

# PRENUPTIAL INVESTIGATION FOR CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**Form A-4** concerns a couple who is convalidating a civil marriage not valid according to Church law.

## The Names of the Parties who are Requesting Catholic Church Validation of a Marriage

Name of Groom: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Bride: \_\_\_\_\_

*Form A-4*

## CONVALIDATION

1. Do you have a civil record of your marriage to one another?  yes  no  
*(If so, include a copy of the civil marriage record. If not, the couple should obtain one.)*
2. Why did you not originally marry before a Catholic priest or deacon?  
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3. Please answer the following questions in regard to your requested convalidation:

### STATEMENT OF THE GROOM:

- a. Do you promise to answer truthfully?  yes  no
- b. Do you understand that your current marriage is not a valid marriage in the eyes of the Catholic Church?  yes  no
- c. Are you now free to marry one another?  yes  no
- d. Do you understand that, within yourself, you will need to make a new act of consent in order to establish marriage with one another?  yes  no
- e. Do you intend to exchange such new consent with your spouse?  yes  no

### STATEMENT OF THE BRIDE:

- a. Do you promise to answer truthfully?  yes  no
- b. Do you understand that your current marriage is not a valid marriage in the eyes of the Catholic Church?  yes  no
- c. Are you now free to marry one another?  yes  no
- d. Do you understand that, within yourself, you will need to make a new act of consent in order to establish marriage with one another?  yes  no
- e. Do you intend to exchange such new consent with your spouse?  yes  no

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SIGNATURE OF THE GROOM

\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
DATE

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SIGNATURE OF THE BRIDE