



AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION
(To be submitted with completed Petition.)

I, _____, as Petitioner in this case, in recognition of the purely religious nature of these proceedings agree to cooperate with the Tribunal of the Diocese of Erie in its investigation of my marriage to _____ and will abide by the rules of the annulment process of the Catholic Church and the terms of this Agreement.

1. I understand that the Tribunal of the Diocese of Erie, in accepting my case for consideration, provides no guarantee that an Affirmative Decision will be rendered in the case. I further understand that allegations of nullity of my marriage must be proven by means of the formal testimony of the parties and witnesses and by authentic ecclesiastical and civil documents. I understand that the burden of providing sufficient proofs rests upon me.

2. I understand that the Tribunal of the Diocese of Erie, in its investigation, may employ the services of a psychological professional or other expert witness and I hereby authorize the Tribunal to release information regarding the case to such an expert witness as appointed by the Tribunal. I understand that the Tribunal of the Diocese of Erie may wish to examine information from a counselor, institution or agency from which I obtained counseling or psychological evaluations and/or therapy either before or during the course of the marriage being studied. I hereby agree to authorize the counselor, institution or agency to release confidential information to the Tribunal of the Diocese of Erie if it is deemed necessary by the Tribunal.

3. I understand that at no time in the course of this process can a definite date of conclusion be given to me or estimated. No guarantee of the completion of my case within a specified time is made.

4. I agree not to make specific plans for a future marriage in the Catholic Church during the course of this case. Rather, I will wait until a final decision is rendered in my case before plans for marriage or convalidation of an existing civil marriage are made.

5. I understand that the contents of this investigation will be kept confidential by reserving it to the parties to this case and the staff of the Tribunal of the Diocese of Erie. I agree not to discuss the nature of the case or questions proposed to any witness until such time as the case is officially concluded.

6. I attest that I am presenting this case in good faith and that all my statements are true to the best of my knowledge and I agree to provide the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

7. I attest that this marriage has irreparably failed, and that conjugal living cannot be restored. C1675

Date

Your Signature

City, State

Witness to your Signature