

Remarriage of Divorced Persons - Application

DIOCESE OF SOUTHERN VIRGINIA

Application to the Bishop for Consent to Solemnize a Marriage after Divorce or Annulment

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE USE OF THIS FORM:

Following the instructions of each section, complete all blanks except the "From the Bishop" section.

b. Mail to: The Bishop's Office, 11827 Canon Blvd., Suite 101, Newport News, VA 23606

c. This form will be returned to you with the Bishop's approval or refusal.

d. Allow at least thirty days for processing after this application has been received by the Bishop's Office; otherwise, a written request for waiver of the requirement should be made.

APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY (please print):

The Rev. _____ Date _____

Church _____ Daytime phone _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Dear Bishop, I apply for consent to solemnize the marriage of:

(Print full name)

single

divorced by a civil court

___ number of previous marriages

Decree(s) date(s): _____

(Print full name)

single

divorced by a civil court

___ number of previous marriages

Decree(s) date(s): _____

Proposed date of marriage _____ 20 ____; place _____

FROM THE BISHOP:

This records my permission for you to solemnize the marriage of the above-named couple. Please assure them of my prayers and warm best wishes.

Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia

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SECTION A

Circle "yes" or "no" to every question. For each "no" circled, attach a full explanation.

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| Yes | No | 1. I have met in person with both parties, and they are engaged in a program of premarital counseling satisfactory to me, or they have met in person with a clergy person of this church satisfactory to me and I have consulted that clergy person and am assured that they are engaged in a program of pre-marital counseling. |
| Yes | No | 2. Each party has signed the Declaration of Intention. (It is not necessary to mail these to the Bishop if you have seen them.) |
| Yes | No | 3. At least one of the parties is baptized. |
| Yes | No | 4. I have inquired of the parties whether they have consulted any other clergy person of this church regarding the proposed marriage, and if they have, I have personally consulted that clergy person prior to submitting this petition. |
| Yes | No | 5. I have personally examined the final decrees) of divorce or annulment, and I certify that on the basis of my examination the prior marriage(s) is/are lawfully dissolved. |
| Yes | No | 6. I believe these parties intend a true Christian marriage. |
| Yes | No | 7. I have thoroughly discussed each party's personal readiness for marriage with them, or such discussion has occurred in a counseling program satisfactory to me. |
| 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 any children. |
| Yes | No | 10. 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 | 11. I am willing to solemnize the marriage if consent is granted. |

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SECTION B

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| Yes | No | 12. I am satisfied that the couple (or at least one party 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 | 13. At least one calendar year has elapsed since the date(s) of final decree(s). |
| Yes | No | 14. All matters of property and custody have been settled. |
| Yes | No | 15. I have discussed with this couple, to the degree I believe to be appropriate, differences, if any, in age, income, religious discipline, patterns of conflict; and, especially for older couples with grown children, whether a written, pre-nuptial agreement on disposition of assets, property, or other estate planning would be appropriate for them to consider (or, such discussion of those issues has occurred in a counseling program satisfactory to me). |

The following question is for situations where either or both parties has/have been divorced (or marriage annulled) more than once.

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| Yes | No | N/A | 16. I have received from a professional counselor a statement concerning this couple, and the statement is attached along with an explanatory letter from me. |
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NOTE: Where questions 1-15 are answered "yes" and question 16 is not applicable, no additional material is required to accompany the application.

Signature of clergy person submitting application