

PRELIMINARY SUBMISSION

PART 2

YOUR MARRIAGE

Please write out as neatly and clearly as possible the history of your marriage. Please follow the guidelines below. When you have finished your submission sign and date it. Please make sure when you forward your submission to the nearest diocesan office to include the detachable general information sheet I.E. Part I.

A. PRE-MARRIAGE

Give a brief account of the background, family, education etc of both parties. Describe in some detail, the circumstances of your meeting with your former partner, the growth and development of your personal association together, friendship and courtship, and give a reasonable coverage of the history of your relationship with each other from the time you met until the marriage. Please describe any particular circumstances, or situations, eg sickness, family reasons, pregnancy etc, which may have affected your entry into marriage. Indicate whether there were any misgivings of doubts expressed by either party, or by others, about the forthcoming marriage. Was there an engagement? What was your relationship during the engagement period, and anything that occurred of significance during this time?

B. AT THE TIME OF MARRIAGE

In entering your marriage, did either you or your former partner have any reservations about what you were entering into? What would have been your attitudes towards permanency in marriage? Did you intend to marry each other for life? What was your attitude towards children? Did either of you have any reservations or conditions regarding if, and when, you might have children? Would you have both entered into marriage intending to be faithful, one to the other?

C. STORY OF MARRIAGE

Write out in some detail the history of your marriage, from the first few months to the final separation. Were there any particular difficulties early in the marriage? Were there any difficulties in the sexual relationship? Cover such matters as your ability to discuss and evaluate matters together; your attitudes to one another; your relationships with your parents and parents-in-law; who had the financial responsibility; work history; ability to make and keep friends; social life together; personal life etc.

When did the problems first appear in the marriage? Describe them in some detail. What means did you or your partner take to keep the marriage together? (Marriage guidance, clergy, psychiatrists etc.) If medical, psychiatric, or counselling services sought, would you please indicate what they were and to whom recourse was had. Was there anything in either you or your partner's background, indications of mental illness in the family? Please describe as precisely as possible why you consider the marriage failed, and why you consider you have a case for annulment. Please add anything else which you consider would be helpful to give a better understanding of your former marriage.

Please date and sign the submissions and forward it to the nearest Diocesan office.