

The Gulf Atlantic Diocese
PETITION TO THE BISHOP FOR CONSENT
TO SOLEMNIZE A MARRIAGE



Submitted By:

Clergyperson: _____

Date of Intended Marriage: _____

Clergy Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ (_____)

Seeking consent to solemnize the marriage of: [eliminate (b) or (c)]:

(a) (NAME) _____

Whose prior marriage ended in divorce or annulment.

ADDRESS: _____ City, State, ZIP: _____

(b) (NAME) _____

Whose prior marriage ended in divorce or annulment.

ADDRESS: _____ City, State, ZIP: _____

(c) (NAME of other party, if not above): _____

ADDRESS: _____ City, State, ZIP: _____

(d) Statement of Groom's Christian commitment/church membership/affiliation/status Bapt/Conf/Comm):

(e) Statement of Bride's Christian commitment/church membership/affiliation/status Bapt/Conf/Comm):

Consents will generally not be given for remarriage for a person with more than one divorce.

(Circle "YES" or "NO" to questions. Where "NO" is circled, attach a full explanation.)

YES NO 1. I have met with both parties and I am engaged in a program of premarital counseling with them; or, they have met with a priest of this church, and I am assured that they have participated in a program of premarital counseling with the priest or qualified professional counselor known to me

YES NO 2. Each party has signed the Declaration of Intention (copy attached).

YES NO 3. Both of the persons are baptized. (If not, the gospel has been shared clearly. Marriage between a believer and an unbeliever has been strongly discouraged (1 Cor. 7:39). If the priest believes that one is actually an unbeliever, even if baptized, the bishop will be consulted personally.)

- YES NO** 4. I have inquired of the parties whether they have consulted any other priest or pastor of this or any church regarding the proposed marriage and if they have, I have consulted with that clergyperson before submitting this petition. (A brief note concerning this is attached.)
- YES NO** 5. I have personally examined the final decree(s) of divorce or annulment and I certify that on the basis of my examination the prior marriages) (is) (are) lawfully dissolved.
- YES NO** 6. At least one year has passed since the granting of the final civil decree(s) of divorce.
- YES NO** 7. All matters of property and custody have been settled.
- YES NO** 8. I believe each has realistically faced and evaluated the cause(s) of the deaths of the previous marriage(s).
- YES NO** 9. I am satisfied that each party has an adequate continuing concern for the previous spouse(s) and children.
- YES NO** 10. I have thoroughly discussed each party's personal readiness for marriage with them, or such discussion has occurred in a counseling program.
- YES NO** 11. I have discussed with this couple, to the degree I believe to be appropriate, differences in age, income, religious discipline, patterns of conflict, (or such discussion of those issues has occurred in a counseling program satisfactory to me.)
- YES NO** 12. 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** 13. I believe these parties intend a true Christian marriage.
- YES NO** 14. I am satisfied that the couple intends to live out their marriage with the support of the Christian community as participants in a congregation of the Church.
- YES NO** 15. I am willing to solemnize the marriage if consent is granted.

I request consent of the Bishop to solemnize this marriage.

Signature of Clergyperson submitting petition (emailed version may have name typed)

Date_____