

Diriment impediments

(One of these must be present to declare a marriage null.)

- 1. No intention, when marrying, to have offspring**
- 2. Deception of one party by the other in order to get consent, and if the other had been aware of the truth, would not have consented to get married**
- 3. Abduction with the intent to force marriage**
- 4. Failure to adhere to canon law for marriages**
- 5. Impediment of Crime, murder of the spouse to marry another**
- 6. Undispensed defect of form, form being married in the presence of a priest or deacon and according to the required form of words.**
- 7. Force or grave fear**
- 8. Consanguinity (blood relationship that is too close)**
- 9. Psychological state hindering the ability to consent**
- 10. No intention, when marrying, to contract a lifelong relationship (pretending consent)**

Note: Lack of Baptism is a serious impediment. It must be dispensed by a bishop. Also, adultery during the marriage could indicate a psychological state or lack of consent at the time of the marriage.

The Metropolitan Archbishop will review your petition and act immediately on your case within one week.