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Case Name: _____

Prot. No.: _____

PAULINE PRIVILEGE

TO ESTABLISH THE FACT OF BAPTISM OR NON-BAPTISM OF:

UNDER OATH, THE PETITIONER ANSWERS THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

I. GENERAL QUESTIONS

- 1) What is your present full name? (Also maiden name, if woman)
- 2) What is your address? _____

- 3) Date and place of birth? _____
- 4) What is/was your father's name? _____
- 5) What is/was your mother's maiden name? _____
- 6) What was your father's religion at the time of your birth? _____
- 7) What was your mother's religion at that time? _____
- 8) To what degree did they practice their religion? _____
- 9) Did your parents believe in the necessity of infant baptism? _____
- 10) Did your parents or anyone else ever have you baptized (christened, sprinkled, or immersed) in infancy or in childhood? _____
- 11) Have you yourself, of your own accord, ever been baptized or christened at any time? _____

II. IF YOU HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED

12) In what denomination? _____

13) Kindly state: When: _____

Where: _____

14) How old were you at the time of your baptism? _____

15) Kindly describe the ceremony which took place (if in infancy, as it was told to you).

16) How can we obtain a copy of your baptismal record (if baptized more than once, kindly give details)?

III. IF YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN BAPTIZED

17) What was the reason for its omission?

18) Who gave you this information?

19) Were you under the care and custody of your parents continuously during your childhood and youth?

20) If not, give the names and addresses of other guardians and the length of time spent with each. Please include the religion of each person.

21) Have you ever been gravely ill or were you ever in an institution or other place where baptism may have been administered without your knowledge? Kindly explain.

22) Did you attend Sunday school and church as a child or youth? _____

23) If so, when, where? Denomination of school and church?

24) Did you ever join any church? _____

25) If so, when, where and what church?

26) What is your religion at present? _____

27) Did your parents have any other members of your family baptized? _____

(If so, give names and addresses)

28) If any of them were baptized and you were not baptized, how do you explain the omission of your baptism?

IV. QUESTIONS REGARDING THE MARRIAGE

29) Whom did you marry? _____

30) Was he/she ever baptized in any religion? _____

31) If so, when, where and by whom?

32) Exactly why did your marriage break up?

33) Was this the first marriage contracted by each? _____

If not, which of you was previously married? (Give details please)

34) What is the present name and address of your first spouse? (If address is unknown, give name and address of a relative of that person)

35) Is there any hope of reconciliation with your former spouse? _____

36) What is your parents' present address and phone number?

37) Kindly give us the names, addresses, and phone numbers of two witnesses to testify regarding your baptismal status.

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38) Kindly give us the names, addresses, and phone numbers of the parents of your former spouse, or two witnesses, to testify regarding his/her baptismal status.

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39) Did you ever discuss this problem with any other priest, or was it ever submitted before any other tribunal? If so, when, where, and before whom?

V. CONTEMPLATED MARRIAGE (Information regarding the person whom the Petitioner wishes to enter, or convalidate, marriage with in the Church)

40) Present name, address, phone number, and religion: (if woman, maiden name)

Here the testimony is re-read to Petitioner, and he or she is then asked: Have you anything to add to, or to change in, or to take away from your testimony as just re-read to you?

“I solemnly swear that I have told the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in answer to your questions. So help me, God.”

I hereby designate _____ as my Advocate in this case with the power to perform all useful and necessary acts in the preparation of the documents for the Tribunal. I submit with this Petition a certified copy of the record of marriage between the Respondent and myself, and a copy of the civil divorce decree granted for this marriage.

Petitioner

Sworn to and signed in my presence at

on this the ____ day of _____, 20__.

Advocate

RECOMMENDATION OF ADVOCATE:
