



# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## *The Diocese of Central Pennsylvania*

### Application for Remarriage When a Former Spouse is Living

*This form is to be completed and sent to the Bishop by the member of the Clergy who desires to solemnize the marriage of the Petitioner. The Bishop is to be allowed **30 days** in which to reply and the marriage cannot be scheduled until his written approval is received.*

I hereby certify that I have investigated the original document(s) of the divorce decree(s) and find it (them) to be both legal and final, and that in my judgment concerning the previous marriage(s), no marriage bond, as it is recognized by the Church now exists. Furthermore, I have examined, counseled and instructed the 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.

Therefore, being convinced the parties understand that "the union of husband and wife, in heart, body and mind, is intended by God for their mutual joy; for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity, and when it is God's will, for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord," and that the parties will do their utmost to maintain this sacred relationship and "to seek God's help thereto". I seek your permission to solemnize the marriage between the parties named herein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clergy Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parish

*In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen  
Declaration of Intention*

We, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Desiring to receive the blessing of Holy Matrimony in the Church, do solemnly declare that we hold marriage to be a lifelong union of husband and wife as it is set forth in the liturgical forms authorized by this Church. We believe it for the purpose of mutual fellowship, encouragement, and understanding, for the procreation (if it may be) of children, and their physical and spiritual nurture, and for the safeguarding and benefit of society, and we do engage ourselves, so far as in us here, to make our utmost effort to establish this relationship and to seek God's help thereto.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Groom

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Bride (Maiden Name)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ AD \_\_\_\_\_

The intended marriage is tentatively proposed for \_\_\_\_\_

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

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The following is to be completed by the Bishop:

\_\_\_\_\_ Permission Granted

\_\_\_\_\_ Permission Denied

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop of Central Pennsylvania

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**APPLICANT :**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Religious Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of this marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Grounds for divorce with explanation (use additional sheet if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

**INTENDED SPOUSE**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Religious Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of this marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Grounds for divorce with explanation (use additional sheet if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

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If the petitioner is not a member of your parish, please state the reasons you desire to solemnize the marriage (use additional sheet if necessary).

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