



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Metropolitan Tribunal

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DSF Supported

NULLITY CASE SPONSOR TRAINING — SPRING 2025

Sponsored by the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Location of courses: Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Cathedral Centre
1701 San Jacinto St.
Houston, TX 77002

Times of all courses: Two Saturdays per course: 9 am–4 pm ● *Lunch (not provided): Noon–1 pm*

- COURSE 1** (12 hours): **Formal Nullity Petitions January 11 & 25**
- Review of Marriage Theology and different types of Processes
 - Determining who requires a Formal Case Petition
 - Explanation of how to complete the Formal Case Petition
 - Lecture, case scenarios and practical applications to parish ministry will be presented.

- COURSE 2** (12 hours): **Various Nullity and Privilege Petitions February 1 & 22**
- Overview of Marriage Theology and the concept of Nullity
 - Overview of Different types of Nullity Processes
 - Formal Declaration of Nullity Petition
 - Lack of Canonical Form Petition
 - Defect of Canonical Form Petition
 - Ligamen* (Prior Bond) Petition
 - Overview of different types of Dissolution Cases
 - Lecture, case scenarios and practical applications to parish ministry will be presented.

**Courses 1 & 2 are prerequisites to take Course 3. Exceptions with the approval of the Metropolitan Tribunal.*

- COURSE 3** (12 hours): **Practicum of All Types of Nullity Scenarios – March 1 & 22**
- Overview of Marriage Theology and the concept of Nullity
 - Brief overview of all types of Nullity and Privilege Petitions
 - Case scenarios of individuals requiring one or more nullity petitions will be presented to the students to determine what type(s) of petition(s) must be submitted.

I, _____, Pastor of _____
Pastor's printed name *Parish Name and City*

approve _____ to attend the Nullity Case Sponsor Training.
Individual's Name

Parish Seal

Pastor's Signature

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