



DIOCESE OF  
SAN JOSE

## **WITNESS QUESTIONNAIRE**

### **Witness for the ☐ Petitioner ☐ Respondent (Please check one)**

Responses to the questions below must be on **separate sheets of paper** and in **English only**.

1. Please indicate your name, address, and telephone number.
2. Describe
  - (a) your relationship to the Petitioner;
  - (b) the length of your acquaintance,
  - (c) his/her personality and family background.
3. Describe
  - (a) your relationship to the Respondent;
  - (b) the length of your acquaintance,
  - (c) his/her personality and family background.
4. How much contact did you have with the parties during their dating period?
  - (a) Describe the interpersonal/dynamics interaction you observed going on between the Petitioner and Respondent.
  - (b) How mutual and open was the communication between them – namely, their ability to listen to each other, the equal-sidedness of their communications, and the respect for their differences?
  - (c) In your opinion, what interests and goals did the two seem to have?
  - (d) As they dated, what problems or tensions did you observe or hear from either of the parties themselves or their friends or families?
5. Describe your reaction when you learned of their engagement.
  - (a) In your opinion, how ready were the Petitioner and/or Respondent for marriage?
  - (b) In your opinion, how suited were they to be marital partners for each other?
6. How much contact did you have with the parties during their married life?
  - (a) What changes did you observe in the interaction and relationship of the Petitioner and Respondent at this time?
  - (b) What problems did you learn, know or see going on between them?
7. What did you hear the Petitioner and/or Respondent say about
  - (a) having children (or the use of contraception);
  - (b) his/her idea fidelity in the marriage;
  - (c) marriage as a permanent commitment?
8. Describe any psychological, addictions or problems with the law that you are aware that were present in the Petitioner and/or Respondent?
9. In your opinion, what caused this marriage to fail?

**Please kindly remember to sign the Affidavit of Witness on the back side.**

**Thank you very much for your prompt and timely response.**



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NOTE: Kindly read this AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS, sign, and return to the Tribunal with your English testimony in the provided envelope to:

**Tribunal - Diocese of San Jose  
1150 N. First Street, Suite 100  
San Jose, CA 95112-4966**

**Thank you for responding within the next fifteen (15) days regarding this very important matter.**

### **AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS**

Due to the sensitive nature of the information gathered in this process and because the Tribunal wishes to promote the spirit of charity, all information obtained during the course of this ecclesiastical proceeding is considered CONFIDENTIAL in accord with Church law.

To guarantee Petitioner and the Respondent's right of defense, Church law gives them the right to come to the Tribunal to read the testimonies presented by the witnesses in a case, but only in the course of the particular proceeding. The testimonies are not available to the other witnesses or anyone acting on their behalf, or in any civil proceeding. For only a grave or serious reason, a witness may request that his/her testimony be withheld from the Petitioner and/or Respondent, but only the judge makes this determination to do so or not (canon 1598 § 2).

I attest that I have read the above statement and agree to be bound by the policies explained therein. I further attest that the testimony I submit is the truth before God.

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*Signature of Witness*

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*Printed Name of Witness*

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*Date*

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Tribunal Notary

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Date