

## **The difference between divorce and an annulment**

An annulment is a legal procedure which cancels a marriage between a man and a woman. Annuling a marriage is as though it is completely erased – legally, it declares that the marriage never technically existed and was never valid.

A divorce, or legal dissolution of a marriage, is the ending of a valid marriage between a man and a woman returning both parties to single status with the ability to remarry. While each individual state has its own laws regarding the grounds for an annulment or for a divorce, certain requirements apply nationwide.