



**AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL REPORT**

Church annulment petitions require a history of the background of the spouses, their courtship, wedding day and married life. This information should be as detailed as you can make it and should be typewritten on paper other than this sheet. Please title your report with your name followed by your former spouse's name.

**I. ABOUT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY BACKGROUND**

**A. Family**

1. General disposition and character of each parent
2. Who was dominant parent?
3. What was your relationship with parents?
4. What was your relationship with brothers and sisters?
5. What was your home life like?
6. Any other information about your family you feel is important

**B. Yourself**

1. Story of your childhood and adolescence
2. Ability to make and keep friends
3. Dating history
4. Sexual experience and attitudes
5. Medical history

**C. Your Former Spouse**

Use same outline as in A and B above, telling as much as you know of his or her background.

**II. ABOUT YOUR COURTSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT**

- A. How you met, source of initial attraction, frequency and nature of dates
- B. Ability to communicate, what made you compatible
- C. Living arrangements prior to marriage
- D. Your attitudes about day-to-day responsibilities
- E. Sexual relationship prior to marriage
- F. Disagreements, breaks in the relationship, how relationship resumed
- G. How the subject of marriage arose and how each of you felt about it
- H. Opposition to the marriage
- I. As the day of marriage approached, did either of you have any doubts, reservations, regrets
- J. Attitudes, feelings, behavior of each of you on your wedding day; anything unusual about your wedding day or honeymoon.

**III. MARRIED LIFE** - When describing problems in the marriage, it is important to state when they first surfaced.

- A. Describe a typical day at home
- B. Extent to which you were able to communicate
- C. How you shared responsibilities; decisions you made together
- D. What personal and joint goals you were able to realize
- E. Nature of your sexual relationship in the entire marriage
- F. Attitude about parenthood, birth control; were children born (if not, why)
- G. Role that family and friends played in your marriage
- H. How you and your spouse showed regard and respect for one another
- I. Manner of dealing with alcohol, drugs, gambling
- J. Separations; reasons and the circumstances of reconciliation
- K. Causes of final separation

**PLEASE BE SURE TO ADD YOUR SIGNATURE AND THE DATE AT THE CONCLUSION OF YOUR REPORT.**