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**LACK OF FORM CASES (Form 18, 19, 20)**

**INFORMATION FOR PASTORS AND PETITIONERS**

(Note: A copy of this sheet is to be left with Petitioner for reference)

1. The Petitioner, with the help of the pastor, is to complete **FORM 18** which requests information about the present addresses of the two parties, their baptismal dates and places of baptism, the date and place of the marriage, dates and places where the couple lived during their married life and whether the marriage has ever been validated.
2. The Petitioner is required to submit the name, present address and phone number of the former spouse. The **pastor** is responsible for contacting the other party (the Respondent) and having **FORM 19** completed by that party.
3. Should it be **absolutely impossible** to contact the Respondent or should the Respondent refuse to cooperate the pastor contacts a supplementary witness and has Form 19 completed with this witness.
4. **FORM 20**, a search of the record in the diocese in which the couple lived, is sent to each diocesan chancery office as required.
5. The following documents are required before a case is processed:
  - 1) A new Certificate of baptism for Catholic party.
  - 2) A copy of the Marriage Certificate.
  - 3) A copy of the Divorce Decree.