

Halifax Regional Tribunal
Charlottetown Branch
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Preliminary Investigation

	<u>Petitioner</u>	<u>Respondent</u>
Present Name	_____	_____
Street	_____	_____
City/Town	_____	_____
Postal Code	_____	_____
Home Phone	_____	_____
Work Phone	_____	_____
Email	_____	_____
Date of Birth	_____	_____
Religion	_____	_____
Date of Baptism	_____	_____
City/Town	_____	_____
Father's Name	_____	_____
Mother's Name	_____	_____
Date of Marriage	_____	Church of Marriage _____
Place of Marriage	_____	Is this your first Marriage? _____
Date of Definitive Separation	_____	_____
Number of Children of Marriage	_____	_____
Has the Respondent Been Notified?	_____	_____
Is he/she willing to cooperate in the process?	_____	_____

HAVE YOU ENCLOSED THE FOLLOW?

- Petitioner's Baptismal Certificate
- Respondent's Baptismal Certificate
- Marriage Certificate (From Church of Marriage)
- Copy of Divorce
- Case History
- List of Witnesses

Signature of Petitioner _____ Date _____

Case History Questions

Your case history should contain the following information in *not more than four pages*. The interview will provide an opportunity for further clarification of the questions.

1. Before the marriage: When did you meet? How old were you? How long was the courtship? Did any behaviour turn up before the marriage that became a problem later on?
2. Was there any pressure on you to marry? Did anybody oppose the marriage? If so, why?
3. Who proposed? Were you both happy about getting married? Did you follow a marriage preparation program?
4. Tell something about your home life and the home life of your spouse. Was it happy? Were you given good moral and religious example? How far did you go in school? How old were you when you first left home? For what reason did you leave home? How many are in your family? Where are you placed?
5. Was your wedding day happy? If not, why not? Did anything outstanding happen that day that you remember more vividly than other events of the day? Did you have a honeymoon?
6. When was the marriage consummated?
7. What constituted the happy times in your early marriage? How long were you happy?
8. What was the earliest serious problem in your marriage? When did this occur? Describe this problem as well as you can.
9. Did you have children? Did you both want children? Did you agree to this before marriage?
10. How was your communication? Did either one dominate the marriage? How did you manage financially?
11. Was there any drinking? Drugs? Criminal record? Infidelity?
12. Did you live up to your religious beliefs? Did you go to church as a couple?
13. Were there any temporary separations? If so, who left and how often and for how long? Describe the event that led up to the final break.
14. What has each of you done since the final separation?

THE FOLLOWING WITNESSES HAVE BEEN ASKED AND HAVE AGREED TO GIVE
TESTIMONY IN MY MARRIAGE INVESTIGATION CASE.

WITNESSES:

1. Name _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Has this person consented to give testimony? _____

2. Name _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Has this person consented to give testimony? _____

3. Name _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Has this person consented to give testimony? _____

4. Name _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Has this person consented to give testimony? _____

IF THERE ARE ANY PROFESSIONAL WITNESSES, PLEASE RECORD HERE
(attach an additional paper if necessary)

Name _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP / BUREAU DE L'ÉVÊQUE
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January 1, 2010

Dear Friend,

In 2008, the cost to maintain the office that processes marriage annulments was \$70,000. Expenses include salaries for the Associate Judicial Vicar and Secretary, mandatory fees for the national Appeal Tribunal in Ottawa and the daily operations of the Office, known as the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal. These expenses do not include the considerable costs incurred for educational purposes of this specialized ministry. In that same year, 2008, the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal processed 25 marriage cases for annulment. This means that the average cost per annulment was \$2800, borne by the Diocese of Charlottetown.

Since there is no source of revenue for the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal and the important service it offers people, the Diocese invites you to defray the expenses with a contribution of \$700. This amounts to less than one quarter of the cost involved in processing your annulment. The Diocese of Charlottetown will assume the remaining three quarters of the expenses for your case.

In the hope of easing the financial strain of a \$700 fee, the Diocese suggests the following payment plan:

- (i) an initial contribution of \$200
- (ii) followed by a payment of \$250 when the First Instance Judgement is given
- (iii) a final contribution of \$250 when your case is complete.

If this financial plan is not suitable, perhaps you can discuss an alternate one with your Parish Priest or with someone at the Office of the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal.

Although a fee of \$700 may be burdensome, I ask that you keep in mind that the Diocese has no source of revenue for this service except for your contribution. Your financial assistance helps ensure that this Office will continue to help others who face hurtful situations very similar to your own.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Richard Grecco
Bishop of Charlottetown