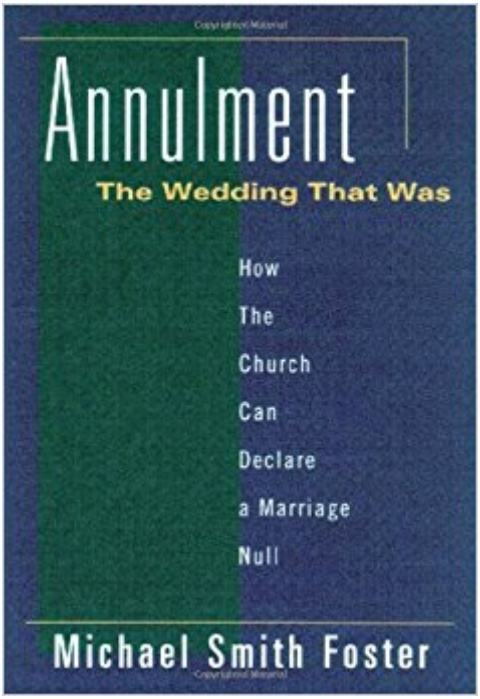
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A canonist and judge of the Catholic Archdiocese of Boston's Metropolitan Tribunal, Foster presents in 101 clear questions and answers a basic primer on canon law and the mechanics of the church's court system in determining nullity of marriage. The principle of marriage as a free and public act of will made by parties consenting to the sacrament underlies church law. The often mysterious act of annulment is here demystified: the book illuminates the judicial process, beginning with the right to marry and ending with answers to such misconceptions as annulments being merely Catholic divorces or the idea that annulment wipes out a marriage. A standard text on the subject is Lawrence G. Wrenn's Annulments (Canon Law Society of America, 1996. 6th ed.), while a negative view of the process in the United States can be found in Robert Vasoli's What God Has Joined Together (LJ 2/15/98). Foster's more positive and readable book is recommended for most collections serving Catholic audiences.?Anna M. Donnelly, St. John's Univ. Lib., Jamaica, NYCopyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Annulment is one of the most misunderstood teachings of the Catholic Church. Overcoming the Spiritual Pain of divorce and experiencing the Spiritual Gain of annulment has been enjoyed by thousands who have completed the annulment process. This book explains what annulment really is and would be useful for anyone who has suffered the spiritual pain of divorce.

It makes the study of annulments clearer for those without a degree in Canon Law. Especially love the fact that they author included cases for each legal reason for obtaining an annulment. I highly recommend this publication for anyone studying Canon Law as it applies to marriages and annulments. It will give you many "Ah,Ha" moments. Mine came bound in plastic and that is a good thing considering the use it will get.

This book is a user-friendly one. The question and answer format is used to its highest possiblity. It deals with all of those questions we never bothered to ask our high school religion nun or college theologian, and now wish we had. As both a civil and a canon lawyer dealing in divorce and annulments, I cannot think of one question not asked asked and answered here. The index makes it even easier to navigate the concepts explored. The result is a book that explains the concepts but also tells you how to deal practically with them in the context of the Church's laws and canons. This book takes the whole package of married life and puts it into Catholic perspective. This start to finish result, especially starting at the time of the marriage, is the crux of what so many do not understand about the Catholic Church and marriage. Foster's approach is totally successful just because of its simplicity. The book should be read by those thinking of marriage and not just those far down the road. It's assistance to both is what makes this book so important.

Gives good examples, doesn't feature a step by step, but I guess that is not the objective. I found it more interesting than useful

This was an amazing tool to get you through this process. Very well written and easy to understand the "whys and how's " I would highly recommend this book

Everything you ever wanted to know concerning the Annulment process and the Church's teaching concerning this procedure, but was afraid to ask, is answered in a complete but succinct manner by this publication. All the myths are dispelled and the Code of Cannon Law concerning a "Declaration of Nullity" is illuminated.

This is a very well written book with serious information for those who are considering an annulment through the Catholic Church. Fr. Foster is learned and knowledgable about Canon Law, and his website offers you the ability to have his expertise guide you through the annulment process. We

were more than pleased with the results. I'm very glad I bought this book and had his help in preparing our annulment. It made things very easy and it became a healing process, not an anxiety ridden one. It was wonderful.

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