

## Petition to Remarry

I request consent of the Bishop to solemnize the marriage of:

Name of Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

First Marriage \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_\_ Number of this marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Date Divorce Decree became final \_\_\_\_\_

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

Intended Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

First Marriage \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_\_ Number of this marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Date Divorce Decree became final \_\_\_\_\_

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

The proposed marriage is to be performed in \_\_\_\_\_ Church

located in \_\_\_\_\_ in the Diocese of Western Louisiana

on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_ by

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

Yes No 1. Since one or both of the parties is applying for a marriage following more than one  
Not applicable divorce, 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.

Yes No 2. I have met personally with both parties and they are engaged in a program of premarital  
counseling with me, or they have met in person with a priest or counselor that is satisfactory  
to me has assured that they are engaged in a program of premarital counseling.

Yes No 3. Each person has signed the Declaration of Intent.

Yes No 4. At least one person is baptized.

Yes No 5. I have inquired whether the parties 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 6. I have thoroughly discussed with both parties their personal readiness for marriage.

Yes No 7. I believe each person has realistically faced and evaluated the cause(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 unity 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 as elapsed since the date(s) of the final decree(s).

Yes No 12. I am requesting judgment at least 30 days prior to the date of the marriage.

*The following question is for situations where there have been more than one divorce involving either or both parties.*

Yes No 13. I have received from a professional counselor a statement concerning this couple and the statement is attached along with an explanatory letter from me.

I certify that I am satisfied that the divorce decree(s) to be both legal and final, and in my judgment no marriage bond, as it is recognized by the Church, now exists. I have examined, counseled and instructed the above parties in the nature, meaning, and purpose of Holy Matrimony, and in all other ways have conformed to Title I, Canons 18 and 19 of the Episcopal Church of the United States of America. I have no reservations concerning my role in officiating at this service.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Priest

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
The Rt. Rev. Jacob W. Owensby, PhD, DD  
Fourth Bishop of Western Louisiana

***The Canons require the reporting of this marriage within 30 days to the Office of the Bishop.***