DIOCESE OF DALLAS

Marriage Readiness Assessment
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(Revised August 14, 2014)

Whenever you are preparing a person to marry on whom a *monitum* (caution) or *vetitum* (prohibition) has been placed by the Dallas Tribunal in conjunction with an affirmative nullity decision, the following will enable you to help the person fulfill the stipulation:

- Select a [Marriage Readiness Assessor](#) for availability from the current list of Assessors (found on the website [www.cathdal.org](http://www.cathdal.org) under Policies).
- If the person you are preparing for marriage
  - received a declaration of invalidity from the Dallas Tribunal, assist the Petitioner or Respondent and intended spouse to complete the “Marriage Readiness Release” ([www.cathdal.org](http://www.cathdal.org) under Policies).
  - received a declaration of invalidity from a tribunal other than the Dallas Tribunal, contact the Dallas Tribunal so, in turn, we can obtain a copy of the decision from that tribunal, in order that the decision can be forwarded to the Marriage Readiness Assessor.
- If the couple is being prepared for marriage in another diocese, assist them to complete “Release of Decision” ([www.cathdal.org](http://www.cathdal.org) under Policies) so that the Dallas Tribunal can send a copy of the Dallas decision of nullity to the tribunal of the diocese preparing the couple for marriage.
- Send the completed Release(s) to:
  
  Tribunal  
  Diocese of Dallas  
  PO Box 190507  
  Dallas TX 75219

  - Instruct the Petitioner or Respondent to expect a letter from the Tribunal. The letter will direct the person to make an appointment with the designated Marriage Readiness Assessor. Make sure the party understands that he/she is not to attempt to make an appointment with the Assessor until receiving the Tribunal’s letter directing her/him to do so.

The Tribunal will send a copy of the decision to the selected Marriage Readiness Assessor. Once the Tribunal receives an evaluation from the Assessor, the Tribunal will consider lifting the stipulation.

Reminder:

- Verify, before setting any wedding date, that all previous marriages, whether or not under the auspices of the Catholic Church, have been reviewed and, if necessary, declared invalid.
- Assist the party to complete a “Marriage Readiness Release” for each case processed for either party in the Diocese of Dallas.
- For any case adjudicated in a Tribunal other than the Dallas Tribunal, notify the Dallas Tribunal so it can obtain a copy of the decision from that diocese to be forwarded to the Marriage Readiness Assessor.

If you need to consult with the Dallas Tribunal regarding Marriage Readiness Assessment, contact the Tribunal, 214-379-2840, mgillett@cathdal.org.
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Marriage Readiness Release
Diocese of Dallas
For Marriage Readiness Assessment Within the Diocese of Dallas
(February 18, 2015)

Protocol No:

Diocese of Dallas Tribunal
PO Box 190507
Dallas, TX 75219
(214) 379-2840

By means of this letter, I, ________________________, give permission to the Diocese of Dallas Tribunal to send copies of the Sentence as well as other documentation from the above-referenced case file to my Marriage Readiness Assessor, _________________________.

My intended/spouse, _________________________, and I agree to meet with the above Assessor and pay the required fee. We understand the Assessor will file an evaluation with the Diocese of Dallas Tribunal in order that consideration can be given to the lifting of stipulation(s) placed by the Judge(s) at the time the decision was rendered.

____________________________________________  __________________________
Signature of Petitioner/Respondent  Date

____________________________________________  __________________________
Signature of current/intended spouse  Date

A separate form should be completed for each case adjudicated in the Diocese of Dallas for either party.

If a case was adjudicated for either party in another diocese, contact the Dallas Tribunal to obtain a copy of that decision.

MAIL COMPLETED RELEASE AND EVALUATION TO:

Diocese of Dallas Tribunal
PO Box 190507
Dallas, TX 75219
Release of Decision
Diocese of Dallas
For Marriage Readiness Assessment Outside the Diocese of Dallas
(February 18, 2015)

Protocol No:

Diocese of Dallas Tribunal
PO Box 190507
Dallas, TX 75219
(214) 379-2840

By means of this letter, I, ________________________, give permission to the Diocese of Dallas Tribunal to send copies of the Decision as well as other documentation from the above-referenced case file to the Judicial Vicar of the diocese where I now reside, so I may be prepared for marriage in the Catholic Church.

____________________________________________  ______________
Signature of Petitioner/Respondent  Date

A separate form should be completed for each case adjudicated in the Diocese of Dallas.

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