

Matrimonial Tribunal



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Purpose of the Office

A real and important expression of the healing mission of Christ and the Church is the annulment process. Thus, it is the mission of the Matrimonial Tribunal to approach every petition for a possible nullity of marriage with the respect, compassion, and professional skill a hurting human person deserves. There are many more in need of this healing than the Tribunal will ever see, but our staff will do their best to make the process of annulment a healing moment for all those who do approach.

Work of the Office

- Acts as a court of first instance for matrimonial causes.
- Serves as a resource to priests, deacons, and parish staff.
- Dispels the rampant misconceptions about what a declaration of nullity is and is not.
- Encourages divorced individuals who may wish to marry and individuals already in irregular marriage situations to submit their cases for consideration.
- Responds to inquiries about Canon Law.
- Educates the public as to Church teachings on marriage.

“The dignity of marriage, which between the baptized ‘is the image of and participation in the covenant of love between Christ and the Church’, demands that the Church with the greatest pastoral solicitude promote marriage and the family founded in marriage, and protect and defend them with all the means available.”

– Dignitas Connubii