QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PETITIONER

1. Please state your name, current address, telephone number, and present occupation.

2. What is the date and place of your birth?

3. Please give the name and religious affiliation of each of your parents, and their address, if they are alive,

4. What is your diocese or religious institute of incardination.

5. Please describe your religious history previous to your entrance into the seminary or religious institute, including when and where you were baptized and confirmed.

6. Give a detailed history of your family background, covering these points:
   a. stability of parents' marriage
   b. number of children in the family
   c. relationship with parents while growing up
   d. religious practices and education followed in the home
   e. relationships with brothers and sisters while growing up
   f. economic and social background of family
   g. schooling up to the time of entrance into the seminary
   h. personal social development, e.g., dating experience

7. When did you first consider becoming a priest?
   a. Describe briefly how the thought of becoming a priest came to you.
   b. With whom did you consult about becoming a priest?
   c. What were their reactions?
   d. What was the reaction of your parents when you told them you were thinking of becoming a priest?

8. When and where did you make your studies for the priesthood?

9. Was there any interruption in your course of studies?

10. When and where were you ordained to the Diaconate? Priesthood?

11. During your seminary preparation, were there any serious moral problems that could have been obstacles to your seeking or accepting ordination to the priesthood?

12. Was there ever in any way undue pressure or influence in regard to seeking or accepting ordination to the priesthood?

13. Describe the condition of your seminary during your theology course of studies: your opinion of the moral standard, regularity and quality of spiritual exercises, and the care and prudence exercised by your superiors.

14. Was the obligation of celibacy fully explained to you prior to your ordination to the diaconate?
    a. Did you fully understand the nature of this obligation?
    b. Did you freely assume the obligation of celibacy?
    c. Did you have any problems with sexual adjustment before ordination?

15. Describe how your own concept of the priesthood changed and deepened during your years in the seminary.

16. Was there any hesitation in receiving orders? (If so, describe the reasons for such hesitation and outline the steps you took to deal with it.)

17. Were you interviewed or at least informed of your "call to orders" before the diaconate and priesthood? Please describe how that occurred.

18. List your assignments after ordination.

19. Did you enjoy your priestly ministry and its responsibilities and find it rewarding? Why or why not?

20. Describe ways you took initiative in responding to pastoral needs in your priestly ministry.

21. During your priesthood, how faithful were you to private spiritual exercises? (That is, eucharistic devotion, rosary, other devotions, spiritual reading, sacrament of reconciliation, spiritual direction, spirit of mortification, etc.)

22. What expectations did you bring to the priesthood that were not met?

23. In general, what failures – personal or in your priestly ministry – did you experience? How did you handle them?

24. To what extent did you share with other priests the problems and/or difficulties you experienced in priestly ministry?

25. Was there any alcoholic or chemical dependency or serious illness whose consequences might have influences your present decision in any way?

26. What were the reasons you left the active ministry?

27. Have you applied for, and were you granted, a leave of absence by the bishop or religious superior?

28. What efforts were made to resolve the conflict while on leave prior to asking for laicization? Have you sought professional counselling or therapy? What advice have you received?

29. What are your immediate and long-term plans? Are there plans for or has there been a marriage?

30. What work have you been engaged in since receiving a leave of absence? Do you plan to work/live in an area where you are known as a priest?

31. What will be the effect on your neighbors and co-workers if you receive the dispensation?

32. Are you morally certain you cannot continue to function as a priest? Please explain.

33. Give the names of witnesses you are in a position to testify about your character and intent prior to or subsequent to your ordination.

34. Do you wish to add, correct, or modify any portion of your testimony?

35. Do you swear before God that your answers are wholly true?

Please conclude your testimony by including the following statement, and sign and date your testimony:

I solemnly swear before God and the Church that my responses to the above questions are true and complete.