, ever been baptized, christened, sprinkled, or immersed in any
Christian church? _____

II. IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN BAPTIZED
(If you have been baptized go on to Section III)

1. a) Why were you never baptized? _____
b) How do you know? _____
2. a) If you were not continuously under the care of your natural parents during your infancy, childhood, and adolescence, is there any possibility that anyone else ever had you baptized, christened, sprinkled, or immersed in any Christian church? _____

b) If the answer to the previous question is "yes," please give the names and addresses of these people:

c) How do you know the answer to question 2(a)? _____
3. a) Were you ever gravely ill or in an institution or any other place where you might have been baptized in any Christian church? _____ If "yes," please explain. _____

b) How do you know the answer to question 3(a)? _____
4. a) Did you attend Sunday school or church as a child or adolescent? _____
b) If "yes," when and where? What denomination? _____
c) Have you ever joined a church? If "yes," when and where? What denomination? _____

5. a) Did your parents/guardians have any *other* members of your family baptized, christened, sprinkled, or immersed in any Christian church? _____
b) If the previous answer is "yes," please list the names/addresses of any family members baptized in their childhood or adolescence: _____

c) If any of your family members were baptized during their childhood or adolescence, how do you explain your lack of baptism? _____

III. IF YOU HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED
(If you answered Section II, skip this Section.)

1. Date of your baptism _____
2. Place of your baptism (church, street, city and state) _____

3. What denomination? _____
4. a) How old were you when you were baptized? _____
b) If you have been baptized more than once, give details: _____

IV. MARRIAGE

1. Name of your former spouse (if woman, maiden name) _____
Street address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone number _____
2. Occupation of your former spouse _____
3. His/her date of birth _____ His/her place of birth _____

4. Where did the marriage take place? (Place, street address, city, state) _____

5. Date of this marriage _____
Who officiated at this marriage? (minister, rabbi, civil official) _____

6. Was this the first marriage for both you and your former spouse? _____
a) Was your former spouse ever baptized, christened, sprinkled, or immersed in any Christian church?

b) If "yes," When? Where? What denomination? Who performed the baptism? _____

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7. Exactly why did your marriage break up? _____
8. Is there any realistic hope for reconciliation between you and your former spouse? _____
9. If your parents are deceased, give the names and addresses of two witnesses who can testify to your baptismal status.

10. a) Has this case ever been submitted to any other tribunal? _____
b) If "yes," give details: _____

11. Do you swear to the truth of your answers? _____

Seal of Church:

Petitioner: _____

Date: _____

Assisting Pastor: _____

Date: _____

FAVOR OF THE FAITH/PAULINE PRIVILEGE

I. GENERAL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR RESPONDENT

1. Your name (maiden name, if woman) _____
Street address _____ City/State/Zip _____
Home phone _____ Work phone _____
2. Your occupation _____
3. Your date of birth _____ Your place of birth _____
4. Your father's name _____
His address (city/state/zip) _____
His phone number _____
5. Your mother's maiden name _____
Her address (city/state/zip) _____
Her phone number _____
6. What was your father's religion at the time of your birth? _____
To what degree did/does he practice his religion? _____
7. What was your mother's religion at the time of your birth? _____
To what degree did/does she practice her religion? _____
8. Did your parents believe in infant baptism? _____
9. Did your parents (or anyone else) ever have you baptized, christened, sprinkled or immersed in any Christian church when you were an infant or a child? _____
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Seal of Church / Notary:

Respondent: _____

Date: _____

Assisting Pastor / Public Notary: _____

Date: _____

FAVOR OF THE FAITH/PAULINE PRIVILEGE

CONCERNING

CORROBORATING WITNESS

I. GENERAL QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name _____
2. Street address _____
City/State/Zip/ _____ Phone _____
3. Your date of birth _____ Your place of birth _____
What is your religion? _____
4. Are you related to the above-named person? _____
5. How long have you known the above-named person? _____
How well? _____
6. When and where was he/she born? _____
7. What church did his/her father belong to at the time of his/her birth? _____

What church did his/her mother belong to at the time of his/her birth? _____

8. What was the attitude of his/her parents toward baptism? _____

a) Was the above-named person ever baptized, christened, sprinkled, or immersed in any Christian church? _____

b) How do you know this? _____

II. IF THE PARTY WAS NEVER BAPTIZED
(If he/she was baptized go on to Section III)

1. a) Why was the above-named person never baptized? _____

2. Did the above-named person ever say that he/she had been baptized, christened, sprinkled or immersed on his/her own in any Christian religion? _____

a) Did the above-named person ever attend Sunday school or received any religious instruction or join any church? _____

b) If "yes," please give details. (Name of church, street address, city/state/zip/dates) _____

3. If the above-named party has brothers or sisters, were any of them baptized? _____

4. If his/her brothers or sisters were baptized, why was the above named person not baptized? _____

III. IF THE PARTY WAS BAPTIZED
(If you answered Section II, skip this Section).

1. Where was the above-named person baptized? (church, street address, city/state/zip) _____

When? _____ Who officiated? _____

2. How do you know this? _____

3. How old was he/she at the time of baptism? _____

4. Describe the baptismal ceremony: _____

IV. CONCLUSION

Do you swear to the truth of your answers? _____

Witness: _____

Date: _____

Assisting Pastor /
Public Notary: _____

Date: _____

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