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**TO BE FILLED IN BY PASTOR OR DESIGNATED PERSON**

In dialogue with the Petitioner, the following areas of concern may surface. Please check any which apply and have come to your attention.

Please check appropriate items:

1. ENGAGEMENT AND DECISION TO MARRY

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ there were problems or breakups during courtship.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ there was less than 12 months of courtship.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ the parties lived together before the wedding.
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ pregnancy was a factor in the decision to marry.
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ no premarital instructions were given.

2. RESERVATIONS ABOUT COMING MARRIAGE

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ one or both sets of parents had reservations about marriage.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ one or both set of parents disapproved of marriage.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ one or both parties had reservations about getting married.

3. RELIGIOUS STATUS AT THE TIME OF WEDDING

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ both parties were Catholics at the time of the wedding.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ both parties were non-Catholics at the time of the wedding.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ only one party was Catholic at the time of the wedding.

4. AGES AT THE TIME OF THE WEDDING

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ bride was 18 or younger; b. \_\_\_\_\_ groom was 18 or younger

5. ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE IN PARENTAL HOMES AND BY PARTIES

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Parental home of bride: | a. _____ alcohol problem; | b. _____ drug problem. |
| Parental home of groom: | a. _____ alcohol problem; | b. _____ drug problem. |
| Petitioner:             | a. _____ alcohol problem; | b. _____ drug problem. |
| Respondent:             | a. _____ alcohol problem; | b. _____ drug problem. |

6. ABUSE IN PARENTAL HOMES OR HOME OF THE MARRIAGE UNDER STUDY

- a. abuse by father of bride: \_\_\_\_\_ verbal; \_\_\_\_\_ physical; \_\_\_\_\_ sexual.
- b. abuse by mother of bride: \_\_\_\_\_ verbal; \_\_\_\_\_ physical; \_\_\_\_\_ sexual.
- c. abuse by father of groom: \_\_\_\_\_ verbal; \_\_\_\_\_ physical; \_\_\_\_\_ sexual.
- d. abuse by mother of groom: \_\_\_\_\_ verbal; \_\_\_\_\_ physical; \_\_\_\_\_ sexual.
- e. abuse of groom by bride: \_\_\_\_\_ verbal; \_\_\_\_\_ physical; \_\_\_\_\_ sexual.
- f. abuse of bride by groom: \_\_\_\_\_ verbal; \_\_\_\_\_ physical; \_\_\_\_\_ sexual.

7. PARENTAL DIVORCE

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ bride's parents divorced;
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ groom's parents divorced.

8. DURATION OF THE MARRIAGE

TIME LIVED TOGETHER AFTER WEDDING

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| a. _____ more than 10 years. | a. _____ more than 10 years. |
| b. _____ 6 to 10 years.      | b. _____ 6 to 10 years.      |
| c. _____ 3 to 5 years.       | c. _____ 3 to 5 years.       |
| d. _____ 1 to 2 years.       | d. _____ 1 to 2 years.       |
| e. _____ less than 1 year.   | e. _____ less than 1 year.   |

9. CHILDREN

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ no children were born (or adopted) to the marriage.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ no children were born (or adopted) until after 3 years.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ list children below - year of birth

_____	_____
_____	_____

**DOCUMENTS**

Enclosed with this Application:

1. The petitioner's baptismal certificate (even if non-Catholic).
2. The respondent's baptismal certificate (even if non-Catholic).
3. A copy of the marriage certificate.
4. A copy of the divorce decree.

***Note: Please enclose for each marriage if more than one.***

COMMENTS OF PASTOR OR DESIGNATED PERSON

(Reasons for petition, current status within parish, credibility of petitioner, etc.)

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Is Petitioner currently in a civil Marriage? Is civil law spouse or fiancé free to marry in the Catholic Church?

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_