

**THE DIOCESE OF LOUISIANA**  
**APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO REMARRY**

I request consent of the Bishop for me to solemnize the marriage of these petitioners:

Name of Bride (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

First Marriage \_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_ Annulled \_\_\_ Widowed \_\_\_

Date divorce decree(s) became final \_\_\_\_\_

Ages of children from prior marriage \_\_\_\_\_

*(Attach additional pages as necessary to report information from other marriages)*

Name of Groom (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

First Marriage \_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_ Annulled \_\_\_ Widowed \_\_\_

Date divorce decree(s) became final \_\_\_\_\_

Ages of children from prior marriage \_\_\_\_\_

*(Attach additional pages as necessary to report information from other marriages)*

The proposed marriage is to be performed in:

Church \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ in the Diocese of Louisiana

by the Reverend \_\_\_\_\_ .

Date of proposed wedding \_\_\_\_\_

Circle "Yes" or "No" or "Not Applicable" to every question.

*Where "no" is circled, attach a full explanation*

**Yes**      **No**      1. Since one or both of the parties is applying for a third (or subsequent) marriage, I certify that he and/or she has received counseling from a person trained and certified to counsel in order to understand the reasons for the failure of the previous marriages. I have attached to this application a letter from the therapist(s) that describes to me the issues involved, and indicating that it is their professional opinion that both parties to this potential marriage understand those issues and have the tools necessary for a successful marriage.

**Not Applicable**

**Yes**      **No**      2. I have met in person with both parties and they are engaged in a program of pre-marital counseling with me, or they have met in person with a

priest or counselor that is satisfactory to me and I have consulted that priest or counselor and am assured that they are engaged in a program of pre-marital counseling.

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| <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | 3. Each party has signed the Declaration of Intention.   |
| <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | 4. At least one of the parties is baptized and attending the Episcopal Church.   |
| <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | 5. I have inquired of the parties whether they have consulted any other priest of this church regarding the proposed marriage and if they have, I have personally consulted that priest prior to submitting this petition.   |
| <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | 6. I have personally examined the final decree(s) of divorce or annulment and I certify that on the basis of my examination, the prior marriage(s) is(are) lawfully dissolved.   |
| <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | 7. I believe these parties intend a true Christian marriage.   |
| <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | 8. I have thoroughly discussed and counseled each party to consider their readiness for marriage (or such discussion has occurred in a counseling program satisfactory to me).   |
| <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | 9. I believe each has realistically faced and evaluated the cause(s) of the death(s) of the previous marriage(s).  |
| <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | 10. I am satisfied that each party has an adequate continuing concern for the previous spouse(s) and any children.   |
| <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | 11. I believe the marriage of this couple is likely to be a demonstrable sign of the spiritual union between Christ and his Church.  |
| <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | 12. I am willing to solemnize the marriage, if consent is granted.   |
| <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | 13. 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.  |
| <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | 14. All matters of property and custody have been settled.   |
| <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | 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). |
| <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | 16. At least one calendar year has elapsed since the date(s) of the final divorce decrees.   |

**Yes**      **No**      17. I have filled this application at least 60 days prior to the proposed date of the solemnization of this marriage.

I certify that I am satisfied that the divorce decree(s) are both legal and final and, in my judgment, the previous marriage(s) have terminated as recognized by the Church. I have no reservation concerning presiding for this Office of the Church.

\_\_\_\_\_   
Date

\_\_\_\_\_   
Minister

Acting under the provisions of Title I, Canon 19, of the Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church, I hereby grant permission for the contracting parties listed above to be married in the Diocese of Louisiana by a Minister of this Church.

I further require that you report to this office the solemnization of this marriage within 30 days after its occurrence.

\_\_\_\_\_   
Date

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The Rt. Rev'd Morris K. Thompson, Jr., D.D.   
Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana

ENTERED IN THE DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PERMISSION REGISTER:

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