

THE DIOCESE OF BETHLEHEM
Application for Consent to Remarry

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

Name of Petitioner: _____

Address: _____

First Marriage ____ Divorced ____ Annulled ____ Widowed ____

Date Divorce Decree became final: _____

Ages of Children from prior marriage: _____

Intended Spouse: _____

Address: _____

First Marriage ____ Divorced ____ Annulled ____ Widowed ____

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 Bethlehem on the

____ Day of _____ in the year _____ by

The Reverend _____.

Yes No 1. I have met personally with both parties and I am assured that they are engaged in a program of premarital counseling satisfactory to me. I have discussed with the couple the spiritual aspects of Communication, Family Relationships, Finances, Sexuality, and Spirituality.

Yes No 2. Each person has signed the Declaration of Intent.

Yes No 3. At least one person is baptized.

Yes No 4. 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.

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- Yes No 5. I have thoroughly discussed with both parties their personal readiness for marriage.
- Yes No 6. I believe each person has realistically faced and evaluated the cause(s) of the death of the previous marriage.
- Yes No 7. 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 8. 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 9. 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 10. At least one calendar year has elapsed since the date(s) of the final decree(s).
- Yes No 11. I am requesting judgment at least 30 days prior to the date of marriage.

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.

Date

Minister

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 Bethlehem by a Minister of this Church

Date

The Right Reverend Paul V. Marshall
Bishop of Bethlehem