

## Canon 1095 and the *Dignitas Connubii*: The Role of Consent, Incapacity, and Psychic Anomalies in Cases of Matrimonial Nullity

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This Article studies the norms of canon law affecting marriage of Latino Catholics in the world and explores the consent as the efficient cause of marriage, specifically the content and implementation of the 1095 Code of Canon Law, which in its second and third paragraphs refer to the inability to marry those who have a serious defect of discretion of judgment concerning the essential rights and duties of marriage to be mutually given and accepted, as well as those unable to assume the essential obligations of marriage for causes psychic nature, respectively, to reach the declaration of nullity of marriage in one way or another. The Article will also study the role of the *Dignitas Connubii* (*Dignitas*) which are direct recipients of the diocesan and inter-diocesan tribunals of the Latin Catholic Church in order exclusively to the treatment and resolution of causes of nullity of marriage.

The *Dignitas*, even when subject to the law, has the stated purpose of ordering all procedural matters for the causes of nullity of marriage. More broadly stated, *Dignitas* is a purely procedural instruction which aims to assist operators to justice in the correct interpretation and application of existing law on the subject, with a special mention of the law of marriage, that judges and other ministers of the ecclesiastical courts are taken by the hand in the performance of their task.