

**The Diocese of Missouri PETITION TO THE BISHOP FOR CONSENT TO SOLEMNIZE THE MARRIAGE OF PERSONS
WHOSE FORMER MARRIAGE HAS BEEN ANNULLED OR DISSOLVED
(Per Title I, Canon 19, of the Constitution & Canons of the Episcopal 2009)**

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Diocese of Missouri
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Canon I.19 Sec. 3. No Member of the Clergy of this Church shall solemnize the marriage of any person who has been the husband or wife of any other person then living, nor shall any member of this Church enter into a marriage when either of the contracting parties has been the husband or the wife of any other person then living, except as hereinafter provided: (a) The Member of the Clergy shall be satisfied by appropriate evidence that the prior marriage has been annulled or dissolved by a final judgment or decree of a civil court of competent jurisdiction. (b) The Member of the Clergy shall have instructed the parties that continuing concern must be shown for the well-being of the former spouse, and of any children of the prior marriage. (c) The Member of the Clergy shall consult with and obtain the consent of the Bishop of the Diocese wherein the Member of the Clergy is canonically resident or the Bishop of the Diocese in which the Member of the Clergy is licensed to officiate prior to, and shall report to that Bishop, the solemnization of any marriage under this Section. (d) If the proposed marriage is to be solemnized in a jurisdiction other than the one in which the consent has been given, the consent shall be affirmed by the Bishop of that jurisdiction. Sec 4. All Provisions of Canon I.18 shall, in all cases, apply.

Submitted by the Rev.	
Address	
Phone:	Email:
Date request submitted (mm/dd/yyyy)	Date of wedding (mm/dd/yyyy)
Location of wedding	
Clergy who will officiate at the wedding	

I am canonically resident in the Diocese of Missouri and I hereby request consent of the Bishop of the Diocese of Missouri for me to solemnize this marriage. Yes No

If NO: I am canonically resident in the Diocese of _____
and I hereby request the Bishop of the Diocese of Missouri's license to solemnize this marriage.

(Signature of clergy submitting petition)

SECTION 1 – PERSONS SEEKING TO BE MARRIED					
BRIDE			GROOM		
Name			Name		
Address			Address		
City	State	ZIP	City	State	ZIP
Age			Age		
Most recent religious denomination:			Most recent religious denomination:		
Baptized?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Baptized?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If YES, denomination			If YES, denomination		
Confirmed?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Confirmed?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If YES, denomination			If YES, denomination		
Received?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Received?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If YES, denomination			If YES, denomination		

SECTION 2
COMPLETE FOR DIVORCED INDIVIDUALS(S)

BRIDE	GROOM
Date divorce was final (mm/dd/yyyy)	Date divorce was final (mm/dd/yyyy)
When the previous marital union was imperiled, did the parties seek the counsel of: Clergy? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> and/or professional counselor? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If NO explain:	When the previous marital union was imperiled, did the parties seek the counsel of: Clergy? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> and/or professional counselor? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If NO explain:
Name and ages of children from previous marriage, if any	Name and ages of children from previous marriage, if any
Describe nature of ongoing childcare, if applicable	Describe nature of ongoing childcare, if applicable

SECTION 3

➡ IF YOU RESPOND "NO" TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING, ATTACH EXPLANATION (REFERRING TO THE QUESTION NUMBER)

		BRIDE	GROOM
1	Is copy of divorce decree in your files?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
2	I have examined the final divorce decree or annulment and certify that, on the basis of my examination, the prior marriage is lawfully dissolved.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
3	I am satisfied that this individual has an adequate continuing concern for the well being of the previous spouse and any children.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
4	Has each party accepted freely any continued responsibilities from the previous marriage, such as child support?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
5	Have all matters of property and custody been settled?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
6	Is the previous marriage really terminated—practically, and psychologically, as well as legally? Please describe.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

		BRIDE	GROOM
7	Has each person realistically faced and evaluated the cause of the death of the previous marriage?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
8	a. Are you applying on the basis of <u>nullity</u> (that is, the person never entered into a valid marital covenant)? If YES, please give particulars of that Nullity Judgment. b. Is a copy of the nullity judgment in your files?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
9	Has either party been divorced or had a marriage annulled more than once? If YES, give particulars.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION 4		
➡ IF YOU RESPOND "NO" TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING, ATTACH EXPLANATION (REFERRING TO THE QUESTION NUMBER)		
10	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.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
11	Have you had a minimum of 3 conferences with this couple (the suggested norm is 3 one-hour conferences <u>before</u> submitting petition)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
12	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 priest of this church satisfactory to me and I have consulted that priest and am assured that they are engaged in a program of premarital counseling.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
13	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, 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).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
14	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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
15	I believe the marriage of this couple is likely to be a demonstrable sign of the spiritual union between Christ and His Church.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION 5

16	How long has the couple known one another?
17	Where does the couple worship regularly?
18	How long have they been participants in the faith community where they worship?
19	What do you consider to be the couple's understanding of the importance to their marriage of their active membership in a Christian congregation?
20	What causes you to think that the proposed marriage will be a life-long union

Section 6

Other comments you wish to make concerning this remarriage:

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