

**Petition to the Bishop Regarding Judgment of Termination
of a Marriage, Annulment, and/or Consent to Solemnize a
Marriage after Divorce or Annulment**

Petition submitted by:

The Rev'd _____ Date _____

Address _____

Church _____

To the Bishop:

() I petition for a judgment of termination in the marriage of:

() I petition for annulment of the marriage of:

() I petition for consent to solemnize the marriage of:

Name _____ Age _____

Address: _____

Please furnish dates for the beginning and termination of any prior marriages:

1st Marriage: Wedding _____ Divorced _____ Annulled _____ Widowed _____

2nd Marriage: Wedding _____ Divorced _____ Annulled _____ Widowed _____

3rd Marriage: Wedding _____ Divorced _____ Annulled _____ Widowed _____

Other? _____

Ages of children from prior marriage(s) _____

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

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Other? _____

Ages of children from prior marriage(s) _____

Note: If both addresses are the same - i.e. if this couple is already cohabiting - the member of the clergy preparing this form is to describe in writing to the Bishop the nature of the pastoral counseling being given to the couple regarding this decision on their part.

Each petitioner shall furnish the following information to the Bishop, in writing, concerning prior marriages.

What do you believe to be the true cause of the breakdown of your prior marriage in terms of your own involvement as well as that of your spouse? Your statement should include the following:

- a - Describe your attempt at marital counseling before and after the divorce.
- b - Describe your spiritual life during the process of your separation and divorce.
- c - Describe what repentance, forgiveness and healing you have experienced.
- d - What is your intention toward involvement in the life of the church after your marriage?

The clergy person submitting this petition shall answer the following question :

Yes No I have personally examined the final decree(s) of divorce or civil annulment listed above,
and I certify that on the basis of my examination the prior marriage(s) (is) (are) dissolved.

If you are petitioning for Judgment of Termination or Annulment without requesting consent to marry, you may stop here.

TO BE COMPLETED BY CLERGY IN ALL APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT TO REMARRY. CIRCLE YES OR NO TO EVERY QUESTION. WHERE NO IS CIRCLED PLEASE ATTACH FULL EXPLANATION

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| Yes | No | 1. | I have met personally with both parties and they are engaged in a program of premarital counseling satisfactory to me, or they have met in person with a priest of this church satisfactory to me and I have consulted that priest and am assured that they are engaged in a program of premarital counseling. |
| Yes | No | 2. | Each person has signed the Declaration of Intent. |
| Yes | No | 3. | At least one person is baptized. |
| Yes | No | 4. | I have inquired of the parties whether they have consulted any other priest of this church regarding the proposed marriage and have personally contacted that priest. If a priest has declined to officiate, a statement concerning the circumstances of that priest's decision is attached. |
| Yes | No | 5. | I have inquired of the priest of the former parish (if applicable) to ascertain pertinent pastoral information. (A letter is attached.) |
| Yes | No | 6. | I have thoroughly discussed with both parties their personal readiness for marriage. (Or such discussion has occurred in a counseling program satisfactory to me.) |
| Yes | No | 7. | I believe each person has realistically faced and evaluated the causes(s) of the death of the previous marriage. |
| Yes | No | 8. | I am satisfied that each party has an adequate continuing concern for the previous spouse(s) and children and is acting responsibly to fulfill moral and legal obligations. |
| Yes | No | 9. | I believe the marriage of this couple is likely to be a demonstrable sign of the spiritual union between Christ and His Church. |
| Yes | No | 10. | I am satisfied that the couple (or at least of one person with the support of the other) intends to live out their marriage with the support of the Christian community as participants in some congregation of the Church. |
| Yes | No | 11. | At least one calendar year has elapsed since the date(s) of the final decree(s). |

- Yes No 12. I have discussed with the couple, to the degree that I believe appropriate, the spiritual aspects of:
FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS: Equal partnership in marriage, in-law relationships, blended families, parenting concepts.
COMMUNICATION: Sharing feelings, how do you deal with anger, is there mutual affirmation?
SPIRITUAL: Family rule of life, daily prayer, scripture reading, relationship to God.
FINANCIAL: Legal and insurance matters, will, planning budgets, who pays bills, stewardship.
SEXUAL: Discuss the sacramentality of marriage, fidelity, honesty, openness to communication and discussion of sexuality.
- Yes No 13. I am willing to solemnize the marriage if consent is granted.
- Yes No. 14. I am requesting judgment at least 30 days prior to the date of the marriage. Proposed date of marriage _____.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTION IS FOR SITUATIONS WHERE EITHER OR BOTH PERSONS HAS/HAVE BEEN DIVORCED OR HAD THEIR MARRIAGES ANNULED MORE THAN ONCE.

- Yes No 15. I have received from a professional counselor a statement concerning this couple and that statement is attached along with an explanatory letter from me.

WHERE QUESTIONS 1-14 ARE ANSWERED YES AND QUESTION 15 IS NOT APPLICABLE, NO ADDITIONAL MATERIAL IS REQUIRED TO ACCOMPANY THE PETITION.

I request consent of the Bishop for me to solemnize this marriage.

Clergy submitting Petition

Parish

Date