



“The sacrament of marriage is not a social convention, an empty ritual or merely the outward sign of a commitment.

The sacrament is a gift given for the sanctification and salvation of the spouses, since “their mutual belonging is a real representation, through the sacramental sign, of the same relationship between Christ and the Church.” (p. 55)

POPE FRANCIS’S “AMORIS LAETITIA”



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Requirements for becoming a certified advocate



Archdiocese of Denver
Metropolitan Tribunal
Office of Canonical Affairs

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REQUIREMENTS

1. Contact the Tribunal to Register 303.715.3148

Call to provide your contact information so that you will be a registered participant in the class and your information added to the list of Certified Advocates upon completion of the course. If you are a lay member of the parish and want to volunteer in this ministry, you will need to be approved by the Pastor and he must send the Tribunal a letter to that effect.

2. Complete the On-Line Training TOTAL 20 HOURS

You can watch these classes and print all the notes for your reference at your convenience. There are 8 classes that are about 2 ½ hours each (archden.org/tribunal/advocates/become-certified/). We suggest that you also watch the presentation on the Mitis Iudex for information on the “Formal Briefer Process”.

3. Call for PASSWORD for final class CASE STUDY

The last class deals with a real case and the discussion of the possible grounds to be proposed as well as drafting the libellus. Since this is very sensitive information, it is very important that it is not disclosed to the public, thus a password is required.

4. Schedule a time to complete the Practicum PRACTICUM

Please contact Lucinda Marques to schedule a time.

ON-LINE TRAINING

There are 8 (2 ½ hour) classes.

These classes cover the following topics:

- Theology of Marriage
- Intro to Marriage Law
- Principles of Marriage Nullity
- Overview of the Formal Process
- Role of the Advocate
- Determining Case types/ Initial Interview
- Practical Considerations with Petitioner and Respondent
- Drafting the *Libellus*
- Grounds for Nullity – Canon 1095, Canon 1101
- Proofs
- Publication of the Acts
- Advocate’s Brief
- Defender of the Bond
- Sentence
- Appeal
- *Vetitum*
- *Monitum*
- Less Common Grounds of Nullity
- Lack of Form Case
- Ligamen Cases
- Pauline Privilege
- Favor of the Faith

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

Contact Lucinda Marques at lucinda.marques@archden.org

