



# HALIFAX REGIONAL CATHOLIC MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL

## AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION

*(To be submitted with completed Petition)*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as Petitioner in this case, in recognition of the purely religious nature of these proceedings, agree to cooperate with the Halifax Regional Tribunal in its investigation of my marriage to \_\_\_\_\_ and will abide by the rules of the annulment process of the Catholic Church and the terms of this Agreement.

1. I understand that the Halifax Regional Tribunal, in accepting my case for consideration, provides no guarantee that an Affirmative Decision will be rendered in the case. I further understand that allegations of nullity of my marriage must be proven by means of the formal testimony of the parties and witnesses and by authentic ecclesiastical and civil documents. I understand that the burden of providing sufficient proofs rests upon me.
2. I understand the Halifax Regional Tribunal, in its investigation, may employ the services of a psychological professional or other expert witness and I hereby authorize the Tribunal to release information regarding the case to such an expert witness as appointed by the Tribunal. I understand that the Halifax Regional Tribunal may wish to examine information from a counselor, institution or agency from which I obtained counseling or psychological evaluations and/or therapy either before or during the course of the marriage being studied. I hereby agree to provide proper documentation to the Halifax Regional Tribunal when required.
3. I understand that at no time in the course of this process can a definite date of conclusion be given to me or estimated. No guarantee of the completion of my case within a specified time is made.
4. I agree not to make specific plans for a future marriage in the Catholic Church during the course of this case. Rather, I will wait until a final decision is rendered in my case before plans for marriage or convalidation of an existing civil marriage are made.
5. The marriage tribunal is a ministry of the Archdiocese and, as such, is subsidized by the archdiocesan budget. However, those who benefit from this ministry are encouraged to offer a donation towards tribunal operations. No member of the faithful will be turned away due to lack of funds. The tribunal is a registered charity with the CRA. Use this link to donate online: [www.halifaxyarmouth.org/donate](http://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/donate)
6. I understand that the contents of this investigation will be kept confidential by reserving it to the parties to this case and the staff of the Halifax Regional Tribunal. I agree not to discuss the nature of this case or questions proposed to any witness.
7. I attest that I am presenting this case in good faith and that all my statements are true to the best of my knowledge and I agree to provide the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, Province

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Witness