Diocese of Fargo
Marriage Tribunal
QUESTIONNAIRE FOR DECLARING A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS RESPONDENT ABSENT

(THE TRIBUNAL HAS A SERIOUS OBLIGATION TO ENSURE THAT THE RESPONDENT'S RIGHTS ARE PROTECTED AND THAT HIS/HER RIGHT TO DEFENSE IS HONORED. IF THERE IS A SERIOUS REASON WHY THE RESPONDENT SHOULD NOT BE CONTACTED IN THIS CASE, THE COURT WILL APPOINT A PROCURATOR TO ACT ON HIS/HER BEHALF.)

INSTRUCTIONS: If the Petitioner believes that there are serious reasons why the Respondent should not be contacted in connection with this case, please respond in detail to the questions below.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF RESPONDENT (If not known, complete additional questionnaire detailing efforts to locate him/her.):

Respondent's Name		**Maiden Name (if applicable)**	
Address	**City**	**State**	**Zip Code**
Home Phone	**Work Phone**	**Other**	

ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, please answer the following questions thoroughly, giving dates, times, locations, circumstances, details. Include report numbers, copies of any documents (e.g., Court orders, police reports, medical records), etc. you may have available. Be as detailed as possible. Simple "Yes" and "No" answers are usually not helpful.

1. Has the Respondent ever acted with violence toward you? Has he/she ever physically injured you?

2. Has the Respondent ever threatened you with death or serious bodily injury?

3. Do you believe that the Respondent might cause you harm if he/she is contacted by the Tribunal in connection to this case.

4. Has there ever been an Order of Protection or similar order issued by any court in connection with the Respondent's violent behavior toward you?

5. Has the Respondent ever been arrested in connection with his/her violent behavior toward you?

6. Has the Respondent ever been convicted of any crime in connection with his/her violence toward you? (Include guilty plea to lesser offenses, probation in lieu of conviction, etc.)

7. Has any Law Enforcement agency ever taken a written report regarding the Respondent's violent behavior toward you?

8. Is there any other information that you think might be helpful to us in this matter?

I hereby state that I fear for my personal safety if the Respondent is contacted in connection with this case, and request that he/she be declared absent and that a Procurator be appointed to represent his/her interests.

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Petitioner's Signature Print Name Date

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