

APPENDIX D: Petition to Bless a Marriage

This form is required for all individuals who have been previously married and whose previous spouse is still living and who, having been remarried in a civil ceremony, desire to have that marriage blessed by the church. *Petitioner* is the divorced person. A separate form must be submitted for both the man and woman if both have been previously married.

Petitioner's full legal name:

Full legal name of spouse:

Petitioner's current age: _____ Age of Spouse:

Petitioner's present status in the church:

Date petitioner made intentions known to you: _____ Date of civil marriage:

Date of planned blessing: _____ Was the petitioner previously married in the Church?

Number of this marriage:

.....I have placed a certified copy of all divorce decrees in parish file, and attached a photocopy to this forms

.....All obligations for former spouse(s) and children have been satisfied.

.....Petitioner continues to meet any obligations that still exist, and both parties of this marriage are willing to do so.

.....Both parties freely and knowingly consent to this marriage without fraud, coercion, mistake of partner's identity or mental reservation.

.....Both parties have signed Declaration of Intention in your presence.

.....All other canonical and civil requirements have been met.

.....Both parties have been instructed in the Church's teaching on marriage.

.....At least ONE YEAR has elapsed between the date of the civil marriage and the date of this request.

On the back of this form, please explain any condition not checked above, or any other problems pertinent to considering this petition.

Check A, B, or C. As a summation of your opinion would you

- A) _____ gladly officiate at this proposed blessing.
- B) _____ officiate without feeling either way.
- C) _____ not care of officiate at this proposed blessing.

Priest Submitting Petition:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parish/Mission: _____

Town: _____

Approved: _____

The Rt. Rev. Jacob W Owensby
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