

His Grace,
The Right Reverend Peter,
Bishop of Cleveland,
Administrator of
Chicago and Mid-America Diocese

P E T I T I O N

I _____ , have been united in
Church Marriage with (spouse name) _____,
at (church where married) _____,
by (priest who performed Ceremony) _____,
on (date) _____ , this was my __ Church marriage and __ Civil Marriage,
and my spouse's __ Church marriage and __ Civil Marriage.

I am currently seeking **a resolution to my marital status.**

Therefore, I request blessing of Your Grace to forward my case to the Spiritual Court of Chicago and Mid-America Diocese (ROCOR) for a future hearing and resolution on this matter.

Sincerely,
Kissing Your right hand,

Date

P.S. Use separate sheet to write narrative account of the marital history. In this must be included an explanation of the reasons for the separation, and the reasons for which the divorce is being requested.

Note: The priest must first collect this Narrative from the plaintiff (the spouse requesting the divorce). The Narrative must then be sent to the defendant (by the plaintiff) with a letter requesting the defendant reply to the charges made by the plaintiff. Finally, the plaintiff must comment on the rebuttal of the defendant if there is a divergence or disagreement between the accounts of the plaintiff and the defendant.

It is important that the request sent to the defendant be sent by REGISTERED MAIL, so that a record may be maintained that the defendant received the request.

P.P.S. This Petition is sent to Spiritual Court with Recommendation/Testimony of the current parish priest, who collected the Narrative.

THE PLAINTIFF / ИСТЕЦ

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Best time to call _____

THE DEFENDANT / ОТВЕТЧИК

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Best time to call _____

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**Если супруги не заключали церковного брака в Православной Церкви, то подавать документы не нужно. /**

**If the couple was not married in the Orthodox Church, then it is not necessary to petition for Church marriage resolution.**

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СПИСОК ДОКУМЕНТОВ / LIST OF DOCUMENTS

1. Petition / Прошение
2. Настоящий адрес, контактный номер телефона и электронная почта обеих сторон /
Current address, contact phone number and email of both sides;
3. Объяснение причин, приведших к получению гражданского развода /
Written Narrative to the circumstances leading to civil divorce;
 - Объяснение истца / The Narrative of the plaintiff;
 - Отзыв ответчика на Объяснение истца / The Defendant's reply to the Narrative
 - Ответ истца на Отзыв ответчика / The Plaintiff's answer to the Defendant's reply
4. Пасторские рекомендации/свидетельство приходского священника /
Pastoral Recommendation/Testimony of the parish priest;
5. Свидетельство о церковном браке (или выписка из метрической книги) /
Certificate of Church Marriage (or extract from Church Metrics);
6. Свидетельство о гражданском разводе / Certificate of Divorce (civil);
Примечание: Церковный развод не может быть дан до гражданского развода. /
Note: A Church divorce will not be granted before a civil divorce has been obtained.
7. Безвозвратный чек в размере \$300 на имя: Diocese of Chicago and Mid-America /
Non-refundable check in amount of \$300 written to: Diocese of Chicago and Mid-America.