

## **Clerical Council for Family Affairs**

## **AUTHORIZATION, RELEASE AND WAIVER**

I hereby authorize the Clerical Council for Family Affairs of the Diocese of Mississauga, Vancouver and Western Canada to disclose and discuss all or part of the information and documents, which I voluntarily submitted in my application to the Council, to my spouse, as named and identified in my application, to the Coptic Orthodox priests assigned to assist the Council, and to other Coptic Orthodox diocesan clerical councils as the Council deems necessary in order to determine my eligibility or ineligibility for a remarriage permit. I agree to release and hold harmless the Council, its members and assignees, from any and all claims of action or damages of any kind arising from, or in any way connected to, the release or use of any information or records pursuant to this Waiver.

I consent to the conditions of the Council and waive any and all rights to obtain and/or use the case file and all related documents, recordings and notes which are the sole possession of the Council. The Council retains all files in full confidentiality and shall not disclose said evidence to any administrative tribunal or court of law. The Council will not release documents under any condition pursuant to the guidelines of ecclesiastical confidentiality and religious privilege.

I understand that all decisions of the Council can be appealed to the Regional Clerical Council for Family Affairs—Americas District and have the right to share the documents with the Regional Clerical Council. I agree to release and hold harmless the Council, its members and assignees, from any and all claims of action or damages of any kind arising from, or in any way connected to, the decision rendered in regards to my application.

If the Council issues an Ecclesiastical Marriage Permit (EMP), thereby allowing me to remarry in the Coptic Orthodox Church, the Council reserves the right to disclose cause(s) of the ecclesiastical annulment or divorce to my future/ [contemplated] fiancé/e. I agree to release and hold harmless the Council, its members and assignees, from any and all claims of action or damages of any kind arising from, or in any way connected to, this limited disclosure.

APPLICANT NAME **APPLICANT SIGNATURE** DATE