



**Diocese of San Bernardino
The Office of Canonical Services**

AFFIDAVIT OF DILIGENT SEARCH

PETITIONER: _____

RESPONDENT: _____

(Canon law requires that the Respondent, in any case presented to the Tribunal, be given adequate notice of the pending action. In some cases a former spouse may be difficult to locate. In rare cases this task may be impossible. The substance of this form is intended to assist you in locating your former spouse by suggesting sources of information. In the rare case where a former spouse cannot be located this form will assist in describing to the Tribunal what steps you have taken to locate him/her. **Please complete the form to the best of your ability.** Use the reverse side of the form if you need more space.)

I, _____, am the Petitioner in this case. My former spouse, _____, is the Respondent. I do not currently know the whereabouts of my former spouse. The last time I had any contact with my former spouse was on _____ (If the exact date is not available please state the month and the year.) My former spouse's social security number is _____. My former spouse's last know address was

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

___I have tried telephoning and writing to my former spouse, but the telephone number I have is no longer valid, and there was no reply to my letter, or the letter was returned by the Post Office (In the event the letter was returned, please include a copy of the envelope showing the postal notation.)

___My former spouse was employed during our marriage, I have tried to contact him/her through that employer, but with no success.

A. I have tried to locate my former spouse by writing to, or calling his/her parents, siblings, other family members, our former mutual friends, or neighbors, but cannot locate any of these people, or they do not know the whereabouts of my former spouse. The people I have written to or called are: (Please provide the name, address or telephone number as well as the person's relationship to the parties. If you received a written response, please include a copy with this form.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

B. I have also tried locating my former spouse through organizations to which I believe he/she belonged. I have received no responsive assistance from these organizations. The organizations I contacted are: (Please state the name of the organization and the address or phone number to which you wrote or called. If you received a written response, please include a copy with this form.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

C. I have tried to find a telephone number for my former spouse by calling information and/or checking telephone books for the following communities:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

D. I have made the following computer/internet search: (Please describe)

1. _____
- _____

I have not been able to comply with A., B., C., or D. above because:

1. _____
- _____

I swear, under oath, that the above statements are true and correct.

Signature of Petitioner

Signature of Advocate

Date: _____